

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 75

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 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 Armitage, Mr Bowen, Mr Carlton, Dr Edwards, Mr Gillard, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Kerin, Mr J. L. McMahon, Sir William McMahon, Mr Martin and Mr Stewart—from certain citizens praying that small businessmen and their employees be retained in the retail oil industry.

Mr Aldred, Mr Burns, Mr Falconer, Mr Johnston, Mr Lynch and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that the Medical Benefits Schedule be amended to preclude payment of benefits for abortions.

Mr Bungey, Mr Cairns, Mr Graham and Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.

Mr Armitage, Mr Jacobi and Mr L. R. Johnson—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.

Dr Cass, Mr MacKellar and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying for the appointment of an independent inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Commission to investigate the qualifications of commissioners and certain other matters.

Dr Everingham and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to improve the retirement conditions of all sections of the Australian workforce who are not supported by superannuation or long service leave schemes.

Mr Fry and Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to prevent water pollution in the Australian Capital Territory.

Mr Hurford and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens praying that the Red Army Choir be denied entry into Australia.

Mr Cairns—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.

Dr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that major traditional Aboriginal land areas be resumed from the States eventually to become defined Aboriginal community co-operatives.

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

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that proposals for any retail tax be rejected.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens from Brisbane praying that the Skyline Post Office, Qld, not be closed.

- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that indirect tax measures, such as a retail turnover tax or a value added tax, not be introduced.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney, not be extended and that no related decisions be taken without consultation with affected communities.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the decision to index pensions annually be reviewed and that all pensions be adjusted quarterly.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens from the Sutherland Shire, N.S.W. praying that an additional reactor not be constructed at the Australian Atomic Energy Establishment at Lucas Heights, N.S.W.
- Mr MacKellar—from certain members of the Order of the White Cross International praying that the advertising and sale of artificial sweeteners be more strictly controlled.
- Sir William McMahon—from certain citizens praying for the removal of the income tax levy.
- Sir William McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying for continued and increased Federal subsidies to maintain all existing South Australian country rail services.
- Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that Parliament debate the Report of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships, facilitate public debate and take certain other action in connection with the Report.
- Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced providing for an early retirement program for the Commonwealth Public Service.

Petitions received.

3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRY: Mr Hurford having given a notice of motion—

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 Adelaide moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Minister for Primary Industry of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

4 MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRY—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Hurford moved—That this House censures the Minister for Primary Industry because, among other reasons, he has failed—

- (1) to provide the Parliament with a satisfactory explanation in rebuttal of serious public charges made against him in relation to his financial affairs, and
- (2) to justify, in particular, taxation claims for misappropriations made by companies with which he is associated amounting to over one quarter of a million dollars which deductions cost the public purse over \$115,000.

Debate ensued.

Mr Young moved—That Mr Keating be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 34

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

NOES, 76

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	

Tellers:
Mr Fisher
Mr Hodges

And so it was negatived.

Ordered—That Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr West 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 Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	

Tellers:
Mr Fisher
Mr Hodges

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Dr Blewett	Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr West
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Humphreys	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren	

Tellers:
Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Mr Humphreys	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

NOES, 74

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Fisher
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	Mr Hodges

And so it was negatived.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By Mr Speaker:

Bills not passed into law and Bills which originally lapsed but subsequently passed, Sessions 1901–02 to 1977.

Ordered to be printed.

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Interim report, for year 1977–78.

Australian Safeguards Office—Report for year 1977–78.

Christmas Island—Report for period 1 January 1977 to 30 June 1978.

Curriculum Development Centre—A parent's guide to SEMP, 1978—Report.

Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education), dated 23 November 1978.

Defence Report 1978.

Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development—3rd Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

Department of National Development—Report for period 20 December 1977 to 30 June 1978.

Energy Research and Development in Australia, 1976–77—A national survey—Report by the Department of National Development.

Pig Meat Promotion Advisory Committee—Interim report for year 1977–78.

Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1978.

Transportation of the Australian Wheat Harvest—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated May 1978.

Pursuant to statute:

Taxation—Taxation statistics 1976–77 (Supplement to the 56th Report of the Commissioner of Taxation).

Ordered to be printed.

- Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—26th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1977.
- Curriculum Development Centre Act—Curriculum Development Centre Council—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.
- Family Law Act—Family Law Council—2nd Annual Report, for year 1977-78.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—2nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Immigration (Education) Act—
Adult Migrant Education Program—Report for year 1977-78.
Migrant Education Program—Report for year 1976-77.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—18th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for year 1977-78.
- Services Trust Funds Act—
Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—31st Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1977.
Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—30th Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1977.
Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1977.
- Social Services Act—Department of Social Security—Report of the Director-General for year 1977-78.
- States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act—Statement of financial assistance granted to each State in 1977.

6 RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER (MR K. R. INGRAM): Mr Speaker informed the House of the forthcoming retirement of the Principal Parliamentary Reporter, Mr K. R. Ingram, referred to Mr Ingram's long service to the Parliament and made reference to the esteem in which he was held.

Mr Speaker also informed the House that, consequent upon Mr Ingram's retirement, Mr J. F. Kerr would be Principal Parliamentary Reporter.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) associated themselves with the remarks of Mr Speaker.

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

23 November 1978—Message—

- No. 185—Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1978 (*without requests*).
- No. 186—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 4) 1978 (*without requests*).
- No. 187—Export Market Development Grants Amendment 1978.
- No. 188—Qantas Airways Limited (Loan Guarantee) Amendment 1978.
- No. 189—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation 1978.

No. 190—Dried Vine Fruits Equalization Levy 1978 (*without requests*).

No. 191—Dried Vine Fruits Equalization 1978.

No. 192—Dried Fruits Export Charges Amendment 1978.

No. 193—States Grants (Schools Assistance) 1978.

No. 194—States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) 1978.

No. 195—Sales Tax Assessment (Nos. 1 to 9) Amendment 1978.

24 November 1978 a.m.—Message—

No. 196—National Health Amendment (No. 3) 1978.

No. 197—New South Wales Grant (Chrysotile Corporation) 1978.

- 8 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—PRESENTATION OF DISPATCH BOXES—RESOLUTION OF THANKS: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received a copy of the resolution and record of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory on the occasion of the presentation of Dispatch Boxes by the Commonwealth Parliament. The resolution was as follows:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, express our thanks to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia for the Dispatch Boxes which they have presented to the Assembly.

Their interest in the development of the Territory and the aspirations of its people have been evidenced by successive enactments of the Commonwealth Parliament which have brought this Assembly to its present constitutional status, and we accept this generous gift as a further earnest of their continuing concern.

We were proud to receive the Members of the Delegation by whose hands the presentation was made and were glad to welcome them in Darwin. We ask them to convey our greetings to their colleagues in the Commonwealth Parliament.

Mr Speaker presented the copy of the resolution and record of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly in connection with the presentation of the Dispatch Boxes.

- 9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Connolly (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

174th Report—Use of Automatic Data Processing in the Commonwealth Public Sector—Acquisition of systems in the Public Service.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Connolly and Mr B. O. Jones, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 10 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ABORIGINAL HOUSING: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr B. O. Jones and Mr E. C. Cameron 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, Mr Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr B. O. Jones, namely, "The questionable administration of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in relation to the housing of Aboriginals".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr B. O. Jones rising to address the House—

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Thomson
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Yates
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Fisher
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	Mr Hodges

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Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
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Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Humphreys	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	
Mr Dawkins	Mr James	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 11 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 McLeay (Minister for Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES 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 McLeay (Minister for Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

13 SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORTS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—That the House take note of the paper.

14 FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Groom—That the House take note of the paper.

- 16 LEGAL AID—REVISED GUIDELINES AND SOLICITORS' FEES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Groom—That the House take note of the papers.
- 17 UNITED NATIONS—GENERAL ASSEMBLY—SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Fife—That the House take note of the paper.
- 28 NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENTS—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson—That the House take note of the papers.
- 29 DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL ENTITLEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Fife—That the House take note of the paper.
- 33 IMMIGRATION POLICIES AND AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Hunt—That the House take note of the papers.
- 34 POPULATION AND AUSTRALIA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 URANIUM EXPORT POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Adermann—That the House take note of the paper.
- 36 WELFARE AND HEALTH—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Adermann—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 MIGRANT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 AUSTRALIA-JAPAN RELATIONS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 CONSULAR SERVICES FOR AUSTRALIANS OVERSEAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Adermann—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 BORROLOOLA LAND CLAIM—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Hunt—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—IMPACT OF MINING ROYALTIES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Fife—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 HEALTH CARE COSTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Fife—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 AUSTRALIA-PAPUA NEW GUINEA MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO TORRES STRAIT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Groom—That the House take note of the papers.
- 45 AUSTRALIA-PAPUA NEW GUINEA MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND PROPOSED TORRES STRAIT PROTECTED ZONE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr MacKellar—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Fife—That the House take note of the paper.

- 47 "CROATIAN EMBASSY"—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Fife—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Fife—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 TACTICAL FIGHTER FORCE PROJECT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Fife—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 POLICE RESOURCES IN THE COMMONWEALTH AREA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 SECURITY AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—That the House take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—VIEWING PLATFORM—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House of Representatives approves the following proposal: Erection of a viewing platform on the summit of Capital Hill, Canberra.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 ARMY SITE STAGE 1, BONEGILLA, VIC.—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 stage 1 development, Bonegilla army site, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS ON VEHICLE SAFETY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to reports of the Standing Committee on Road Safety on vehicle safety, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper: Road Safety—Standing Committee—Reports on passenger motor vehicle safety, heavy vehicle safety, and motorcycle and bicycle safety—Government response. Mr C. K. Jones and Mr Katter, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

- 17 NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS—MODEL AGREEMENT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper: Nuclear safeguards—Model agreement for the transfer of nuclear material between Australia and other countries—

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

Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 18 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—POLICIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS—ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Annual Report for year 1977–78.

Mr Viner, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's review of policies and achievements in Aboriginal affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Aboriginal policies and achievements in Aboriginal affairs—Government review—Ministerial statement, 24 November 1978.

Mr Hunt (Minister for Health) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate ensued.

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

- 19 SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON HERBICIDES, PESTICIDES AND HUMAN HEALTH—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Senate Standing Committee on Science and the Environment on herbicides, pesticides and human health, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Science and the Environment—Senate Standing Committee—Report on herbicides, pesticides and human health—Government response—Ministerial statement, 24 November 1978.

Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 20 PAPER—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Millar, by leave, presented the following paper:
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to Japan by a delegation led by Mr P. C. Millar, M.P., July 1978—
and, by leave, moved—That the paper be printed.
Question—put and passed.
Mr Millar, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 21 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—5TH REPORT: Mr Gillard (Chairman) presented the 5th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

5TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory—Self-sufficiency (with land rights)—2nd Report to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs by Shann Turnbull, Director, Management and Investment Limited, dated 7 November 1978.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 26 June 1977 to 24 June 1978.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Annual Report, for year 1977-78.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.

- Australian Biological Resources Study, 1973-78—Report, dated 17 August 1978.
- Australian Capital Territory—Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—15th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Australian Capital Territory Fire Brigade—4th Annual Report by the Fire Commissioner, for year 1977-78.
- Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—2nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Australian Housing Corporation Act and Defence Service Homes Act—Australian Housing Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975-76.
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Australian Science and Technology Council—Inquiry into Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.)
- Australian Shipping Commission Act—Australian Shipping Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—11th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—15th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Bankruptcy Act—11th Annual Report, for year 1977-78.
- Bed Sheeting Bounty Act—Return for year ended 31 August 1978.
- Bounty (Polyester-Cotton Yarn) Act—Return for period 1 October 1977 to 30 September 1978.
- Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics—Report of review committee, dated April 1978.
- Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Annual Reports for years—
1975-76 (7th)
1976-77 (8th).
1977-78 (9th).
- Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—31st Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for period 1 January 1977 to 30 June 1978.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—45th Report (1978) on special assistance for States.
- Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission Act—Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission—1st Annual Report, for period 22 March to 30 June 1978.
- Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—17th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Council of Europe—Report of Australian Delegation to 30th ordinary meeting.
- Criminology Research Act—Criminology Research Council—6th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—6th Report, for year 1977-78.
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—5th supplement to 25th Report, for period 1 July to 30 September 1972.

- Defence Service Homes Act and Defence Services Homes Corporation Act—
Defence Services Homes Corporation—Report and financial statements,
together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.
- Department of Construction—Report for year 1977-78.
- Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health, for year
1977-78.
- Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Review of activities to
30 June 1978.
- Department of Productivity—Report for year 1977-78.
- Election Statistics—Senate Election and General Election of Members of the
House of Representatives, 10 December 1977—Statistics—
Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.
New South Wales.
Queensland.
South Australia.
Tasmania.
Victoria.
Western Australia.
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and
Insurance Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the
Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Foreign investment in Australia—Report, dated September 1978.
- Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for year 1977-78.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—14th
Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's
Report, for year 1977-78.
- Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of guarantees and
payments for year 1977-78.
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Industries Assistance Commission—
Report for year 1977-78, accompanied by a statement by the Minister
pursuant to sub-section 45 (5) of the Act.
- Medical practice—Applications and costs of modern technology—Report of
Committee of Inquiry, dated April 1978.
- Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—8th Annual Report, for
year 1977-78, together with Report by the Minister on the operation of
the Act.
- National Fitness Act—Reports for years—
1975-76.
1976-77.
- National Highway linking Hobart, Launceston and Burnie: Appraisal of
Penguin to Burnie section, 1978—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics,
Department of Transport, dated June 1978.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Director of Australian
National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report and financial statements,
together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- National Training Council—4th Annual Report, for 1977.
- Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth Ombudsman—1st Annual Report, for
year 1977-78.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Com-
mission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the
Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1978.
- Pathology Services Working Party—Review of 1977 changes—Report, dated
October 1978.

- Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977–78.
 Postal and Telecommunications Department—Report for year 1977–78.
 Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977–78.
 Prices Justification Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—
 5th Annual Report for year 1977–78.
 Report on price increases for period 1 January to 30 June 1978.
 Primary Industry Bank Act—Primary Industry Bank—1st Report on the operation of Part II of the *Primary Industry Bank Act* 1977, dated 23 November 1978.
 Racial Discrimination Act—Commissioner for Community Relations—
 3rd Annual Report, for year 1977–78.
 River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1977–78.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Australian Capital Territory—
 Statement of receipts and expenditure for year 1977–78.
 School Finance in Australia—Discussion paper by Schools Commission, dated October 1978.
 Snowy Mountains Council—20th Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

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R. GILLARD,
 Chairman

Mr Gillard, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
 Question—put and passed.

- 22 JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS—REPORT ON THE PURPOSE, SCOPE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS SERIES—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House of the action he and the President of the Senate had taken or proposed to take in connection with the report of the Joint Committee on Publications on its inquiry into the purpose, scope and distribution of the Parliamentary Papers series.
- 23 PARLIAMENT HOUSE SECURITY CO-ORDINATOR—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement referring to the services of Mr William Worth as the interim Security Co-ordinator and paid tribute to his work on security within Parliament House.
- 24 RETIREMENT OF MR R. W. HILLYER, SECRETARY TO THE JOINT HOUSE DEPARTMENT: Mr Speaker referred to the approaching retirement of Mr R. W. Hillyer, Secretary to the Joint House Department, paid tribute to his work and service and wished him health and security in his retirement.
- 25 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 20 February next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker, or, in the absence from Australia of Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, shall by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 26 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
 Question—put and passed.

27 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.52 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 20 February next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker, or, in the absence from Australia of Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 November 1978, pursuant to statute:

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations, accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1978—Nos. 747 to 749—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Bryant*, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr Garland, Mr Hyde, Mr Jacobi, Mr Shipton* and Mr Street.

* On leave

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