

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 134

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 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 Burns, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Fisher, Mr Jarman, Mr Macphee, Mr Martyr and Mr Street—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

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

Mr Fry and Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying that any ordinance authorising the establishment of a gambling casino in Canberra be disallowed.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that efforts be made to ensure a general and complete disarmament under effective international control, that the Pacific and Indian Oceans be declared as nuclear-free zones and that all nuclear bases be disbanded.

Mr Bowen—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 Fisher—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 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 Morris—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.

Mr Morris—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that Government proposals to sell publicly owned enterprises be rejected.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to improve the standard of living of the Aboriginal people.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Bicentennial Authority—Appointment of Dr D. P. Armstrong as General Manager—Press release, dated 18 October 1979.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

- Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report for year 1978–79—Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science and the Environment).
- Department of Finance—1st Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Pursuant to statute:

- Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Council of the Institute of Marine Science—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.
- Legislative Drafting Institute Act—Legislative Drafting Institute—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.
- Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—9th Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—22nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Director of Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1979.

5 UNITED NATIONS—COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT—1979 SESSION—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

United Nations—Committee on Disarmament—1979 Session—Geneva, 24 January to 26 April and 14 June to 14 August 1979—Report of Australian Delegation—

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

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the paper.

6 NATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

National Training Council—1979 Training Study Mission—Report, dated 1 October 1979.

Mr Viner, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

National Training Council—1979 Training Study Mission—Report—Ministerial statement, 25 October 1979.

Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

24 October 1979—Message No. 325—National Labour Consultative Council Amendment 1979.

8 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 6 November next, at 3 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr Cohen 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, Mr Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Cohen, namely, "The Government's stated intention to hand over to the States certain areas of responsibility for environment protection".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Cohen addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 10 SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1979: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve an agreement relating to sugar and certain sugar products made between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 DEFENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Act* 1903, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Killen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 NAVAL DEFENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Naval Defence Act* 1910.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Killen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 AIR FORCE AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Force Act* 1923.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Killen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA BILL 1979: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision with respect to the High Court of Australia.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 JUDICIARY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1979: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judiciary Act* 1903.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Evidence Act 1905*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 8 and 9, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 18 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) BILL 1979: Mr Staley (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for and in relation to schools.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Staley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 11, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 20 RELOCATION OF ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY RESEARCH LABORATORY TO PYRMONT, N.S.W.—
APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr J. E. McLeay (Acting Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Relocation of Royal Australian Navy research laboratory to Pyrmont, N.S.W.
Question—put and passed.
- 21 CROP ADAPTATION LABORATORY, C.S.I.R.O., BLACK MOUNTAIN, ACTON, A.C.T.—
APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr J. E. McLeay (Acting Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of crop adaptation laboratory, C.S.I.R.O., Black Mountain, Acton, A.C.T.
Question—put and passed.
- 22 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REHABILITATION OF RADIO AUSTRALIA FACILITIES, COX PENINSULA, N.T.: Mr J. E. McLeay (Acting Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Rehabilitation of Radio Australia facilities, Cox Peninsula, N.T.
Mr J. E. McLeay presented drawings in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
- 23 REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES 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.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 192, dated 23 August 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.

Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

New clause—

After clause 5, insert the following new clause:

“5A. (1) Determination Number 9 of 1979 of the Remuneration Tribunal dated 5 June 1979 relating, among other matters, to the travelling allowances to be paid to members of the Parliament by reason of their holding particular offices, or performing particular functions, in or in relation to the Parliament or either House of the Parliament is modified with effect from the commencement of this section by omitting paragraph 20 and substituting the following paragraph:

‘20. A senator or member who is a shadow minister may, when travelling outside his electorate in the performance of duties or functions connected with his office of shadow minister, be paid travelling allowance in respect of not more than forty overnight stays per annum.’

“(2) Determination Number 9 of 1979 of the Remuneration Tribunal as modified by sub-section (1) has effect as if it were a determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.”

Amendment—

Clause 6, page 3, line 23, omit “or 5”, substitute “, 5 or 5A”.

Debate continued.

Mr Scholes rising to address 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 the new clause and amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Question proposed—That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr Yates rising to address 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 the Bill, as amended, be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

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

- 24 **MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 193, dated 23 August 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 J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 25 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) PROPOSALS (1979):** Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Proposals (1979). Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

26 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 31 (1979): Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 31 (1979).

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

27 PAPERS: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Furniture, dated 27 November 1978.

Grapes and wine, dated 31 July 1979.

Spirits, spirituous beverages, etc., dated 8 June 1979.

28 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979–80:

Estimates Committee A—Further consideration of report: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

(1) That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:

Parliament, \$17,602,000

Department of Administrative Services, \$333,435,000

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$52,343,000

Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$103,538,000

Department of Social Security, \$327,230,000

Department of Health, \$1,492,266,000

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$386,615,000

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$71,919,000

Department of the Capital Territory, \$80,137,000

Department of Home Affairs, \$83,298,000

Department of Defence, \$2,659,415,000

Department of Foreign Affairs, \$572,957,000, and

Attorney-General's Department, \$91,688,000, and

(2) That the expressions of opinion agreed to by Estimates Committee A in relation to the Parliament be noted, namely:

“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.”, and

“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.”—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Consideration of report of Estimates Committee A concluded.

Estimates Committee B—Consideration of report:

Ordered—That, in relation to the report of Estimates Committee B, the House consider in one motion, each of the proposed expenditures and the resolution and expression of opinion.

Question proposed—

(1) That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:

Department of the Treasury, \$272,026,000

Department of Finance, \$36,761,000

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$125,000,000

Department of Science and the Environment, \$234,890,000

Postal and Telecommunications Department, \$196,404,000

Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, \$235,785,000

Department of Industrial Relations, \$16,345,000

Department of Industry and Commerce, \$20,622,000
 Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, \$113,836,000
 Department of Housing and Construction, \$245,827,000
 Department of Education, \$444,973,000
 Department of Productivity, \$138,454,000
 Department of National Development, \$65,276,000
 Department of Trade and Resources, \$301,633,000
 Department of the Special Trade Representative, \$422,000
 Department of Transport, \$329,679,000, and
 Department of Primary Industry, \$109,595,000;

- (2) That the resolution agreed to by Estimates Committee B in relation to the Department of the Treasury be noted, namely:

“That 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.”, and

- (3) That the expression of opinion agreed to by Estimates Committee B in relation to the Department of Education be noted, namely:

“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.”.

Debate ensued.

Mr Goodluck rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Consideration of report of Estimates Committee B concluded.

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

On the motion of Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 29 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1979–80: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

- 30 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

25 October 1979—Message—

No. 194—

Passports Amendment 1979.

States Grants (Roads) Amendment 1979.

Quarantine Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Amendment 1979.

Ombudsman Amendment 1979.

Remuneration Tribunals Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

No. 195—

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Amendment 1979.

Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment 1979.

No. 196—

Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Amendment 1979.
Seamen's Compensation Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

No. 197—

Australian Security Intelligence Organization 1979.
Telecommunications (Interception) 1979.
Telecommunications Amendment 1979.
Customs Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

31 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COAL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1979: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 326

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Coal Industry Act 1946'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

C. L. LAUCKE
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 24 October 1979

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 2, after clause 3, insert the following new clause:

"3A. Section 8 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:

'8. The Chairman and the other members of the Board shall be paid salary and allowances in accordance with the arrangement entered into in pursuance of section 5.'

No. 2—Page 2, after clause 4, insert the following new clause:

'4A. Section 31 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:

'31. The person appointed to constitute the Tribunal shall be paid salary and allowances in accordance with the arrangement entered into in pursuance of section 30.'

No. 3—Page 3, SCHEDULE, clause 1, leave out "Section 8, sub-section", insert "Sub-section".

No. 4—Page 3, SCHEDULE, clause 2, leave out "Section 8, sub-sections", insert "Sub-sections".

No. 5—Page 4, SCHEDULE, clause 3, leave out:

"Section 31 . . . | Omit 'the last preceding section', substitute 'section 30'."

On the motion of Mr Street (Minister for Industrial Relations), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Street, the House adopted the report.

32 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HOMELESS PERSONS ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Message No. 324, dated 24 October 1979, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Homeless Persons Assistance Act 1974'*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 33 PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (YOUNG TO WAGGA WAGGA) BILL 1979: Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the construction by the Pipeline Authority of a pipeline from Young to Cootamundra and Wagga Wagga in New South Wales.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Newman moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 34 SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Newman (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act 1949*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Newman moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 35 INCOME TAX LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to income tax.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Howard continued his speech.

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

- 36 INCOME TAX (RATES) AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law declaring certain rates of income tax.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 37 INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUALS) BILL 1979: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax upon incomes, other than incomes of companies and of superannuation funds.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 38 INCOME TAX (COMPANIES AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 1979: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax upon incomes of companies and superannuation funds.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

25 October 1979—Message—

No. 327—Social Services Amendment 1979.

No. 328—National Health Amendment (No. 3) 1979.

No. 329—Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

No. 330—Repatriation Acts Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

40 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howard (Treasurer) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11.02 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 6 November next, at 3 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.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 25 October 1979, pursuant to statute:

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedule to the subsidy scheme in relation to the State of Queensland, dated 23 October 1979.

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

* On leave

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