

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 35

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 1978

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.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 Dobie, Dr Edwards and Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying that item 6469 be removed from the standard medical benefits table.
 - Dr Edwards and Mr Morris—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 Fry—from certain citizens praying that action be taken concerning the construction of the City Bus Interchange at Canberra.
 - Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for the provision of funds for the construction and maintenance of an aged persons complex in the Electoral Division of Hughes.
 - Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes not be introduced.
 - Mr Shipton—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 Shipton—from certain citizens praying that communist organisations be banned and communists be prohibited from holding office in industrial organisations, government departments and Parliament.
 - Mr Short—from certain citizens of Ballarat, Vic., praying that the Australian Broadcasting Commission not be permitted to screen the television series *SOAP*.
- Petitions received.
- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) and Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), he would act as Prime Minister, and Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications) was acting as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister. Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) was representing the Attorney-General in this House.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER FOR DEFENCE: Mr Scholes having delivered to the Clerk a notice of a motion of want of confidence in the Minister for Defence which he proposed to move at the next sitting and the notice having been reported to the House—
- Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Corio moving forthwith the motion of want of confidence in the Minister for Defence of which he has given notice for the next sitting.
- Question—put and passed.

- 6 MINISTER FOR DEFENCE—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE: Mr Scholes moved—That the Minister for Defence no longer possesses the confidence of the House for his failure to maintain proper ministerial authority of the Department of Defence.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 31

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahan	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	Mr Hodges

And so it was negatived.

- 7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories' operations and capital works program—
Report of independent inquiry, dated April 1978.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Music recording industry in Australia,
dated 15 February 1978.

Pursuant to statute:

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

- 8 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Connolly (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
169th Report—Finance Minute on the 157th Report together with a summary of
that report.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Connolly, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CRUDE OIL PRICE INCREASE:

Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Keating had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The July 1 crude oil price increase in the context of the Government's failure to establish a secondary taxing mechanism on oil production profits".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Keating rising to address the House—

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed—Mr Bryant dissenting.

- 10 STATES AND NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS (BLUETONGUE VIRUS CONTROL) BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for purposes arising out of the control of bluetongue virus, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair 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.
- 11 DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to prevent the improper use of diplomatic and consular signs and titles.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 INCOME TAX (ARRANGMENTS WITH THE STATES) BILL 1978: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the assessment and collection by the Commonwealth on behalf of a State of personal income tax imposed by the State and the making of payments by a State to the Commonwealth in partial discharge of the liability of residents of that State in respect of Commonwealth personal income tax, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 13 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1978: Mr Staley (Acting 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 Staley 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.
- 14 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1978: Mr Staley (Acting Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Staley 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.
- 15 OFFSHORE HIGH SECURITY ANIMAL QUARANTINE STATION, COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of an offshore high security animal quarantine station, Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed
- 16 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION 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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

17 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had nominated Senator Maunsell to be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House in place of Senator Drake-Brockman.

18 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS 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 by Mr Willis who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill, the House is of the opinion that the policy approach advocated by the Australian representative at the recent International Monetary Fund meeting at Mexico City was contrary to that needed to generate world economic recovery and was accordingly against the best interests of this country”.

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. 36, dated 25 May 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 McLeay (Minister for Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

19 TRADE UNION TRAINING AUTHORITY 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.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Johnston	Mr Neil
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Katter	Mr Newman
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr Nixon
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Lucock	Mr Porter
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Sir William McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Moore	Mr Hodges

NOES, 31

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Question—That the clauses be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 61

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Luccock	Mr Shack
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	
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Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

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

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) 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

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) the House adopted the report.

Mr Street, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 20 PAPER: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
North West Cape facility—Copy of letter, dated 31 May 1978, from the Hon. D. J. Killen, M.P., to the Hon. W. G. Hayden, M.P., Leader of the Opposition.
- 21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
31 May 1978—Message No. 35—International Sugar Agreement 1978.
- 22 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr Howe rising to address the House—
Closure: Mr Fife moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.
And then the House, at 11.14 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 31 May 1978:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

Exchange of Notes, dated 21 December 1977 and 1 March 1978, between Australia and the United States of America respectively, constituting an Agreement relating to the importation of meat into the United States in 1978. Protocols for the 4th extension of the Wheat Trade Convention 1971 and the Food Aid Convention 1971, constituting the International Wheat Agreement 1971.

Pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1978—No. 10 (Legal Aid Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bungey, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Dean, Mr Fraser, Mr Humphreys, Mr Innes, Mr Jarman, Mr Jull, Mr Martyr, Mr Peacock, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr Stewart, Mr Viner and Mr Whitlam.

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