

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 48

WEDNESDAY, 13 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 Bradfield, Mr Fry, Mr Graham, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Neil and Mr Stewart—from certain members of the Sydney University Post Graduate Representative Association and others, praying that Commonwealth postgraduate research awards be adjusted annually in line with the consumer price index and not be taxed.

Mr Bowen and Mr Humphreys—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 Cairns—from certain citizens praying that the Health Insurance Commission retain the processing of all 40% Commonwealth benefit claims and the processing of all assignment claims.

Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying for the rejection of any proposal to build an Omega station on Australian soil.

Mr Howe—from certain citizens of Northcote, Vic., praying for a new approach to the local Youth Support Scheme.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying for the abandonment of present restrictive economic policies in favour of an expansionary budget.

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 child endowment not be taxed or removed.

Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying for Commonwealth Government intervention on behalf of the people of Aurukun and Mornington Island to provide guaranteed tenure of land and real self-management.

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

Mr Ruddock—from certain members of the Long Distance Road Transport Association of Australia and others praying for the rescission of recent increases in the crude oil levy as they apply to diesel distillate.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying for an inquiry into the road transport industry and for a reduction in sales tax on new vehicles and spare parts.

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 a commitment be made to reduce unemployment progressively.

Mr Thomson—from certain citizens praying that chemical sprays 24D and 245T and other injurious sprays be banned from use in Australia.

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

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

12 September 1978—Message—

No. 115—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment 1978.

No. 116—Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Amendment 1978.

No. 117—Bounty (Books) Amendment 1978.

5 ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION, 1977—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS: Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to communications relating to the analyses of the 1977 electoral redistribution proposals and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Electoral redistribution, 1977—Analyses of initial proposals by Distribution Commissioners—

Copies of—

Compliment slips of the Chief Australian Electoral Officer to—

Mr Frank Coleman, Australian Electoral Officer for Queensland, dated 12 August 1977.

Mr Albert Walsh, Australian Electoral Officer for South Australia, dated 17 August 1977.

Memoranda from Mr K. W. Pearson, Chief Australian Electoral Officer, to— Australian Electoral Officers, all States, dated 24 March 1977.

Chairman of the Distribution Commissioners for Tasmania, dated 29 July 1977.

Minister, concerning redistributions of—

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Western Australia.

Victoria (*in substitution for the paper presented on 22 August 1978*).

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to arrest the serious and worsening recession in the home building industry".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hayden addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 NATIONAL ACOUSTICS LABORATORY AND ULTRASONICS INSTITUTE, CHATSWOOD, N.S.W.—  
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 National Acoustics Laboratory and Ultrasonics Institute, Chatswood, N.S.W.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 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.

Mr Armitage asked leave to present papers.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr McLean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 9 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 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 standing orders moved:* Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition from raising the matter of the manner in which the Prime Minister and the Treasurer sought to wilfully mislead the Parliament at question time in relation to Commonwealth financial allocations to the States and the way in which the Prime Minister subsequently sought to further wilfully mislead the Parliament on this matter tonight.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 61

Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Anthony	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter	Mr Bouchier
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Corbett

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (seconded) addressing the House—  
*Closure of Member:* Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations) moved—  
 That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 66

Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Sir William McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett
Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter	Mr Hodges

NOES, 29

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negated.

Debate continued on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

*Parliamentary refreshment rooms—Industrial dispute—Statement by Mr Speaker:* Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House of developments in the industrial dispute affecting the Parliamentary refreshment rooms.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Dr Blewett, Mr Bradfield, Dr Edwards, Mr Jacobi, Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Dr Klugman, Mr Lucock, Mr McVeigh, Mr Moore, Mr Shack and Mr Young.

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