

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1977

- 1 The House met, at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Baume, Mr Gillard, Mr Graham, Mr Hurford and Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.
 - Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying for legislation to assist lone fathers who have the custody of dependent children.
 - Mr James—from certain citizens praying that the part of a deceased person's estate which passes to the surviving spouse be free from federal estate duty.
 - Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
 - Mr J. L. McMahon—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 J. L. McMahon—from certain residents of Sydney praying that the interest rate on loans to State housing organisations not be increased.
- Petitions received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Independent inquiry into the C.S.I.R.O.—Report, dated 25 August 1977.
- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT—SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House that Mr Willis had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The social and economic consequences of prolonged and increasing unemployment".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Willis addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ADELAIDE AIRPORT—AIRWAYS FACILITIES: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Re-development of airways facilities, Adelaide Airport, S.A.
- Mr McLeay presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Question—put and passed.

- 7 OILSEEDS LEVY BILL 1977: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy upon certain oilseeds produced in Australia.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 OILSEEDS LEVY COLLECTION AND RESEARCH BILL 1977: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the collection of levy imposed by the *Oilseeds Levy Act 1977* and to establish an Oilseeds Research Trust Account.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to subsidy in respect of certain nitrogenous fertilizers.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 4, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 11 OFFICE OF NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS 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.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 5—

Mr Wentworth moved the following amendment: Page 2, sub-clause (1), at the end of paragraph (b) add “ and, where appropriate and subject to the concurrence of the Minister, to arrange for the publication of such reports or assessments”.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr Hamer moved the following amendment: Page 3, sub-clause (2), omit paragraph (b), substitute the following paragraph:

“(b) the Director of the Joint Intelligence Organisation;”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Garland (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1977-78: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$241,118,000—

Department of Finance, \$23,592,000—

Advance to the Treasurer, \$118,000,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$463,874,000—debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Armitage reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 13 AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE—APPOINTMENT OF MR JUSTICE R. W. FOX—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the appointment for 12 months of Mr Justice R. W. Fox as Ambassador-at-large to represent Australia in international matters dealing with nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear safeguards.
- Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- Mr Fraser, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
- Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.
- Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 14 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—REPORT—PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper: Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Passenger motor vehicles, dated 12 September 1977.
- Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Mr Scholes was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
- Mr Fife, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.
- Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without requests:
- 6 October 1977—Message—
- No. 85—Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Amendment 1977.
- No. 86—Excise Tariff Amendment 1977.

- 16 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1977-78: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$463,874,000—further debated.

Mr Bryant addressing the committee—

Closure: Mr D. M. Cameron moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54

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| Mr Abel | Mr Calder | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Adermann | Mr Connolly | Mr Jull | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Aldred | Dr Edwards | Mr Killen | Mr Sainsbury |
| Mr Baillieu | Mr Fife | Mr King | Mr Short |
| Mr Baume | Mr Fisher | Mr MacKellar | Mr Simon |
| Mr Birney | Mr Gillard | Sir William McMahon | Mr Staley |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Goodluck | Mr McVeigh | Mr Street |
| Mr Bouchier | Mr Graham | Mr Macphee | Mr Thomson |
| Mr Bradfield | Mr Groom | Mr Martyr | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Hodges | Mr Millar | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Brown | Mr Hodgman | Mr Moore | |
| Mr Burr | Mr Hunt | Mr Neil | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hyde | Mr Nixon | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Jarman | Mr Porter | Mr Corbett |

NOES, 21

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Health, \$1,790,410,000—

Department of Social Security, \$256,034,000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$328,850,000—
together debated.

Mr Simon addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Martin reported accordingly.

17 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Birney addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved: Mr James moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 20

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| Mr Armitage | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Morris | |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Jones | Mr Scholes | |
| Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Keating | Mr Stewart | |
| Mr Hayden | Dr Klugman | Mr Uren | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Hurford | Mr J. L. McMahon | Mr A. P. Whitlam | Mr James |
| Mr Jacobi | Mr Martin | Mr Willis | Mr L. R. Johnson |

NOES, 55

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| Mr Abel | Mr Calder | Mr Hunt | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Adermann | Mr Carige | Mr Hyde | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Connolly | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Sainsbury |
| Mr Baillieu | Mr Dobie | Mr Jull | Mr Short |
| Mr Baume | Dr Edwards | Mr King | Mr Simon |
| Mr Birney | Mr Fife | Mr MacKellar | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Fisher | Mr McVeigh | Mr Staley |
| Mr Bouchier | Mr Giles | Mr Macphee | Mr Street |
| Mr Bradfield | Mr Gillard | Mr Martyr | Mr Thomson |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Goodluck | Mr Millar | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Brown | Mr Graham | Mr Moore | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Burr | Mr Groom | Mr Neil | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hodges | Mr Nixon | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hodgman | Mr Porter | Mr Corbett |

And so it was negated.

Debate extended: It being past 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) required the debate to be extended.

Mr Sinclair addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved: Mr Scholes moved—That the Right Honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 22

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

NOES, 53

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| Mr Abel | Mr Carige | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Sainsbury |
| Mr Adermann | Mr Connolly | Mr Jull | Mr Short |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Dobie | Mr King | Mr Simon |
| Mr Baillieu | Dr Edwards | Mr MacKellar | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Baume | Mr Fife | Mr McVeigh | Mr Staley |
| Mr Birney | Mr Fisher | Mr Macphee | Mr Street |
| Mr Bouchier | Mr Giles | Mr Martyr | Mr Thomson |
| Mr Bradfield | Mr Gillard | Mr Millar | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Graham | Mr Moore | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Brown | Mr Groom | Mr Neil | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Burr | Mr Hodges | Mr Nixon | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hodgman | Mr Porter | Mr Corbett |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hunt | Mr E. L. Robinson | |
| Mr Calder | Mr Hyde | Mr Ruddock | |

And so it was negated.

It being past 11.10 p.m., Mr Acting Speaker, at 11.16 p.m., adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Chapman, Mr Chipp, Mr Cotter, Mr Drummond, Mr Fry, Mr Garrick*, Mr Holten*, Mr Howard, Dr Jenkins, Mr Kelly*, Mr Lloyd, Mr Lusher, Mr Lynch, Mr MacKenzie, Mr McLean, Mr Peacock, Dr Richardson, Mr Shipton, Mr Snedden, Mr Wallis and Mr Yates.

*On leave

J. A. PETTIFER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives