

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 132

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1979

1 The House met, at 3 p.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 Anthony, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Hunt, Mr James, Dr Klugman, Mr Neil, Mr O'Keefe and Mr West—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 Hodges, Mr Humphreys, Mr B. O. Jones and Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the Government provide certain information concerning the fishing agreement with the Japanese Government and not re-issue licences to Japanese fishermen in 1980.

Mr Cairns, Mr Martyr and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Dr Edwards, Mr Jarman and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.

Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr Nixon—from certain citizens praying for the abolition of the export parity pricing policy for LPG consumed in Australia and that certain other action be taken in relation to the pricing of LPG.

Mr James and Mr L. B. McLeay—from certain citizens praying that Government proposals to sell publicly owned enterprises be rejected.

Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that positive policies be adopted to reduce unemployment and that certain social security benefits be granted.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that Fisher Place Park, Ainslie, A.C.T., be preserved and gazetted as parkland.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the decision not to fill the position of woodwork instructor at Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane, be reviewed.

Mr Jarman—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Deakin praying that the Social Security Act be amended to enable those in receipt of unemployment benefits to engage in part-time work and not forfeit those benefits.

Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that amending legislation be introduced to enable merchant seamen prisoners of war to be defined as members of the Forces so as to entitle them to appropriate repatriation benefits.

Mr Thomson—from certain citizens praying that the signing of the Commonwealth/Queensland fishing agreement with Japan be delayed, that marlin fishing negotiations re-commence and that long-line fishing be prohibited during the negotiations.

Petitions received.

## 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Privilege:* Mr Howe raised as a matter of privilege the alleged refusal of the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury to provide certain information to the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation.

Other Members addressed themselves to the matter raised.

Mr Speaker stated that he would give consideration to the matter and report to the House.

Questions without notice continued.

## 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Attorney-General's Department—Report for year 1978–79.

Education, training and employment—Index, dated August 1979, to the report of the committee of inquiry into education and training, dated February 1979.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1978–79.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1978–79.

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

19 October 1979, a.m.—Message No. 321—Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment 1979.

## 6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

22 October 1979—Message No. 187—

Navigation Amendment 1979.

Lighthouses Amendment 1979.

Pollution of the Sea by Oil (Shipping Levy Collection) Amendment 1979.

Sea-Carriage of Goods Amendment 1979.

Seamen's Compensation Amendment 1979.

## 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Young had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to understand and deal with technological changes taking place in employment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

## 8 SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1979: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 16, by leave, taken together.

On the motion of Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 14—

Page 5, line 9, omit "31 October 1979", insert "the date of commencement of this section".

Page 5, line 13, omit "31 October 1979", insert "the date of commencement of this section".

Clause 16—

Page 6, line 12, omit "31 October 1979", insert "the date of commencement of this section".

Page 6, line 16, omit "31 October 1979", insert "the date of commencement of this section".

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

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

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 9 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker referred to the matter raised earlier this day by Mr Howe as a matter of privilege concerning the alleged refusal of the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury to provide certain information to the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation and stated that in his opinion no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege existed.
- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 11 NATIONAL COMPANIES AND SECURITIES COMMISSION BILL 1979: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not opposing the Bill, the House—

- (a) expresses its concern at the Government's apparent abdication of its responsibility to make national laws for corporations and the securities industry pursuant to the Commonwealth's own constitutional powers, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on Securities and Exchange in 1974 (the Rae Report);
- (b) notes that the proposed legislative scheme places uniformity before reform, and creates both the danger and the likelihood that lowest common denominator standards will prevail;
- (c) expresses its concern at the lack of effective accountability of the proposed Commission to either the Government or Parliament of the Commonwealth, or to any other single elected Government or Parliament;
- (d) expresses its view that the Bill should be improved by redrafting it to provide for—
  - (i) an extension of the scope and enforceability of its financial interest provisions;
  - (ii) a requirement that hearings of the Commission be normally held in public;
  - (iii) the establishment of the proposed Companies and Securities Law Review Committee on a firm statutory basis;
  - (iv) the establishment on a firm statutory basis of an Accounting Standards Review Committee; and
  - (v) the explicit prescription of the matters on which the Commission must annually report;
- (e) while acknowledging that pursuant to the scheduled Agreement any such proposed amendment may need to be the subject of consultation with the Ministerial Council before final acceptance by the Government, nonetheless insists upon this Parliament's right to properly scrutinise and amend all legislation put before it by the Executive; and
- (f) calls upon the Government, in the event of the breakdown for any reason of the scheme embodied in the Bill, to immediately proceed to the introduction of Commonwealth legislation for the national regulation of corporations and the securities industry".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr I. L. Robinson, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 72

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

## NOES, 33

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 18, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Mr Neil addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negatived:* The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Debate continued.

Mr Holding addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That clauses 1 to 18 be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 NATIONAL COMPANIES AND SECURITIES COMMISSION BILL 1979: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Clause 19—

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 11, line 3, after "he" insert "his spouse or a dependent child".

Page 11, line 4, omit "a relevant interest", substitute "any interest, whether direct or indirect".

Page 11, line 6, after "local government authority" insert "or is entitled to, or in receipt of, any benefit or income, whether direct or indirect, from a body corporate".

Page 11, sub-clause (2), omit paragraph (b).

Page 11, after sub-clause (2) insert the following sub-clause:

"(2A) For the purposes of sub-section (2) a dependent child of a person is—

- (a) a child adopted since the marriage by the person or by his spouse or by either of them with the consent of the other;
- (b) a child of the person and his spouse born before the marriage;
- (c) a child of either the person or his spouse (including an ex-nuptial child of either of them and a child adopted by either of them) if, at the relevant time, the child was ordinarily a member of the household of the person; and
- (d) a child of the person under the age of 15 years; or
- (e) a child under the age of 21 years who is ordinarily a member of the household of the person, or who is engaged in a course of full-time study at an educational institution."

Page 11, line 18, omit "he shall", substitute "it shall be an offence if he does not".

Page 11, at the end of sub-clause (5) add "Penalty: \$5,000 or imprisonment for 1 year, or both".

Page 11, at the end of sub-clause (6) add "Penalty for non-compliance: \$5,000 or imprisonment for 1 year, or both".

Page 11, after sub-clause (6) insert the following sub-clause:

"(6A) It shall be an offence if a person who is, or becomes a member, causes written particulars to be delivered to the responsible officer where those particulars are known by the person to be false or misleading.

Penalty: \$10,000 or imprisonment for 2 years or both."

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 35, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 36—

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 17, sub-clause (2), omit all words after "Commission" (second occurring), substitute "shall direct that the hearing take place in public unless the Commission is satisfied that the holding of the hearing in public would, or would be reasonably likely to—

- (a) prejudice the investigation of a breach or possible breach of the law or the enforcement or proper administration of the law in a particular instance;
- (b) prejudice the fair trial of a person or the impartial adjudication of a particular case;
- (c) disclose, or enable a person to ascertain, the identity of a confidential source

- of information in relation to the enforcement or administration of the law;
- (d) disclose methods or procedures for preventing, detecting, investigating, or dealing with matters arising out of, breaches or evasions of the law, the disclosure of which would, or would be reasonably likely to, prejudice the effectiveness of those methods or procedures;
  - (e) endanger the lives or physical safety of persons engaged in or in connexion with law enforcement; or
  - (f) unreasonably disclose information relating to the personal affairs of any person, in any of which cases the Commissioner may direct that the hearing take place in private.”.

Page 17, lines 19 and 20, omit “by reason of the confidential nature of any evidence or matter, or for any other reason”, substitute “by virtue of a reason specified in sub-section (2)”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 37—

Mr Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 18, line 15, after “documents (if any)” insert “or such class of documents”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 38 to 43, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr Bowen moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“43A. There is established by this Act a Companies and Securities Law Review Committee which shall carry out research and advise the Ministerial Council on law reform to the legislation and regulations provided for by the agreement.”.

Companies and  
Securities Law  
Review  
Committee

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Clause 44 agreed to.

*Proposed new clauses—*

Mr Jacobi, by leave, moved—That the following new clauses be inserted in the Bill:

“44A. There is established by this Act an Accounting Standards Review Committee which shall conduct research and advise the Ministerial Council on the setting of adequate standards to ensure that the true and fair view of the position of a company is reflected in the accounts of the company, and to ensure adequate protection to persons who deal with the company.

Accounting  
Standards  
Review  
Committee

“44B. For the purpose of the performance of the functions of the Accounting Standards Review Committee the Commission shall provide to the Committee such staff and facilities as are approved by the Ministerial Council.”.

Staff, &c.,  
for Accounting  
Standards  
Review  
Committee

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clauses negatived.

Clauses 45 to 47, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 48—

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 26, lines 9 and 10, omit “information that is not generally available but, if it were, would be likely materially to affect the price of any securities”, substitute “information relating to any securities”.

Page 26, after sub-clause (1) insert the following sub-clause:

“(1A) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against sub-section (1) if it is established to the satisfaction of the Court that the information to which the prosecution relates was generally available.”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Mr Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 26, at the end of sub-clause (5) add “or after the expiration of 1 year after the date of a conviction under sub-section (1) in respect of the transaction in which the loss occurred, whichever date is the later in time”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 26, line 40, after “name” insert “or names”.

Page 26, line 41, after “person” insert “or persons”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 49—

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 27, line 10, omit “a relevant interest”, substitute “any interest”.

Page 27, line 11, omit “a relevant interest”, substitute “any interest”.

Page 27, lines 12 and 13, omit “a relevant interest”, substitute “any interest”.

Page 27, line 40, omit “whether a person has a relevant interest in securities,”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 50 and 51, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 52—

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 28, line 32, omit “in such form as the Ministerial Council approves”.

Page 28, after sub-clause (1) insert the following sub-clause:

“(1A) In its annual report the Commission shall, so far as practicable, also report on—

- (a) any recommendations made to the Ministerial Council by the Companies and Securities Law Review Committee;
- (b) any recommendations made to the Ministerial Council by the Accounting Standards Review Committee;
- (c) any recommendations made to the Ministerial Council by the Commission pursuant to sub-section 6 (3); and
- (d) any reports made to the Ministerial Council by the Commission pursuant to section 8.”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80—ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A—REPORT: Mr Giles (Chairman) reported that the proposed expenditures for the departments and services contained in Schedule 2 of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1979-80 referred to Estimates Committee A had been considered. (*See Minutes of Proceedings, pages 1109 to 1120*).

Ordered—That consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80—ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B—REPORT: Mr Martin (Chairman) reported that the proposed expenditures for the departments and services contained in Schedule 2 of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1979-80 referred to Estimates Committee B had been considered. (*See Minutes of Proceedings, pages 1121 to 1132*).

Ordered—That consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1979: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Remainder of Bill, as a whole—  
Debate resumed.

The committee continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cctter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Shack
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges*	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 30

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) 1979: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 188, dated 11 October 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.



18 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1979: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 189, dated 11 October 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

19 REPATRIATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1979: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 190, dated 11 October 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 11—

Page 5, line 8, omit "31 October 1979", insert "the date of commencement of this section".

Page 5, line 13, omit "31 October 1979", insert "the date of commencement of this section".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Adermann, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 12.54 a.m., adjourned until this day at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 October 1979, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—W. P. Luttrell.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia, dated 14 October 1979.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 38.

Telecommunications (General)—Amendment No. 24.

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1979—80—

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A—MEMBERSHIP: Members of Estimates Committee A to consider the proposed expenditure for—

Department of Health—

(Members nominated, *see* Votes and Proceedings, page 1039.)

Mr Gillard and Mr Simon in substitution for Mr Falconer and Mr McLean, discharged.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B—MEMBERSHIP: Members of Estimates Committee B to consider the proposed expenditure for—

Department of Employment and Youth Affairs—

(Members nominated, *see* Votes and Proceedings, page 1039.)

Mr Baume, Mr Bradfield, Mr Hyde, Mr Katter and Mr McLean in substitution for Mr Dobie, Mr McVeigh, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shipton and Mr Short, discharged.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Connolly, Mr Groom, Mr Hurford, Dr Jenkins\* and Mr Lloyd\*.

\* On leave

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

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1979

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Parliament—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Burr  
Mr Cadman  
Mr Cairns  
Mr D. M. Cameron  
Mr Lucock  
Mr Lusher  
Mr Ruddock  
Mr Simon  
Mr Wilson  
Mr Yates

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Bryant  
Mr C. R. Cameron  
Mr L. R. Johnson  
Mr Scholes  
Mr Young

(Sir Billy Snedden—Speaker, was in attendance.)

*The committee met at 4.03 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$17,602,000—considered.

Mr Scholes moved—That the committee is of the opinion that there is an unnecessary duplication of administrative and budgetary functions within the multiplicity of departments that form the total administration of the Parliament. The committee therefore considers that the estimates for the Parliament should be presented under 3 headings, viz.: Senate, House of Representatives, and the 3 other departments, without particular items of proposed expenditure being specified.

Mr Burr moved—That, in order to relieve accommodation congestion, the committee is of the opinion that the Parliament should have the first call on any accommodation which has become or becomes available in the near vicinity of the present Parliament House.

Proposed expenditure further considered.

Question—That the motion of Mr Scholes be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That the motion of Mr Burr be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 4  
Mr Burr  
Mr Lucock  
Mr Simon  
Mr Wilson

NOES, 2  
Mr Cadman  
Mr Ruddock

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Consideration concluded.

For proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services—  
The committee was constituted as follows:  
Mr Drummond had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services)  
Mr D. M. Cameron  
Mr E. C. Cameron  
Mr Cotter  
Mr Dean  
Mr Fisher  
Mr Jull  
Mr MacKenzie  
Mr Neil  
Mr Wilson  
Mr Yates

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Holding  
Mr Jacobi  
Mr L. R. Johnson  
Mr B. O. Jones  
Mr Young

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Proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services, \$333,435,000—considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditure—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—  
The committee was constituted as follows:  
Mr Drummond had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister)  
acting for Mr Fraser (Prime Minister)  
Mr D. M. Cameron  
Mr E. C. Cameron  
Mr Cotter  
Mr Dean  
Mr Fisher  
Mr Jull  
Mr MacKenzie  
Mr Neil  
Mr Wilson  
Mr Yates

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Holding  
Mr Jacobi  
Mr L. R. Johnson  
Mr B. O. Jones  
Mr Young

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Proposed expenditure—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$52,343,000—considered and concluded.

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*The committee adjourned at 10.21 p.m.*

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A. R. BROWNING,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

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**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1979

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(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister  
for Aboriginal Affairs)

Mr Baillieu

Mr Burns

Mr Cadman

Mr Calder

Mr Falconer

Mr Johnston

Mr McLean

Mr Ruddock

Mr Thomson

Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Dawkins

Dr Everingham

Mr Holding

Mr Humphreys

Mr Wallis

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*The committee met at 8.05 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$103,538,000—considered and concluded.

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*The committee adjourned at 10.08 p.m.*

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A. R. BROWNING,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1979

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Social Security—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Jarman had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Hunt (Minister representing the  
Minister for Social Security)

Mr Burns

Mr Connolly

Mr Goodluck

Mr Hodges

Mr Johnston

Mr MacKenzie

Mr McLean

Mr Moore

Mr O'Keefe

Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Blewett

Dr Cass

Mr Howe

Dr Klugman

Mr L. B. McLeay

*The committee met at 3.07 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Social Security, \$327,230,000—considered and concluded.

For proposed expenditure—Department of Health—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Drummond had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Hunt (Minister for Health)

Mr Burns

Mr Calder

Mr Falconer

Mr Graham

Mr Hodges

Mr Johnston

Mr McLean

Mr McVeigh

Mr Martyr

Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Blewett

Dr Cass

Dr Everingham

Mr Howe

Dr Klugman

Proposed expenditure—Department of Health, \$1,492,266,000—considered.

For proposed expenditure—Department of Veterans' Affairs—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Drummond had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)  
Mr Burns  
Mr Calder  
Mr Falconer  
Mr Graham  
Mr Hodges  
Mr Johnston  
Mr McLean  
Mr McVeigh  
Mr Martyr  
Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Blewett  
Dr Cass  
Dr Everingham  
Mr Howe  
Dr Klugman

Proposed expenditure—Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$386,615,000—considered and concluded.

*The committee adjourned at 10 p.m.*

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A. R. BROWNING,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1979

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Jarman had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and  
Ethnic Affairs)  
Mr Cadman  
Mr Falconer  
Mr Goodluck  
Mr Graham  
Mr P. F. Johnson  
Mr Lusher  
Mr McLean  
Mr Neil  
Mr O'Keefe  
Mr Sainsbury

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Cass  
Mr Innes  
Mr L. R. Johnson  
Mr L. B. McLeay  
Mr Young

*The committee met at 3.01 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$71,919,000—  
considered and concluded.

For proposed expenditures—

Department of the Capital Territory—

Department of Home Affairs—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Drummond had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs and  
Minister for the Capital Territory)  
Mr Burns  
Mr Dean  
Mr Haslem  
Mr Hodgman  
Mr Katter  
Mr Lucock  
Mr McLean  
Mr Short  
Mr Simon  
Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Cohen  
Mr Fry  
Mr Innes  
Mr Jacobi  
Mr L. B. McLeay



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Proposed expenditure—Department of the Capital Territory, \$80,137,000—considered and concluded.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Home Affairs, \$83,298,000—considered and concluded.

*The committee adjourned at 10.09 p.m.*

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J. W. PENDER,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

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**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1979

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(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Defence—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Killen (Minister for Defence)  
Mr Aldred  
Mr Birney  
Mr Falconer  
Mr Graham  
Mr Haslem  
Mr P. F. Johnson  
Mr Katter  
Mr Neil  
Mr Thomson  
Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Holding  
Mr L. R. Johnson  
Mr B. O. Jones  
Mr Kerin  
Mr Scholes

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*The committee met at 3 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Defence, \$2,659,415,000—considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Jarman had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs)  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Connolly  
Mr Hodgman  
Mr Katter  
Mr Martyr  
Mr Moore  
Mr Neil  
Mr I. L. Robinson  
Mr Simon  
Mr Yates

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Blewett  
Mr Bowen  
Mr Fry  
Mr B. O. Jones  
Dr Klugman

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Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$572,957,000—considered and concluded.

*The committee adjourned at 10 p.m.*

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J. W. PENDER,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

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**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1979

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(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Martin had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Viner (Minister representing the  
Attorney-General)

Mr Birney

Mr N. A. Brown

Mr Dean

Mr Hodgman

Mr Lusher

Mr MacKenzie

Mr Moore

Mr Neil

Mr Ruddock

Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Bowen

Mr Holding

Mr Jacobi

Mr L. K. Johnson

Mr B. O. Jones

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*The committee met at 4.08 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$91,688,000—considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditure—Department of Health (*See Minutes of Proceedings, pages 1113-4*)—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Hunt (Minister for Health)

Mr Burns

Mr Calder

Mr Gillard

Mr Graham

Mr Hodges

Mr Johnston

Mr McVeigh

Mr Martyr

Mr Simon

Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Blewett


Dr Cass

Dr Everingham

Mr Howe

Dr Klugman

Proposed expenditure—Department of Health, \$1,492,266,000—further considered.  
Consideration concluded.

  
*The committee's consideration of proposed expenditures concluded at 9.52 p.m.*

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J. W. PENDER,  
Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1979

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee B on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of the Treasury—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Martin had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr E. L. Robinson (Acting Treasurer)  
Mr Baume  
Mr Bradfield  
Mr Dobie  
Mr Hyde  
Mr Katter  
Mr McLean  
Mr Moore  
Mr I. L. Robinson  
Mr Sainsbury  
Mr Short

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Armitage  
Mr Dawkins  
Mr B. O. Jones  
Mr Kerin  
Mr Willis

*The committee met at 4.05 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Treasury, \$272,026,000—considered.

Mr Willis moved—That, recognising the severe damage which tax avoidance and evasion cause through the loss of revenue, the reduction in the equity of the tax system, and the destructiveness to the integrity of community life, the committee calls on the Government to increase the financial and personnel resources and the powers of the Taxation Office so as to facilitate more effective prevention of tax avoidance and evasion.

Proposed expenditure further considered.

Mr Baume moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “recognising the severe damage which blatant tax avoidance schemes and tax evasion cause through the loss of revenue and the reduction in the equity of the tax system, the committee endorses the Government’s moves to increase the financial and personnel resources of the Taxation Office so as to facilitate more effective prevention of blatant tax avoidance schemes and evasion”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 10

Mr Baume  
Mr Bradfield  
Mr Hyde  
Mr Katter  
Mr McLean  
Mr Moore  
Mr E. L. Robinson  
Mr I. L. Robinson  
Mr Sainsbury  
Mr Short

NOES, 3

Mr Armitage  
Mr Dawkins  
Mr Willis

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

Proposed expenditure further considered.

Mr Martin was nominated to the committee in the place of Mr Armitage who took the Chair as Chairman.

Proposed expenditure further considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditures—

Department of Finance—

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Armitage had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance)

Mr Baume

Mr Bradfield

Mr Dobie

Mr Hyde

Mr Katter

Mr McLean

Mr Moore

Mr I. L. Robinson

Mr Sainsbury

Mr Short

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Dawkins

Mr B. O. Jones

Mr Kerin

Mr Martin

Mr Willis

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Proposed expenditures—

Department of Finance, \$36,761,000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$125,000,000—  
by leave, considered together.

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*The committee adjourned at 10.16 p.m.*

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L. M. BARLIN,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

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**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B**APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1979

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(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee B on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Science and the Environment—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Martin had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Groom (Minister representing the Minister  
for Science and the Environment)

Mr Bouchier

Mr D. M. Cameron

Mr E. C. Cameron

Mr Chapman

Mr Cotter

Mr Dean

Mr Gillard

Mr Jull

Mr MacKenzie

Mr O'Keefe

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Cass

Mr Cohen

Mr Innes

Dr Klugman

Mr Wallis

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*The committee met at 8.06 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Science and the Environment, \$234,890,000—  
considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditure—Postal and Telecommunications Department—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Martin had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Staley (Minister for Post and  
Telecommunications)

Mr Bouchier

Mr D. M. Cameron

Mr E. C. Cameron

Mr Chapman

Mr Cotter

Mr Dean

Mr Gillard

Mr Jull

Mr MacKenzie

Mr O'Keefe

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Cass

Mr Cohen

Mr Innes

Dr Klugman

Mr Wallis

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Proposed expenditure—Postal and Telecommunications Department, \$196,404,000—  
considered and concluded.

*The committee adjourned at 10.40 p.m.*

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L. M. BARLIN,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1979

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee B on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Industrial Relations—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Armitage had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Street (Minister for Industrial Relations)  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Dobie  
Mr Falconer  
Mr P. F. Johnson  
Mr McVeigh  
Mr I. L. Robinson  
Mr Ruddock  
Mr Sainsbury  
Mr Shipton  
Mr Short

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Holding  
Mr L. K. Johnson  
Mr B. O. Jones  
Mr West  
Mr Young

*The committee met at 3.14 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Industrial Relations, \$16,345,000—considered—

*Paper:* Mr Street presented the following paper:

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Relations Bureau and Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Roles and functions.

Proposed expenditure further considered and concluded.

For proposed expenditure—Department of Employment and Youth Affairs—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Armitage had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs)  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Dobie  
Mr Falconer  
Mr P. F. Johnson  
Mr McVeigh  
Mr I. L. Robinson  
Mr Ruddock  
Mr Sainsbury  
Mr Shipton  
Mr Short

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Holding  
Mr L. K. Johnson  
Mr B. O. Jones  
Mr West  
Mr Young

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, \$235,785,000—considered.

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For proposed expenditure—Department of Industry and Commerce—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr I. L. Robinson had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and  
Consumer Affairs) acting for Mr Lynch  
(Minister for Industry and Commerce)  
Mr Baillieu  
Mr Burr  
Mr Cadman  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Fisher  
Mr Hyde  
Mr P. F. Johnson  
Mr Lusher  
Mr Short  
Mr Yates

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Cohen  
Mr Dawkins  
Mr Holding  
Mr Hurford  
Mr B. O. Jones

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Proposed expenditure—Department of Industry and Commerce, \$20,622,000—considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditure—Department of Business and Consumer Affairs—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr I. L. Robinson had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and  
Consumer Affairs)  
Mr Baillieu  
Mr Burr  
Mr Cadman  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Fisher  
Mr Hyde  
Mr P. F. Johnson  
Mr Lusher  
Mr Short  
Mr Yates

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Cohen  
Mr Dawkins  
Mr Holding  
Mr Hurford  
Mr B. O. Jones

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Proposed expenditure—Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, \$113,836,000—considered and concluded.

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*The committee adjourned at 10.09 p.m.*

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L. M. BARLIN,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1979

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee B on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Education—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Martin had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Staley (Minister representing the Minister for Education)  
 Mr Baillieu  
 Mr Baume  
 Mr Braithwaite  
 Mr Chapman  
 Mr Cotter  
 Mr Dean  
 Mr Dobie  
 Mr Fisher  
 Mr Gillard  
 Mr Wilson

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Dr Blewett  
 Mr C. R. Cameron  
 Dr Everingham  
 Mr Innes  
 Mr B. O. Jones

*The committee met at 3.04 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education, \$444,973,000—considered.

Mr Wilson moved—That this committee is of the view that the Commonwealth Government should present to the Commonwealth Grants Commission (in its examination of the relativities as between the States under the tax sharing arrangements) a submission detailing the resources which in its view should be available per pupil to each State to enable primary and secondary school pupils attending government and non-government schools to be provided with a standard of schooling considered to be adequate.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 6

Mr Chapman  
 Mr Dobie  
 Dr Everingham  
 Mr Fisher  
 Mr Gillard  
 Mr Wilson

NOES, 1

Mr Staley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Consideration concluded.

For proposed expenditure—Department of Housing and Construction—  
The committee was constituted as follows:  
Mr Armitage had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction)  
Mr Baillieu  
Mr Bouchier  
Mr Bradfield  
Mr Cadman  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Goodluck  
Mr Jull  
Mr McVeigh  
Mr O'Keefe  
Mr Sainsbury

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Dr Everingham  
Mr Howe  
Mr Humphreys  
Mr L. K. Johnson  
Mr Uren

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Proposed expenditure—Department of Housing and Construction, \$245,827,000—con-  
sidered and concluded.

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*The committee adjourned at 10.44 p.m.*

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I. C. HARRIS,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

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**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1979

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(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee B on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Transport—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Armitage had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport)  
Mr Baume  
Mr Cadman  
Mr E. C. Cameron  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Connolly  
Mr Dobie  
Mr Johnston  
Mr Jull  
Mr Lusher  
Mr MacKenzie

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr C. K. Jones  
Mr J. L. McMahon  
Mr Morris  
Mr Uren  
Mr Wallis

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*The committee met at 3.04 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport, \$329,679,000—considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditures—

Department of Trade and Resources—

Department of the Special Trade Representative—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Armitage had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations and Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Resources)  
Mr Baume  
Mr Cadman  
Mr E. C. Cameron  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Connolly  
Mr Dobie  
Mr Johnston  
Mr Jull  
Mr Lusher  
Mr MacKenzie

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Bowen  
Mr J. J. Brown  
Mr Dawkins  
Mr Holding  
Mr J. L. McMahon

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Proposed expenditures—

Department of Trade and Resources, \$301,633,000—  
Department of the Special Trade Representative, \$422,000—  
by leave, considered together.

Consideration concluded.

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For proposed expenditure—Department of Productivity—  
The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr I. L. Robinson had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity)  
Mr Baillieu  
Mr Bradfield  
Mr Burr  
Mr Carlton  
Mr Corbett  
Dr Edwards  
Mr Johnston  
Mr O'Keefe  
Mr Shack  
Mr Short

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Dawkins  
Mr Holding  
Mr Howe  
Mr Kerin  
Mr Willis

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Proposed expenditure—Department of Productivity, \$138,454,000—considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditure—Department of National Development—  
The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr I. L. Robinson had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Newman (Minister for National Development)  
Mr Baillieu  
Mr Bradfield  
Mr Burr  
Mr Carlton  
Mr Corbett  
Dr Edwards  
Mr Johnston  
Mr O'Keefe  
Mr Shack  
Mr Short

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr J. J. Brown  
Mr Dawkins  
Mr Keating  
Mr Uren  
Mr West

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Proposed expenditure—Department of National Development, \$65,276,000—considered and concluded.

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*The committee adjourned at 10.30 p.m.*

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I. C. HARRIS,  
Clerk to the Committee

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 132

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**ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B**

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979-80

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1979

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(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee B on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 20 September 1979.)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industry—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Drummond had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:**

Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry)  
Mr Baume  
Mr Bungey  
Mr D. M. Cameron  
Mr E. C. Cameron  
Mr Corbett  
Mr Fisher  
Mr Hyde  
Mr Porter  
Mr Sainsbury  
Mr Short

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr J. J. Brown  
Mr FitzPatrick  
Mr Kerin  
Mr Scholes  
Mr Wallis

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*The committee met at 4.03 p.m.*

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industry, \$109,595,000—considered and concluded.

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For proposed expenditure—Department of Employment and Youth Affairs (*See Minutes of Proceedings, pages 1125-6*)—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Armitage had been appointed Chairman.

**GOVERNMENT MEMBERS**

Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs)  
Mr Baume  
Mr Bradfield  
Mr Chapman  
Mr Falconer  
Mr Hyde  
Mr P. F. Johnson  
Mr Katter  
Mr McLean  
Mr I. L. Robinson  
Mr Sainsbury

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS:**

Mr Holding  
Mr L. K. Johnson  
Mr B. O. Jones  
Mr West  
Mr Young

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Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, \$235,785,000—  
further considered.  
Consideration concluded.

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For proposed expenditures—

Department of Finance (*See Minutes of Proceedings, page 1122*)—

Advance to the Minister for Finance (*See Minutes of Proceedings, page 1122*)—

The Committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Armitage had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance)

Mr Baume

Mr Bradfield

Mr Chapman

Mr Falconer

Mr Hyde

Mr P. F. Johnson

Mr Katter

Mr McLean

Mr I. L. Robinson

Mr Sainsbury

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Dawkins

Mr B. O. Jones

Mr Kerin

Mr Martin

Mr Willis

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Finance, \$36,761,000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$125,000,000—  
together further considered.

Consideration concluded.

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*The committee's consideration of proposed expenditures concluded at 9.48 p.m.*

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I. C. HARRIS,  
Clerk to the Committee