

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 50

TUESDAY, 19 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that members of the Public Accounts Committee of the Solomon Islands National Parliament, led by Mr P. Kapini, M.P., were present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Ellicott, Mr Howard, Mr Neil and Mr Sinclair—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 Goodluck, Mr Lusher and Sir William McMahon—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 Bryant—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 Cairns—from certain citizens praying that the family allowance not be reduced or means tested.
- Mr Ellicott—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.
- Mr Fraser—from certain citizens praying that lone fathers receive a pension on the same basis as supporting mothers.
- Mr Viner—from certain citizens praying that Government benefits under Schedule 6469 not be removed.
- Petitions received.
- 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Anthony (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) and Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), he was acting as Prime Minister, Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) was acting as Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Mr Howard (Treasurer) was acting as Minister for Finance.
- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 **PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented:
- Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.

The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Honey Board—Interim report for year 1977–78.

Department of the Capital Territory—Report for year 1977–78.

Members of Parliament—Guidelines relating to access to public servants and officers of statutory authorities.

Party committees—Guidelines to apply to appearances by public servants and officers of statutory authorities.

South Sea Islanders in Australia—Report of interdepartmental committee—  
Summary of main findings.

Statement by Senator Guilfoyle (Minister for Social Security).

Pursuant to statute:

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1977.

National Health Act—7th Annual Report on the operations of the registered medical and hospital benefits organizations, for year 1976–77.

Pig Industry Research Act—Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—7th Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—4th Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

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 Trade Practices Commission for the year 1977–78, and

(2) That the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

Wheat Research Act—20th Annual Report, for 1977.

Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:

Mr Fry (Deputy Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the 66th series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Fry, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.

8 HOUSING COSTS—COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION

TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Housing costs—Committee of inquiry—Report, dated July 1978—

Volume 1—Report

Volume 2—Proceedings of key issue seminars

Volume 3—Reports of commissioned studies—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers.

Mr Howard (Treasurer) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS:

Mr Deputy 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 confusing and conflicting statements by the Government on employment prospects in Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 10 HIGH SCHOOL, NHULUNBUY, N.T.—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 a high school at Nhulunbuy, N.T.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION 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 Keating who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn and re-drafted with a view to bringing forward a Bill which increases the rate of stabilization payments to (a) \$3 per box of apples or (b) a number of cents equal to the product of 300 and 1,500,000 divided by a number equal to the number of reputed boxes of apples picked during the season concerned”.

Debate continued.

Mr J. J. Brown rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 68

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahan	Mr Yates
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	Mr Hodges

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. 67, dated 16 August 1978, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr L. R. Johnson addressing 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 Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION 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—  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
19 September 1978—Message No. 120—Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Amendment 1978.
- 16 WHEAT TAX 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 WHEAT RESEARCH 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—  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 68, dated 16 August 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 Newman (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1978-79: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$15,549,000—debated and agreed to.  
It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

- 19 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly 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 tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 September 1978, pursuant to statute:

- Dairy Industry Stabilization Act—Principles governing the determination of quotas, dated 7 September 1978.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).  
Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1978—Amendment No. 5.
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Dr Blewett, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Dobie, Dr Edwards, Mr Fraser, Mr Innes, Mr Jacobi, Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Jull, Dr Klugman, Mr Lucock, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Moore, Mr Peacock, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Stewart, Mr Street and Mr Thomson.

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