

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 1977

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1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR C. W. RUSSELL): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 21 October, of Mr Charles Wilfred Russell, a Member of this House for the Division of Maranoa from 1949 to 1951.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Anthony, Mr Jones, Mr Morris and Mr E. G. Whitlam—from certain volunteer firemen of the New South Wales Fire Brigade Service praying that income tax relief be provided on the earnings of N.S.W. volunteer firemen.

Dr Klugman and Mr Morris—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—from certain citizens praying that there be no mining of uranium.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that expenditure on welfare, health and public education be maintained or increased.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for a public inquiry to ensure that Australia's internal and international air fares are fairly priced.

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 Klugman—from certain members of the Service Station Association of N.S.W. Ltd and others praying that in implementing the findings of the Royal Commission on Petroleum the needs of the motoring public and the retail petroleum industry be given every consideration.

Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that education funding be restored to the level advocated in the 1975 Schools Commission report.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not introduced.

Mr Neil—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.

Mr Street—from certain citizens praying that payments of abortion claims under the Medical Benefits Schedule cease except for those abortions carried out in hospitals as a certified medical procedure to prevent the death of the mother and that certain other action be taken in connection with pregnancy help services.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Potatoes and processed potato products, dated 17 June 1977.

Pig Meat Promotion Advisory Committee—Interim report for year 1976–77.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—32nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Electoral Divisions, 1977—Reports, with Maps, by the Distribution Commissioners (Volumes I) for the States of—

New South Wales.

Victoria.

Suggestions, comments or objections lodged with the Distribution Commissioners (Volumes II) for the States of—

New South Wales (with Maps—Appendix to Volume II).

Victoria.

Ordered—That the Reports, with Maps, by the Distribution Commissioners, be printed.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—20th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Pig Meat Promotion Act—Pig Meat Promotion Advisory Committee—1st Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

6 DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTIVITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Department of Productivity—Report for year 1976–77.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at the ringing of the bells at an hour not earlier than 2.55 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

21 October 1977—Message No. 91—Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment (No. 3) 1977.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

21 October 1977—Message No. 66—Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment (No. 3) 1977.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIME MINISTER'S ELECTION PROMISES:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Prime Minister's dishonouring of his election promises".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 32 (1977): Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 32 (1977).  
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1977-78: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education, \$479,963,000—further debated.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

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

- 13 ROYAL COMMISSION ON INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to certain reports of the Royal Commission on Intelligence and Security, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Royal Commission on Intelligence and Security—

1st report.

2nd report (other than Appendices 2—A, 2—C and 2—F).

4th report—

Volume I.

Volume II Appendices.

Ministerial statement, 25 October 1977.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
Debate adjourned (Mr E. G. Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 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.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education, \$479,963,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development, \$41,540,000—

Department of Construction, \$194,494,000—

Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure for the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development be reduced by \$10.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr I. L. Robinson reported accordingly.

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

15 **MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAMS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's decision to allocate additional funds for migrant education programs.

Mr Bowen, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development, \$41,540,000—

Department of Construction, \$194,494,000—

Consideration resumed of the proposed expenditures, and of the amendment moved by Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.—That the proposed expenditure for the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development be reduced by \$10.

Mr L. K. Johnson rising to address the committee—

*Closure:* Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr I. L. Robinson, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60

Mr Abel	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr Macphee	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr Moore	
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr Neil	
Mr Carige	Mr Haslem	Mr Newman	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett

NOES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr Lucock	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr West
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr I. L. Robinson, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 26

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson

## NOES, 62

Mr Abel	Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon
Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr King	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	
Mr Carige	Mr Hamer	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.

Question proposed—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to.

Mr L. K. Johnson rising to address the committee—

*Closure:* Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee proceeded to divide, but the tellers appointed for the “Noes” refusing to act, Mr Deputy Chairman declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr I. L. Robinson, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 61

Mr Abel	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Thomson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Wentworth
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Carige	Mr Hamer	Mr Moore	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil	

## NOES, 26

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, \$185,979,000—debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negatived:* The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Debate continued.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

*Closure:* Mr Macphee moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

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

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The House resumed; Mr I. L. Robinson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) moved—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 the ringing of the bells at an hour not earlier than 2.55 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 October 1977, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 188.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Transport—A. G. Stroud.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—

By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—

Amendments—Nos. 14, 15.

Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendments—Nos. 13, 14.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr Garrick, Mr Giles, Mr Holten, Mr Howard, Mr Jull, Mr Kelly, Mr McLean, Dr Richardson, Mr Short, Mr Simon and Mr Yates.

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