

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 135

TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 1979

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- 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 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (SIR WILLIAM BRAND): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 26 October 1979, of Sir William Brand, C.B.E., a Member of this House for the Division of Wide Bay from 1954 to 1958.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
 - 3 DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (PARK CHUNG HEE): Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) referred to the death, on 26 October 1979, of His Excellency Park Chung Hee, President of the Republic of Korea, and paid tribute to the memory of the late President.
Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Bryant supported the remarks of the Deputy Prime Minister.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
 - 4 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Anthony, Mr Bradfield, Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Howard, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Kerin, Dr Klugman, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Morris and Mr Ruddock—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 Aldred, Mr Bouchier, Dr Cass, Mr Dawkins, Mr Fisher, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Martyr, Mr Nixon and Mr Staley—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Fisher, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Nixon, Mr Scholes and Mr Short—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 Burns, Dr Edwards, Mr Macphee and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.
 - Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Morris and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that Government proposals to sell publicly owned enterprises be rejected.
 - Mr Holding—from certain electors of Victoria praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.
 - Mr Morris—from certain electors of New South Wales in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Anthony—from certain members of the Italian community resident in Australia praying that the Italian Government's proposal for the retention of excursion fares be accepted.

- Mr Anthony—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.
- Mr Anthony—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.
- Mr Bouchier—from certain citizens praying that subsidies to pre-schools be increased to provide adequate pre-school services in South Australia.
- Mr Bowen—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.
- Mr Burns—from certain citizens praying that certain religious organizations be investigated.
- Mr Burns—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council and its recommendations be supported.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that policies which place Australian resources under foreign ownership and control be reversed.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the fee policy on overseas students be revoked.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that sillage charges be an allowable tax deduction.
- Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens praying that positive policies be adopted to reduce unemployment and that certain social security benefits be granted.
- Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens praying that fees for tertiary study not be reintroduced and that the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme not be threatened by the introduction of a loans scheme of student financing.
- Mr Short—from certain residents of Ballarat, Vic., praying that the allowance paid under the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be increased and that the scheme not be replaced by a system of student loans.
- Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that a ruling be given on the eligibility of persons in receipt of social security payments to nominate for Parliament and certain legislation be amended to expand pension benefits and health insurance cover.

Petitions received.

- 5 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that while Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) was indisposed he would answer questions on his behalf. Mr Anthony also informed the House that during the absence abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

6 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Research Grants Committee—Report on grants approved for 1980—Report.

Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science and the Environment).

Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1979.

Snowy Mountains Council—21st Annual Report, for year 1978-79.

Pursuant to statute:

Primary Industry Bank Act—Primary Industry Bank of Australia Limited—1st Annual Report, for period 28 July 1978 to 30 June 1979.

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

25 October 1979—Message—

No. 331—Overseas Students Charge 1979.

No. 332—Overseas Students Charge Collection 1979.

- 9 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:

29 October 1979—Message—

No. 198—

Migration Amendment 1979.

Migration Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

No. 199—

Overseas Students Charge 1979.

Overseas Students Charge Collection 1979.

No. 200—

Social Services Amendment 1979.

National Health Amendment (No. 3) 1979.

Health Insurance Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

Repatriation Acts Amendment (No. 2) 1979.

- 10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Connolly (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

176th Report—Report of the Auditor-General—Financial year 1977–78.

177th Report—Finance Minutes on the 168th and 173rd Reports, together with summaries of those reports.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Connolly, by leave, presented the following paper:

Funding of Tertiary Education—Statement by Tertiary Education Commission to Joint Committee of Public Accounts—

and, by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act* 1908, authorises the publication of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Connolly, by leave, made a statement in connection with the papers.

- 11 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Fry (Deputy Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the 68th series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs, together with copies of extracts from the minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Fry, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.

- 12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY AT YARRABAH RESERVE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to protect the rights of the Aboriginal community at Yarrabah Reserve in Queensland”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bowen addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

Mr Bouchier moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1979: Mr Staley (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act* 1978, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 DRUGS—AUSTRALIAN ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—INTERIM REPORT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Drugs—Australian Royal Commission of Inquiry—Interim report, dated September 1979.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Anthony, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

- 15 QUEENSLAND GRANT (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) 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. 201, dated 23 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 Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) 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—

Debate resumed by Mr Morris 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 is of the opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn and redrafted so as to exclude application of any increases in air navigation charges to general aviation pending receipt and consideration of the recommendations of the current inquiry into general aviation”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

- 17 CANNED FRUITS MARKETING 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. 202, dated 23 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 Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 CANNED FRUITS LEVY 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 CANNED FRUITS LEVY COLLECTION 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.
- 21 CANNED FRUIT (SALES PROMOTION) 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 22 EXCISE TARIFF 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 23 EXCISE 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 24 DRUGS—AUSTRALIAN ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—INTERIM REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement in relation to the interim report of the Australian Royal Commission of Inquiry into Drugs.
Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 25 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
And then the House, at 10.55 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.
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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 November 1979:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Wine Board—51st Annual Report for year 1978–79—Addendum and corrigenda to paper presented on 27 September 1979.

Pursuant to statute:

Bounty (Polyester-Cotton Yarn) Act—Return for period 1 October 1978 to 30 September 1979.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 41—Staff Superannuation Amendment.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1979—No. 5—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2).

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—P. Murray.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 228.

Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 235.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, Nos. 230, 233.

Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 224.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 234.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 231.

Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, Nos. 229, 232.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Transport—F. C. Hanson.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1979—No. 403—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 428—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 454—C.S.I.R.O. Laboratory Craftsmen Association.

No. 455—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 456—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 457—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization Technical Association.

No. 458—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

No. 459—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.

No. 460—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and another.

No. 461—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

No. 462—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1979/15—Holders of public offices on the Commission of Inquiry into the Efficiency and Administration of Hospitals.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 223.

Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 225.

Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 226.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 227.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1979—No. 32—Motor Traffic (Amendment).

Regulations—1979—No. 22 (Dentists Registration Ordinance).

Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 6 November 1979.

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, Victoria and Western Australia, dated 30 October 1979.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 39.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cotter, Mr Dean, Mr Fraser, Dr Jenkins*, Mr Lloyd*, Sir William McMahon and Mr Peacock.

*On leave

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