

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 116

THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST 1979

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- 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Mr Jarman, Mr Johnston, Mr B. O. Jones and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Braithwaite, Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
- Mr Fife, Mr Hunt and Mr Lucock—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the 1980 level of education expenditure to Government schools be restored and increased in real terms.
- Mr Fife and Mr MacKenzie—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.
- Dr Everingham—from certain electors of Queensland in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that fees for tertiary study not be reintroduced and that the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be indexed.
- Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying for the withdrawal of the new guidelines for unemployment benefits and for the initiation of policies aimed at creating more employment.
- Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that the National Health Scheme patient contribution rate not be increased.
- Mr Dawkins—from certain residents of East Fremantle, W.A., praying that the closure of the East Fremantle Post Office be delayed.
- Mr Fraser—from certain citizens praying that pensions be increased twice yearly in line with rises in the consumer price index and that certain other social security benefits be granted.
- Mr Fraser—from certain citizens praying that the intake of refugees be doubled and that transit camps for refugees be established in Australia.
- Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that Australia Post issue a commemorative stamp to mark the 50th anniversary of Apex Clubs in 1981.
- Mr J. E. McLeay—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to improve the standard of living of the Aboriginal people.
- Mr L. B. McLeay—from certain citizens praying that there be no extension of Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney.
- Mr Peacock—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 Porter—from certain citizens praying that subsidies to pre-schools be increased to provide adequate pre-school services in South Australia.
- Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that pension payments be restored to twice-yearly adjustments and that pensions and unemployment benefits be raised to 30% of average weekly earnings.

Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that diplomatic approaches be made to the Czechoslovakian Government to secure the release of Mr Jiri Lederer from detention.

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 Education Council—Statement, dated 30 June 1979, by the Chairman on the report of the Williams Committee of Inquiry into Education and Training.

Royal Australian Air Force—No. 34 Squadron—Schedules of special flights for period 1 January to 30 June 1979.

Schools Commission—

Report on Commonwealth financial assistance for schools in the Northern Territory for 1980—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Triennium 1979–81—Report for 1980—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium for 1979–81—Report—Volume 3—Recommendations for 1980—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Pursuant to statute:

Schools Commission Act—Schools Commission—

Report on Commonwealth financial assistance for schools in the Northern Territory for 1980.

Triennium 1979–81—Report for 1980.

Tertiary Education Commission Act—Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1979–81—Report—Volume 3—Recommendations for 1980.

5 ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE 1978–79—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Advance to the Minister for Finance for year 1978–79—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901.

Ordered—That the statement be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House at the next sitting.

6 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 11 September next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall fix an alternative day or hour of meeting, to be notified by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House.

Question—put and passed.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ANSETT TRANSPORT INDUSTRIES LIMITED SHARES: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Morris and Mr Neil 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, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Morris, namely, "The damage to the public interest arising from the alarming speculation in Ansett Transport Industries Limited shares caused by the Government's abdication of responsibility for major domestic airline services".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Morris addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 ATOMIC ENERGY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1979: Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Atomic Energy Act 1953*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Newman moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979–80—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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Cotter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 10 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) asked leave to move a motion without notice.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House moving forthwith a motion granting leave of the House for the production and adduction as evidence of certain documents, and the attendance of an appropriate officer of the House, at court proceedings.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr James	Mr Martin
Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Young

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

- 12 PRODUCTION OF *Hansard* RECORD IN COURT—MOTION FOR LEAVE OF HOUSE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That, in response to the petition of John Fairfax & Sons Limited presented to the House on 28 August 1979, this House grants leave—  
(1) to the Petitioner and its legal representatives to issue and serve subpoenas for the production of the relevant official records of the proceedings of the House as described in the second schedule of the petition,

- (2) to the Petitioner and its legal representatives to adduce the said official records of the proceedings as evidence of what was in fact said in the House and
- (3) to an appropriate officer of the House to attend in Court and to produce the said official records of proceedings and to give evidence in relation to the recording of proceedings provided that the officer shall not be required to attend at any time which would prevent the performance of his duties in the Parliament.

Mr Sinclair 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.

- 13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1979-80—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.

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

- 14 PRIVILEGE—PETITION OF JOHN FAIRFAX & SONS LIMITED—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the petition of John Fairfax & Sons Limited presented to the House on 28 August 1979 be referred to the Committee of Privileges for consideration and advice as to whether the petition in whole or in part or any matter raised by it can be acceded to without derogation of the privileges of the Parliament or the Members of the Parliament and if so, the form in which it might be so acceded to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—10TH REPORT: Mr Gillard (Chairman) presented the 10th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

#### 10TH 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:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto, pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901, for the year ended 30 June 1979.

Aircraft Accident—Investigation Report relating to the Partenavia P68B Aircraft VH-PNW near Essendon Airport, Victoria, on 10 July 1978.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Marine Sciences and Technologies in Australia: Immediate Issues—A report to the Prime Minister by the Council, dated 3 July 1979.

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act—Return, for year 1978-79.

Bounty (Books) Act—Return, for year 1978-79.

Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles) Act—Return, for year 1978-79.

Bounty (Drilling Machines) Act—Return, for year 1978-79.

Bounty (Metal-working Machine Tools) Act—Return, for year 1978-79.

Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Annual Report (Fifty-third), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1978.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Special Report 1979 on Financial Assistance for Local Government, dated 28 May 1979.

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Commonwealth Teaching Service—Annual Report, for 1978.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act (1948)—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—Second Report, together with a Report to the Board by the Australian Government Actuary on the Assets and Liabilities of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund at 30 September 1972, dated 28 June 1979.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Annual Report (First) for year 1978–79.

Department of the Special Trade Representative—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Export Market Development Grants Act and Export Expansion Grants Act—Export Development Grants Board—Annual Report (Fourth), for year 1978–79.

Metal Working Machine Tools Bounty Act—Return, for year 1978–79.

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return, for year 1978–79.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return, for year 1978–79.

Pig Meat Promotion Act—Pig Meat Promotion Advisory Committee—Annual Report (Third), for year 1977–78.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1979 Review—Determinations—

1979/6—Allowances payable to Ministers of State, dated 5 June 1979.

1979/7—Additional Salaries and Allowances of Office Holders of the Parliament, dated 5 June 1979.

1979/8—Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament, dated 5 June 1979.

1979/9—Travelling Allowances within Australia—Ministers, Office Holders and Members of the Parliament.

1979/10—Entitlements of Members of Parliament, dated 5 June 1979.

1979/11—Remuneration payable to Holders of Offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and Holders of Public Offices, dated 5 June 1979.

Reports—

1979/1—Salaries payable to Ministers of State, dated 5 June 1979.

1979/2—Remuneration payable to Judges, dated 5 June 1979.

Statement, dated 5 June 1979.

Reserve Bank Act—Annual Report of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.

Road Haulage Industry—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics on the Long Distance Road Haulage Industry, dated June 1979.

Schools Commission Act—Schools Commission—

Northern Territory—Report on Commonwealth Financial assistance for schools in the Northern Territory, for 1980, dated 2 July 1979.

Triennium 1979–81—Report, for 1980, dated 12 July 1979.

Ship Construction Bounty Act—Return, for year 1978–79.

Tertiary Education Commission Act—Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1979–81—Report, Volume 3—Recommendations for 1980, dated 20 August 1979.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Annual Report (Third), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for the period 1 July 1977 to 31 July 1978.

Zimbabwe Rhodesia common roll elections—14–28 April 1979—Report of the Australian Parliamentary Observer Group, dated May 1979.

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R. GILLARD,

Chairman

Mr Gillard, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment: 30 August 1979—Message No. 297—National Health Amendment (No. 2) 1979.
- 17 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80—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 P. F. Johnson addressing the House—
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- 18 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 11 September next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall fix an alternative day or hour of meeting, to be notified by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House.
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hodges, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Lynch and Mr J. L. McMahon.

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