

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 78

THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1979

1 The House met, at 10.30 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 Aldred, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Burns, Mr Falconer, Mr Kerin, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Morris, Mr Peacock, Mr Ruddock, Mr Simon and Mr Stewart—from certain citizens praying that pension payments be restored to twice-yearly adjustments and that pensions and unemployment benefits be raised above the poverty level to 30% of average weekly earnings.

Mr Falconer, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Martin, Mr Peacock, Mr Ruddock, Mr Sainsbury and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the Medical Benefits Schedule be amended to preclude payment of benefits for abortions.

Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Johnston—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 Aldred—from certain citizens praying that the taxation law be amended to permit registered tax agents to trade for a full year and lodge income tax returns at the close of the respective tax year.

Mr Bourchier—from certain citizens praying that Aboriginal land rights in the States be recognised in a manner similar to their recognition in the Northern Territory and that certain other action be taken in connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in Queensland.

Mr L. K. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the House reject the motion of the honourable Member for Hume concerning medical benefits for abortion and support abortion as a claimable item under all health benefits.

Mr Johnston—from certain citizens praying that the social and economic causes of unemployment be examined.

Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that pensioner health benefit cards be issued to those in receipt of supporting parents benefits.

Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.

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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions—8th Meeting, Canberra, 10 November 1978.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Statistical Review of Live-stock and Meat Industries, for year 1977–78.

Decentralisation Advisory Board—Report for period 12 December 1977 to 30 June 1978.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 December 1977 to 30 June 1978.

Coal Research Assistance Act—Minister for National Development—Report for year 1977–78.

5 INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the present international situation and Australia's economic prospects, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

International situation and Australia's economic prospects—Ministerial statement, 22 February 1979.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Sinclair, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

21 February 1979—Message No. 208—Poultry Industry Assistance Amendment 1978.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICES: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent consideration of general business notices Nos. 1 and 2 continuing until 3 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

8 COMPENSATION FOR NON-METROPOLITAN RESIDENCE—PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE:

Mr Scholes, pursuant to notice, moved—That a select committee be established to determine and make recommendations for the optimum cost efficient method of compensating people for the additional costs incurred from residence in non-metropolitan areas.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negated.

9 POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES—AUTONOMY: Mr Innes, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

(1) notes the serious inroads into normal postal and telecommunications services by private enterprise, and

(2) urges the Government to introduce legislation protecting Postal Commission and Telecom employees from these threats by maintaining the autonomy of the Commissions in their traditional areas of responsibilities and guaranteeing an equitable service for all Australians.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the consideration of general business notices Nos. 1 and 2 having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Jull was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr L. K. Johnson (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the construction of workshop, amenities building and services at Garden Island Dockyard, N.S.W. (1st report of 1979).
Ordered to be printed.

- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTERIAL TRAVEL: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr Morris 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 Morris, namely, "The alarming growth in Government expenditure on ministerial travel".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Morris addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 12 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES—PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS OF APPOINTMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notices Nos. 1–8, moved the following motions together, by leave:

Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee:

That paragraphs (3) and (6) of the resolution of appointment of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs be omitted and the following paragraphs substituted:

"(3) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip and 3 nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip.

"(6) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip."

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee:

- (1) That paragraphs (2) and (5) of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory be omitted and the following paragraphs substituted:

"(2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 4 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 2 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 2 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and 2 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

"(5) That the Committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate."

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Environment and Conservation—Standing Committee:

That sub-paragraph (1) (b) and paragraphs (3) and (6) of the resolution of appointment of the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation be omitted and the following substituted:

“(b) such other matters relating to the environment and conservation and the management of Australia’s natural resources as are referred to it by—

- (i) the Minister responsible for those matters, or
- (ii) resolution of the House.

“(3) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip and 3 nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip.

“(6) That the Committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip.”.

Expenditure—Standing Committee:

That paragraphs (2) and (5) of the resolution of appointment of the Standing Committee on Expenditure be omitted and the following paragraphs substituted:

“(2) That the committee consist of 6 members nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 5 members nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, and the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts or his nominee who is a Member of the House of Representatives.

“(5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip.”.

Family Law Act—Joint Select Committee:

- (1) That paragraphs (2) and (4) of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Select Committee on the Family Law Act be omitted and the following paragraphs substituted:

“(2) The committee consist of 6 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 4 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 3 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and 2 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

“(4) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.”.

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Foreign Affairs and Defence—Joint Committee:

- (1) That paragraphs (2) and (5) of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence be omitted and the following paragraphs substituted:

“(2) That the committee consist of 8 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 6 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the

Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 4 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and 3 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

“(5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.”.

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

New and Permanent Parliament House—Joint Standing Committee:

- (1) That sub-paragraph (4)(c) of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House be omitted and the following sub-paragraph substituted:

“(c) 6 Members of the House of Representatives, 3 nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip and 3 nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, and”.

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Road Safety—Standing Committee:

That paragraphs (3) and (6) of the resolution of appointment of the Standing Committee on Road Safety be omitted and the following paragraphs substituted:

“(3) That the committee consist of 8 members, 5 nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip and 3 nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip.

“(6) That the committee elect as Chairman one of the members nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip.”.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

- 13 INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:

International situation and Australia's economic prospects—Ministerial statement, 22 February 1979—

Debate resumed.

Parliamentary Library—Statement by Mr Speaker: Mr Speaker made a statement concerning the rules of access to the Parliamentary Library and the use of the Library by persons other than Members and Senators.

'Hansard' report—Statement by Mr Speaker: Mr Speaker made a statement relating to the *Hansard* report of the speech of the Member for Franklin on 21 February 1979.

Debate continued.

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

- 14 MOTOR VEHICLE PLAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Lynch (Minister for Industry and Commerce), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's decision to introduce export facilitation measures into the motor vehicle plan, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Motor vehicle plan—Ministerial statement, 22 February 1979.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

22 February 1979—Message No. 209—States Grants (Urban Public Transport) Amendment 1979.

16 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—6TH REPORT: Mr Gillard (Chairman) presented the 6th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

6TH 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, and another paper previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Land Fund Act—Aboriginal Land Fund Commission—Annual Report (Fourth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.

Aboriginal Loans Commission Act—Aboriginal Loans Commission—Annual Report (Fourth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—Annual Report (Second), for year 1977–78.

Applied Ecology Pty Limited—Annual Report (Fifth), for year 1977–78.

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Annual Report (Twenty-sixth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.

Australian Capital Territory Police Force—Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report for period 1 December 1977 to 30 June 1978.

Australian Manufacturing Council—Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1977.

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Official Report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Japan led by Mr P. C. Millar, M.P., July 1978.

Australian Safeguards Office—Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

Christmas Island—Report on the Territory of Christmas Island, for period 1 January 1977 to 30 June 1978.

Coal Research Assistance Act—Report on Operation of the Act, for year 1977–78.

Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Annual Report of the Commissioner for Employees' Compensation, for year 1977–78.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Annual Report (Twenty-second) of the President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, for year ended 13 August 1978.

Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology—Annual Report (Sixth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.

Curriculum Development Centre Act—Curriculum Development Centre—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1976–77.

- Decentralisation Advisory Board—Report for period 12 December 1977 to 30 June 1978.
- Defence Report, for 1978.
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Annual Report, for year 1977–78.
- Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development—Annual Report (Third), for year 1977–78.
- Department of Industry and Commerce—Annual Report, for year 1977–78.
- Department of National Development—Annual Report (First), for period 20 December 1977 to 30 June 1978.
- Department of Transport—Australian Transport 1977–78—Annual Report, together with those matters on which the Minister is required to report pursuant to section 29 of the Air Navigation Act, for year 1977–78.
- Energy Research and Development in Australia 1976–77—A National Survey—Report by the Department of National Development.
- Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Annual Report (Second), for year 1977–78.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Annual Report (Second), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.
- Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Annual Report (Fifteenth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.
- House of Representatives—Documents relating to the Dissolution of the House of Representatives by His Excellency the Governor-General on 10 November 1977.
- Immigration (Education) Act—
Adult Migrant Education Program—Annual Report, for year 1977–78.
Migrant Education Program—Annual Report, for year 1976–77.
- Industries Assistance Commission—
Reports—
Certain Paper and Paperboard, dated 17 October 1978.
Commercial Ship Repair, dated 19 December 1978.
Fisheries and Fish Processing Industry, dated 20 September 1978.
Injection or puncture needles, dated 7 November 1978.
Inks, dated 24 October 1978.
Jewellery and other Precious Metalware, etc., dated 14 July 1978.
Timber and Timber Products and Plywood and Veneer, dated 12 May 1978.
Umbrellas, Sunshades, etc., and parts therefor, dated 29 November 1978.
- Interim Report—
Certain Engines not exceeding 7.46 kW; Rotary Cultivators; and tractors having a power of less than 15 kW, dated 6 December 1978.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Annual Report (Fourth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.
- Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Annual Report (Eleventh), for year 1977–78.
- National Library Act—National Library of Australia—Annual Report (Eighteenth) of the Council, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance Termination) Act—Report on the General Administration and Operation of the Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme and the Contract Officers Retirement Benefits Scheme, for the year ended 30 June 1978.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year ended 31 March 1978.

Ranger Uranium Project—

Authority under section 41 of the Atomic Energy Act 1953 to the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, Peko-Wallsend Operations Limited and Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Limited, dated 9 January 1979.

Government Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia, Peko-Wallsend Operations Limited, Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Limited and the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, dated 9 January 1979.

Management Agreement between Peko-Wallsend Operations Limited, Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Limited, Australian Atomic Energy Commission and Ranger Uranium Mines Proprietary Limited, dated 9 January 1979.

Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—Annual Reports Nos. 1 to 4, for year 1977–78.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Capital Territory Health Commission—Annual Report (First), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975–76.

Senate and House of Representatives—Documents relating to the Simultaneous Dissolution of the Senate and House of Representatives by His Excellency the Governor-General on 11 November 1975.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report (Thirty-first), by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1977.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report (Thirtieth), by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1977.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report, by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1977.

Silver Jubilee Commemorative Organisation—Final Report, dated November 1978.

Social Services Act—Department of Social Security—Annual Report of the Director-General, for year 1977–78.

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act (1976)—Schools Commission—Report on financial assistance granted to each State, dated November 1978.

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

Whales and Whaling—Independent Inquiry—

Volume 1—Report of the Independent Inquiry conducted by the Hon. Sir Sydney Frost, dated 1 December 1978.

Volume 2—Papers commissioned by the Inquiry.

The Committee has further considered the Report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Thirtieth Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe which was considered at its last meeting and recommended for printing. The Committee has now been advised that the paper was a background information document, and was tabled as a parliamentary record for future Australian delegations to the sessions of the Council of Europe. Accordingly, the Committee now recommends that this paper should not be printed.

22 February 1979

R. GILLARD,
Chairman

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

17 INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:

International situation and Australia's economic prospects—Ministerial statement, 22 February 1979—

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 Prime Minister from making a statement forthwith about the reported resignation of the Minister for Finance and the reason for that resignation.

Closure of Member: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	Mr Hodges

NOES, 28

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (seconded) addressing the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 29

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

NOES, 71

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Hodges

And so it was negatived.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Keating moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Finance from making a statement about his reported resignation.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Shipton
Mr Burns	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cairns	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Hodges

NOES, 29

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Willis (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—put and negatived.

Debate continued on the question—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Thomson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

18 MEMBER FOR MCPHERSON (MR E. L. ROBINSON)—RESIGNATION FROM MINISTRY—
STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, informed the House that Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance) had submitted his resignation from the Ministry and that he would be proposing to the Governor-General tomorrow that the resignation be accepted.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also making a statement with reference to the matter—

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

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 70

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Bourchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges

NOES, 28

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Bourchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges

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Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Scholes	
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Mr FitzPatrick	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at 10.46 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 February 1979, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariff Act—Orders—Developing Country—Nos. 19, 20 (1978).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Bungey, Dr Cass, Dr Everingham, Mr Giles, Mr Hurford, Dr Jenkins, Mr Katter, Mr Wilson and Mr Young.

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