

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

No. 17

MONDAY, 10 APRIL 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 Fisher, Mr Jarman, Mr Johnston, Mr Macphee and Mr I. L. Robinson—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. Mr Aldred, Mr Fisher, Mr Simon and Mr Wilson—from certain members and ex-members of the citizens forces of Australia praying for the resumption of the award of several distinctive reserve forces decorations and medals for long service and good conduct.

Mr Goodluck—from certain electors of the Divisions of Denison and Franklin praying that the Australian Broadcasting Commission be prevented from screening episodes of the program *SOAP* and committing further abuses of discretion in the selection of programs.

Mr Viner—from certain citizens praying for the protection of the rights of residents of the Mornington Island and Aurukun settlements and the introduction of legislation granting self-determination to all Aboriginal reserves and settlements in Queensland.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

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*Distinguished visitor:* Mr Speaker informed the House that the Honourable E. S. F. Holland, M.P., New Zealand Minister of Housing, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitor a warm welcome.

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Questions without notice continued.

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

7 April 1978—Message No. 19—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (Queensland Reserves and Communities Self-management) 1978.

5 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:

9 April 1978—Message No. 13—Bounty (Drilling Machines) 1978.

- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGETARY POLICY: Mr 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 failure of the Minister for Finance to satisfactorily explain the Government’s Budgetary policy”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Willis addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 7 AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION AMENDMENT 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.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), the Bill was read a third time.
- 8 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ALLIGATOR RIVERS REGION) BILL 1978: Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment of a Supervising Scientist for the purpose of protecting the environment in the Alligator Rivers Region of the Northern Territory from the effects of uranium mining operations, and for other purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Groom moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Groom moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Dr Everingham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 ATOMIC ENERGY AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Atomic Energy Act 1953*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Newman moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (NUCLEAR CODES) BILL 1978: Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for and in relation to the establishment of codes of practice with respect to nuclear activities, and for other purposes.  
Bill read a first time.

Mr Groom moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 13 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (NORTHERN TERRITORY SUPREME COURT) BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the enforcement by the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia of certain provisions for the protection of the environment in the Alligator Rivers Region.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 14 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:

10 April 1978—Message No. 14—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (Queensland Reserves and Communities Self-management) 1978.

- 15 *Hansard* REPORT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement relating to certain alterations to the *Hansard* report of an answer to a question without notice given on 6 April 1978 by Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance)

- 16 URANIUM DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the establishment of a Uranium Advisory Council and the further implementation of the Government's policy on the development and export of Australia's uranium resources, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Uranium development—Ministerial statement, 10 April 1978.

Mr Newman (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 17 ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION OF QUEENSLAND—STATEMENT BY MINISTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), by leave, made a statement rebutting allegations against him concerning the electoral redistribution of Queensland in 1977, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Electoral redistribution of Queensland—Statement by Minister, 10 April 1978.

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 a later hour this day.

- 18 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 19 ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION OF QUEENSLAND—PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 7 April 1978*), viz.:

Electoral redistribution of Queensland—Copies of joint opinions addressed to Prime Minister by Senator Durack, Attorney-General, and Mr M. H. Byers, Q.C., Solicitor-General, dated 9 and 15 February 1978—

Debate resumed.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 78

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Johnston	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Gillard	Sir William McMahon	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	Mr Fisher
Mr Chapman	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Hodges

NOES, 33

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Scholes	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Wallis	Mr J. L. McMahon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House take note of the papers—was put accordingly, and passed.

- 20 ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION OF QUEENSLAND—STATEMENT BY MINISTER—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:

Electoral redistribution of Queensland—Statement by Minister, 10 April 1978—*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Kingsford-Smith moving that a judicial inquiry be appointed to inquire into and report upon whether any offence under section 22 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act has been committed by the Minister for Finance or any other Member.

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

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 79

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
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Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Uren	Mr J. L. McMahon
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Wallis	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Keating (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 79

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr Fisher
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Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Scholes	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Wallis	Mr J. L. McMahon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 33

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Scholes	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr Fisher
Mr Chapman	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	Mr Hodges

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

- 21 PUBLIC BROADCASTING PLANNING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 5 April 1978*), viz.:

Public broadcasting planning—

Guidelines for Phase I.

Ministerial statement, 5 April 1978—

Debate resumed.

Mr B. O. Jones addressing the House—

- 22 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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 2.15 p.m.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 10 April 1978, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for telecommunications purposes—Emu Plains, N.S.W.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Corbett, Dr Edwards, Mr Garland, Mr Hurford, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Lucock and Mr Yates.

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