

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL 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 Falconer, Sir William McMahon, Mr Porter and Mr Scholes—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 Cadman, Mr Morris and Mr Uren—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 Cadman—from certain citizens praying that a national day of prayer be established for the deliverance of the nation from all evil forces.

Dr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that Aboriginal land rights in the States be recognised in a manner similar to their recognition in the Northern Territory and that certain other action be taken in connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in Queensland.

Mr Newman—from certain licensed Citizens Band radio operators praying that the cost of Citizens Band licence fees be reduced to \$10 per licence holder and that Citizens Band radio be allocated the American 40 channel system.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for year 1975-76—Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science).

Darwin Cyclone Tracy Relief Trust Fund—Report for February 1978.

Pursuant to statute:

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975-76.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Holding moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Melbourne Ports moving notice No. 2, general business, forthwith.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 34

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr B. O. Jones (seconded) addressing the House—

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, 73

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

NOES, 34

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Wallis
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr Dawkins	Mr James	Mr Uren	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, 34

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

NOES, 72

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

And so it was negatived.

6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 10 April 1978, were reported—

(a) returning the following Bill without amendment: Message No. 20—States Grants (Petroleum Products) Amendment 1978.

(b) agreeing to the amendments made by the House in the following Bill: Message No. 21—Evidence Amendment 1978.

7 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 3 p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair, tomorrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH CARE COSTS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Dr Klugman had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's intention to impose higher health care costs on the sick".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Dr Klugman addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 9 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting and Television Amendment Act 1977*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 CO-OPERATIVE FARMERS AND GRAZIERS DIRECT MEAT SUPPLY LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE)

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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Willis moved the following amendment: Clause 5, page 2, after paragraph (b) insert the following paragraph:

“(ba) the articles of the society are amended to provide for representation of the Commonwealth on the Board of Directors until the amount borrowed is fully repaid;”

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 29

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

NOES, 69

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr Willis moved the following amendment: Clause 5, page 2, after paragraph (c) insert the following paragraph:

“(ca) the State of Victoria appoints a full-scale inquiry into the operations of the Society in order to ascertain the precise reasons for its current financial difficulties; and”

Debate continued.

Mr Baillieu rising to address the committee—

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

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

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

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

AYES, 32

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

NOES, 67

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

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Howard (Treasurer) the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPERANNUATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 1978: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 22

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Superannuation Act 1922’, the ‘Superannuation Act 1976’ and the ‘Superannuation Amendment Act 1976’, and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

C. L. LAUCKE
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 10 April 1978

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

12 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

13 INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT 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 Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the second reading, the House:

- (1) deplores the Australian Government’s failure to (a) secure a larger basic export tonnage as established under paragraph 1 of Article 34 of the Schedule, (b) inform the canegrowers that the loans available from the Stock Financing Fund under Article 53 may not cover the entire cost of holding stocks of sugar, (c) announce any specific arrangements in the event of the loans from the Stock Financing Fund being less than cost of storage and (d) acknowledge that the 11 cents U.S. per pound quota trigger price is not a guaranteed price and that the present world price is well below and likely to remain below 11 cents U.S. per pound, and
- (2) condemns the Minister for misrepresenting the Agreement’s pricing provisions and their likely impact on Australian export prices”.

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. 15, dated 6 April 1978, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), the Bill was read a third time.

14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 4 to 6, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

15 PUBLIC BROADCASTING PLANNING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPERS NOTED: 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.

Question—put and passed.

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

11 April 1978—Message No. 23—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Amendment 1978.

17 “CROATIAN EMBASSY”—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 April 1978*), viz.:

“Croatian Embassy”—Ministerial statement, 5 April 1978—

Debate resumed.

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

18 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until 3 p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair, tomorrow.

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

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