

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 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 Dobie, Dr Edwards, Mr Graham, Mr Hodges, Mr MacKellar, Mr Peacock and Mr Ruddock—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 N. A. Brown, Mr Macphee and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that Radio 3CR Melbourne be required to adhere to the broadcasting standards laid down for all other radio stations and that legislation be enacted against incitement to racial hatred and violence.

Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Neil and Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that lone fathers receive a pension on the same basis as supporting mothers.

Mr Carlton, Mr Ruddock and Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.

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

Mr Falconer and Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that Government benefits under Schedule 6469 not be removed.

Mr Bowen—from certain members of the Sydney University Post Graduate Representative Association and others, praying that Commonwealth post-graduate research awards be adjusted annually in line with the consumer price index and not be taxed.

Dr Edwards—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.

Dr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that moves to tax rental housing subsidies be reconsidered.

Mr Gillard—from certain citizens praying that the Government express its concern to the Government of the U.S.S.R. over the treatment of imprisoned members of the Ukrainian Army and seek relief for prisoners.

Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that the family allowance be maintained in its present form.

Mr Howard—from certain citizens praying that a broadly representative Schools Commission be maintained to determine national priorities in education and other matters.

Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens praying for the establishment of a body to promote, co-ordinate and produce material for children's television.

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 L. R. Johnson—from certain pupils and teachers of primary schools at Peakhurst West and Sutherland, N.S.W., praying that steps be taken to end commercial whaling.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for an increase in support for health services and for the reversal of decisions which penalise pensioners and others.

Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying for the replacement of the 1978-79 Budget by a budget which increases the level of economic activity, lowers unemployment, assists the disadvantaged and revives business and consumer confidence.

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

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Medical Benefits Schedule be amended to preclude payment of benefits for abortions.

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.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that following the resignation on 25 August 1978 of Senator Durack (Attorney-General) as Minister for Administrative Services, Senator Chaney had been appointed to that position and that the Ministry, including minor amendments in relation to Ministers assisting and new representational arrangements was as follows:

		<i>Representation in other Chamber</i>
*1 Prime Minister	THE RT HON. MALCOLM FRASER, C.H., M.P.	SENATOR CARRICK
*2 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Resources	THE RT HON. J. D. ANTHONY, M.P.	SENATOR DURACK
*3 Minister for Industry and Commerce	THE RT HON. PHILLIP LYNCH, M.P.	SENATOR CHANEY
*4 Minister for Primary Industry and Leader of the House	THE RT HON. IAN SINCLAIR, M.P.	SENATOR WEBSTER
*5 Minister for Education, Vice- President of the Executive Council and Leader of the Government in the Senate	SENATOR THE HON. J. L. CARRICK	MR STALEY
*6 Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations	THE HON. A. A. STREET, M.P.	SENATOR DURACK
*7 Minister for Transport	THE HON. P. J. NIXON, M.P.	SENATOR CHANEY
*8 Treasurer	THE HON. JOHN HOWARD, M.P.	SENATOR CARRICK
*9 Minister for Foreign Affairs	THE HON. ANDREW PEACOCK, M.P.	SENATOR CARRICK
*10 Minister for Defence	THE HON. D. J. KILLEN, M.P.	SENATOR CARRICK
*11 Minister for Social Security	SENATOR THE HON. MARGARET GUILFOYLE	MR HUNT
*12 Minister for Finance	THE HON. ERIC ROBINSON, M.P.	SENATOR GUILFOYLE
*13 Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister	THE HON. IAN VINER, M.P.	SENATOR GUILFOYLE
*14 Attorney-General	SENATOR THE HON. PETER DURACK, Q.C.	MR VINER
15 Minister for Health	THE HON. RALPH J. HUNT, M.P.	SENATOR GUILFOYLE
16 Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and Minister Assisting the Treasurer	THE HON. M. J. R. MACKELLAR, M.P.	SENATOR GUILFOYLE
17 Minister for the Northern Territory, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Primary Industry	THE HON. EVAN ADERMANN, M.P.	†SENATOR WEBSTER †SENATOR GUILFOYLE
18 Minister for Construction and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence	THE HON. JOHN MCLEAY, M.P.	SENATOR WEBSTER

19 Minister for National Development	THE HON. KEVIN NEWMAN, M.P.	SENATOR DURACK
20 Minister for Science	SENATOR THE HON. J. J. WEBSTER	MR ADERMANN
21 Minister for Post and Telecommunications	THE HON. A. A. STALEY, M.P.	SENATOR CHANEY
22 Minister for Productivity	THE HON. IAN MACPHEE, M.P.	SENATOR CHANEY
23 Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Federal Affairs	THE HON. WAL FIFE, M.P.	SENATOR DURACK
24 Minister for Special Trade Representations and Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Resources	THE HON. R. V. GARLAND, M.P.	SENATOR DURACK
25 Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for the Capital Territory	THE HON. R. J. ELLICOTT, Q.C., M.P.	SENATOR WEBSTER
26 Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development and Minister Assisting the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations	THE HON. RAY GROOM, M.P.	SENATOR CHANEY
27 Minister for Administrative Services and Minister Assisting the Minister for Education	SENATOR THE HON. F. M. CHANEY	MR STREET

\* Minister in the Cabinet.

† Senator Webster to represent the Minister for the Northern Territory and Senator Guilfoyle to represent the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

4 PARLIAMENTARY REFRESHMENT ROOMS—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House of the circumstances surrounding an industrial dispute which had prevented the provision of services from the Parliamentary refreshment rooms.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

6 PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented: Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1977-78, accompanied by the Minister for Finance's Statement of receipts and expenditure.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act* 1908, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General for the year 1977-78, and

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Department of Education—Report for 1977.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Certain welded steel pipe and tube (Developing country preferences), dated 26 June 1978.

Short term assistance to brandy, dated 26 June 1978.

Starting, regulating and control apparatus and other electrical equipment, dated 23 December 1977.

Pursuant to statute:

Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—52nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1977.

Dairying Research Act—Dairying Research Committee—6th Annual Report, for year 1977-78.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—55th Annual Report, for year 1977-78.

Public Service Act—Public Service Board—54th Annual Report, for year 1977-78.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—2nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

7 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

24 August 1978—Message No. 61—

International Monetary Agreements Amendment 1978.

Diplomatic and Consular Missions 1978.

Fisheries Amendment 1978.

Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Amendment 1978.

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1978.

29 August 1978—Message No. 62—

Commonwealth Employment Service 1978.

Re-establishment and Employment Amendment 1978.

30 August 1978—Message No. 63—

Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory (Remuneration and Allowances) 1978.

Australian Overseas Projects Corporation 1978.

Loan 1978.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMPLOYMENT AND JOB SECURITY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Young had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's complete failure to deal with employment and job security as evidenced by the most recent unemployment figures".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 AUDIT AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act* 1901.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

10 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.

*Suspension of sessional and standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the sessional and standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

*Suspension of sessional and standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Sinclair, by leave, moved—That so much of the sessional and standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Willis speaking for a period not exceeding 35 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) 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 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 September 1978, pursuant to statute:

- Air Force Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 162.
- Banking Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 160.
- Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 157.
- Lands Acquisition Act—
  - Land acquired for telecommunication services purposes—Dawson, S.A.
  - Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).
- Naval Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 161.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, Nos. 158, 159.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 155.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
  - Ordinances—1978—
    - No. 23—Public Health (Prohibited Drugs) (Amendment).
    - No. 24—Real Property (Amendment).
    - No. 25—Registration of Deeds (Amendment).
    - No. 26—Police (Disciplinary Provisions) (Amendment).
  - Regulations—1978—
    - No. 14 (Building and Services Ordinance).
    - No. 15 (Health Commission Ordinance).
- States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of—
  - New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia, dated 19 August 1978.
  - South Australia, dated 30 August 1978.
- Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 164.
- Stevedoring Industry Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 163.
- Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 156.
- Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—
  - Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 26.
  - Telecommunications (General)—Amendment No. 16.
  - Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 24.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Dr Blewett, Mr Bouchier, Mr Bungey, Mr Dean, Dr Edwards, Mr Jacobi, Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Katter, Dr Klugman, Mr Lucock, Mr McVeigh, Mr Moore and Mr Morris.

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