

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 1978

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- 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 Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that diplomatic action be taken concerning the death, while in detention in South Africa, of Mr Steve Biko, President of the Black Peoples Convention.
    - Mr Jacobi—from certain parents of children attending Parkside Primary School, S.A., praying that the independence of the Schools Commission be maintained and that certain other action be taken in connection with the funding of Australian schools.
    - Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying for the establishment of a fund whereby loans can be made to means tested pensioners for the necessary maintenance of their homes.
 Petitions received.
  - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 PAPER—LEAVE TO PRESENT NOT GRANTED: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to present a paper.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
  - 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Uren had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The depressed state of the home building industry due to the inadequacy of financial support for the industry".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Uren addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
  - 6 STATES GRANTS (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act 1965*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 7 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 BOUNTY (POLYESTER-COTTON YARN) 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 2, dated 2 March 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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 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.

Ordered—That Mr Simon be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

- 10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howard (Treasurer) 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 10.30 a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Garland, Mr Peacock and Mr Young.

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