

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 118

WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 1979

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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 DEATH OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA—REPLY TO ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE: Mr Speaker informed the House that, in reply to the Address of Condolence agreed to by the House on the death of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Her Majesty The Queen had sent the following message:

“I send my warm thanks to the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia for their kind message of sympathy on the tragic death of Lord Mountbatten.

ELIZABETH R”.

3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Bradfield, Mr Carlton, Mr Cohen, Mr Kerin, Dr Klugman, Mr Neil, Mr Ruddock and Mr Sinclair—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 Bouchier, Mr Jarman and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.

Mr Jarman, Mr Lynch and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Kerin, Mr O’Keefe and Mr Sinclair—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.

Mr Bouchier—from certain electors of Victoria in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr Falconer and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the National Women’s Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Aldred—from certain members and ex-members of the citizens forces of Australia praying for the resumption of the award of several distinctive reserve forces decorations and medals for long service and good conduct.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered and that the regulation allowing the use of CB radio in marine situations be rescinded.

Mr Cohen—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.

Dr Edwards—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 Hodges—from certain citizens praying that federal funding to State schools be restored to 1974–75 levels, that the independence of the Schools Commission be maintained and that tied grants be made to Queensland to ensure achievement of national standards.

Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Health directive to charge Community Health Centre patients be rescinded and that funds be provided for primary health care at those Centres.

Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying for the restoration of postal facilities at Taringa, Qld.

Mr Scholes—from certain residents of Portland, Vic., praying that action be taken to prohibit any further exploitation of local fishing resources by foreign enterprises and that assistance be given to develop the local fishing industry.

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 Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the allowable private income level earned by sheltered workshop invalid pensioners be doubled to \$40 per week and then indexed.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australia Council—Review of activities, for year 1978–79.

Australian Honey Board—Interim report for year 1978–79.

Australian Wheat Board—Interim report for year ended 30 November 1978.

Australian Wool Corporation—Interim report for year 1978–79.

Department of Education—Report for 1978.

Pursuant to statute:

Public Service Act—Public Service Board—55th Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

6 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 explaining to the House why he made such dishonest statements to this House during question time today on the matter of real wages.

*Closure of Member:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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

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

## \* Tellers

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.

## 7 RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER (MR J. MCKNIGHT):

Mr Speaker informed the House of the retirement, on 31 August 1979, of the Assistant Principal Parliamentary Reporter, Mr J. McKnight, and, after referring to Mr McKnight's long service to the Parliament, wished him well in his retirement. Mr Speaker also informed the House that Mr J. W. Roberts would succeed Mr McKnight as Assistant Principal Parliamentary Reporter.

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

11 September 1979—Message No. 298—Customs Amendment 1979.

## 9 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day, government business, be discharged:

21 PRODUCTION OF *Hansard* RECORD IN COURT—MOTION FOR LEAVE OF HOUSE:

Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—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.

Question—put and passed.

## 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SOUTH AUSTRALIA—STATEMENTS: Mr

Speaker informed the House that both Mr Hurford 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 Hurford, namely, "The misleading statements about South Australia by Prime Minister Fraser and others".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hurford addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 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 Sainsbury addressing the House—

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12 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was 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 10.30 a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Connolly, Mr Corbett, Dr Edwards, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Hodgman\*, Dr Jenkins\*, Mr C. K. Jones\*, Mr Lloyd\*, Mr Lucock, Mr MacKenzie, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Wallis and Mr Young.

\*On leave

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