

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 44

TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST 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 E. C. Cameron, Mr Fraser and Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that Government benefits under Schedule 6469 not be removed.

Mr Cadman, Mr Connolly and Mr Lucock—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to implement those recommendations of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that will further undermine and weaken marriage, child-care or the family.

Mr Fraser 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 Howe and Mr Yates—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 Adermann—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Armitage—from certain citizens praying that family allowances not be reduced, abolished or means tested.

Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying that paternity leave provisions be retained.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that item 6469 be removed from the standard medical benefits table.

Mr Giles—from certain citizens praying for the installation of an ABC FM radio transmitter at Berri or Loxton, S.A.

Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying for the resumption of the award of the Cadet Forces Medal for long and meritorious service to members of the Australian Cadet Forces.

Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that a commitment be made to reduce unemployment progressively.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that an additional reactor not be constructed at the Australian Atomic Energy Establishment at Lucas Heights, N.S.W.

Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that bulk billing and other features of Medibank be maintained.

Mr McLeay—from certain citizens praying that lone fathers receive a pension on the same basis as supporting mothers.

Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that the standard of television programs in Tasmania be improved.

Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying for a reduction in aircraft noise over Launceston, Tas.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that medical costs not be increased for the individual.

Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying for the initiation of a national family policy and the use of the concept of family impact statements as a means of highlighting family needs.

Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that identity cards for unemployment beneficiaries not be introduced.

Petitions received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence abroad of Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations), Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources) was acting as Minister for Special Trade Representations.

- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Papers:* Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Distribution Commissioners—Analysis of initial proposals for—

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Questions without notice continued.

- 5 ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE 1977-78—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Advance to the Minister for Finance for year 1977-78—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901.

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

- 6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

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

Road safety guidelines for town planning—Manual by Office of Road Safety, Department of Transport, dated August 1978.

Pursuant to statute:

Environment (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement relating to financial assistance to Western Australia for projects related to the environment, dated 29 June 1978.

National Gallery Act—Council of the Australian National Gallery—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

- 7 PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN—APPOINTMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House of the appointment of Mr H. G. Weir to succeed Mr A. L. Moore, O.B.E., as Parliamentary Librarian.

- 8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 17 August 1978, were reported acquainting the House of changes in the membership of Senators on the following joint committees:

Message—

No. 108—Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Appointment of Senator Hamer.

No. 109—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—

(1) Discharge of Senators Colston and Messner.

(2) Appointment of Senators Keeffe and Watson.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC DISORDER: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Ruddock and Mr Scholes had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Ruddock, namely, "The direct and indirect incitement to violence and public disorder by National and State leaders of the Australian Labor Party arising from organised anti-budget rallies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Ruddock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Uren, viz.*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted—

(a) to maintain the present eligibility of members of the Defence Services for housing finance from the Defence Service Housing Corporation;

(b) to permit Parliament to maintain adequate scrutiny of the Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme;

(c) because it introduces a fee for consideration of the application for a loan for the first time, thus increasing the cost to the applicant;

(d) because it introduces a discriminatory preference system between those with eligibility based on war service, and

(e) because increased funds should be made available to restore the decline of 50 per cent, in real terms, over the last 3 years"—

Debate resumed.

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

11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1978-79—BUDGET DEBATE: 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.

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

12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.52 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 August 1978, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1978—No. 8—Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement).

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1978—Amendment No. 4.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Connolly, Mr Garland, Mr Gillard, Mr Hodges, Mr Jacobi, Mr P. F. Johnson and Mr Lucock.

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