

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 1977

- 1 The House met, at 3.20 p.m. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR L. C. HAYLEN):** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Mr L. C. Haylen, and moved—That this House expresses its regret at the death on 12 September 1977 of Leslie Clement Haylen, a Member of this House for the Division of Parkes from 1943 until 1963, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious service and tenders its deep sympathy to his family in their bereavement.
- And Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
- Question—passed.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** The Acting Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Bowen, Dr Klugman, Mr MacKellar, Mr Morris, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Sinclair, Mr Stewart and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that private nursing homes be subsidised to allow pensioner patients to retain \$6 per week for personal use and that certain other action be taken in connection with pensioner benefits.
- Mr Connolly, Mr Dobie, Mr Ellicott, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr McLeay and Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.
- Mr Gillard, Mr MacKellar and Mr MacKenzie—from certain citizens praying for the reversal of the decision withdrawing financial assistance from students of non-State tertiary institutions.
- Mr C. R. Cameron and Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that public debate on a replacement constitution be encouraged, a directly elected constitutional convention be convened and a referendum be conducted on its resolutions.
- Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying for legislation forbidding the performance of abortions in the A.C.T.
- Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying for the implementation of stricter control over television and radio programs.
- Mr Hunt—from certain citizens praying for an independent moratorium on the mining of uranium.
- Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that the mining, selling and export of uranium not be permitted.
- Mr King—from certain citizens praying that current private hospital and nursing home subsidies not be withdrawn.
- Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that increases in the Consumer Price Index be applied to pensions and that future pensions not be reduced as a result of any revision of the Index.

Mr Morris—from certain members of the Australian Association for Better Hearing and others praying that consideration be given to waiving costs for special telephone equipment required by hearing impaired members of the public.

Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to end commercial whaling.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that education expenditure be increased and certain other action be taken in connection with student assistance.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that the Special United Nations Session on Disarmament in 1978 be supported, the adoption of peace studies and research be encouraged and nuclear-free zones in the Indian and Pacific Oceans be supported.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Distinguished visitors:* Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Ulanfu, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, was within the precincts. With the concurrence of Members, the distinguished visitor was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Mr Speaker then informed the House that Mr Ulanfu was leader of a delegation from the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and that other members of the delegation were present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

Questions without notice continued.

5 PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1976–77, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of receipts and expenditure.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General for the year 1976–77, and

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Interim report for year 1976–77.

Schools Commission—Triennium 1978–80—Report for 1978—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education), dated 8 September 1977.

Pursuant to statute:

Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—6th Annual Report, for year 1974–75.

Parliament Act—Proposal, together with plans, sections and elevations, for the construction of an electrical substation at the rear of Parliament House, Canberra.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1976–77.

Schools Commission Act—Schools Commission—Triennium 1978–80—Report for 1978.

6 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House:

Proposed construction of an electrical substation at the rear of the provisional Parliament House, Canberra—Report, dated 13 September 1977, incorporating plans, sections and elevations.

Ordered to be printed.

- 7 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
- 8 September 1977—Message No. 46—  
 Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 1) Amendment 1977.  
 Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 2) Amendment 1977.  
 Liquefied Gas (Road Vehicle Use) Tax Amendment 1977.  
 International Fund for Agricultural Development 1977.
- 12 September 1977—Message No. 47—  
 Air Navigation Amendment 1977.  
 Wool Industry Amendment (No. 2) 1977.
- 8 EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had nominated Mr Aldred to be a member of the Standing Committee on Expenditure in place of Mr Garland (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), resigned.
- 9 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had nominated Mr Martyr to be a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence in place of Mr Garland (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), resigned.
- 10 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had nominated Mr Simon to be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House in place of Mr Garland (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), resigned.
- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAXATION POLICY: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Keating and Mr Wentworth had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Keating, namely, "Government confusion and inconsistency on taxation policy".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
 Mr Keating addressed the House.  
 Discussion ensued.  
 Discussion concluded.
- 12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) AMENDMENT BILL 1977: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—  
 That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Mr Bryant rising to address the House—  
*Closure:* Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.  
 Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.  
 And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 48, dated 30 August 1977, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Mr Bryant rising to address the House—  
*Closure:* Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.  
 Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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Mr Abel	Dr Edwards	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr Baume	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Short
Mr Birney	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Hodges	Mr Moore	Mr Thomson
Mr Bungey	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Dr Richardson	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Corbett

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Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 13 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1977-78—BUDGET DEBATE: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr Braithwaite addressing the House—

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 September 1977, pursuant to statute:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 146.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 149.

Financial Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 151.

Maritime College Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 148.

Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 150.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cass, Mr Drummond, Mr Fife, Mr Fry, Mr Garrick, Mr Gillard, Mr Holten, Dr Jenkins, Mr Katter, Mr Kelly, Mr Lusher, Mr McVeigh, Mr Nicholls, Mr Scholes and Mr Wallis.

D. M. BLAKE,  
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives