

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 5

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 1978

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

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

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of blood for transfusion purposes to the Cook Islands Government Hospital be lifted immediately.

Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that legislation abolishing health insurance rebates for treatment of cancer patients by Dr Milan Brych in the Cook Islands be not introduced.

Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Whyalla, S.A., praying for the establishment of a replacement railway rolling stock industry at Whyalla together with such other projects as are recommended by the Premier's working party.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Darwin Cyclone Tracy Relief Trust Fund—Reports—
1977—

October.

November.

December.

1978—January.

Education Research and Development Committee—7th Annual Report, for year 1976-77—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Treaty—Text of—Exchange of Notes, dated 28 February 1978, between Australia and the United States of America constituting an Agreement concerning the management and operation of the Joint Geological and Geophysical Research Station at Alice Springs, N.T.

Victoria Grants Commission—1st Annual Report for period 24 May to 31 August 1977.

Pursuant to statute:

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—25th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

Darwin Reconstruction Act—Darwin Reconstruction Commission—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

Education Research Act—Education Research and Development Committee—7th Annual Report, for year 1976-77.

Legislative Drafting Institute Act—Legislative Drafting Institute—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

Meat Industry Act—Australian Meat Board—42nd 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—2nd Annual Report, for year 1976-77.

Mr L. R. Johnson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to the South Pacific, 29 June to 20 July 1977—

and, by leave, moved—That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MIGRANT SERVICES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Dr Cass had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The inadequacy of services for migrants particularly at a time of high unemployment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Cass addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 6 NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1978: 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 by Mr Keating who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House is of the opinion that separate enactments should have been provided for each water resources project".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 1, dated 23 February 1978, 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.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

- 7 HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Gillard, Mr P. F. Johnson, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Katter, Mr Martin and Mr J. L. McMahon be members of the House Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Baillieu, Mr Bryant, Mr Jacobi, Mr Martyr, Mr Morris and Mr O'Keefe be members of the Library Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That Mr Bowen, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Hodgman, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jarman, Mr Lucock, Mr Scholes and Mr Yates be members of the Committee of Privileges; 5 to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That Dr Blewett, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Gillard, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hodges, Mr Howe and Mr I. L. Robinson be members of the Publications Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, *ex officio* members, the following Members be members of the Standing Orders Committee; 5 to form a quorum, viz.: Mr Anthony, Mr Bryant, Mr Cairns, Mr Giles, Dr Jenkins, Mr Scholes and Mr Young.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Jull and Mr Scholes be members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz.: Mr Armitage, Mr Bradfield, Mr Cadman, Mr Connolly, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Lusher and Mr Martin.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.: Mr Bungey, Mr Calder, Mr Humphreys, Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson and Mr Sainsbury.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That, during consideration of the matter referred to the Committee of Privileges on 28 February, Mr Yates be discharged from attendance on the committee and Mr Graham be appointed to serve in his place.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howard (Treasurer) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 March 1978, pursuant to statute:

Australian National Railways Act—Australian National Railways Commission—
By-laws—

No. 1—Australian National Railways General.

No. 2—Australian National Railways Boards of Appeal.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1978/1—
Holders of public offices on the Commonwealth Decentralisation Advisory
Board and another body.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Chapman, Mr Garland and Mr Thomson.

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