

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 139

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 1979

1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr Bradfield, Mr Carlton, Dr Klugman and Mr Morris—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 D. M. Cameron and Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Dr Cass and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council and its recommendations be supported.

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

Mr Hunt—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.

Mr Sainsbury—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 Simon—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of oil exploration within the Great Barrier Reef region and that the entire region be declared a Marine Park.

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

Mr West—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Cunningham praying that no legislative restrictions be placed on the Commissioner for Community Relations.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Street (Minister for Industrial Relations), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

International Labour Organisation—International Labour Conference—64th Session, June 1978—

Conventions—

No. 150—Labour Administration, 1978.

No. 151—Labour Relations (Public Service), 1978.

Recommendations—

No. 158—Labour Administration, 1978.

No. 159—Labour Relations (Public Service), 1978—

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

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Interim report, for year 1978–79.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for year 1978–79.

Rehabilitation in Health Services—Report by the Department of Health, dated August 1979.

Pursuant to statute:

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

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—47th Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1978–79.

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—15th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

6 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CONSUMER AFFAIRS COUNCIL—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Ellicott (Minister for the Capital Territory), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Consumer Affairs Ordinance—Consumer Affairs Council—6th Annual Report of the operations of the Council and of the Consumer Affairs Bureau, for year 1978–79.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act* 1908, authorises the publication of the report of the Australian Capital Territory Consumer Affairs Council and the Australian Capital Territory Consumer Affairs Bureau, for the year 1978–79, and

(2) That the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

7 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:

14 November 1979—Message No. 206—

Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Amendment 1979.

States Grants (Capital Assistance) 1979.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COAL INDUSTRY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Keating had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The rapid and alarming penetration into the Australian coal industry by the international oil majors and other foreign institutions, and the continuing alienation of Australia's sovereignty over its coal trade".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Keating addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 INCOME TAX—TRUSTS AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Howard (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of proposed modifications to the provisions for taxation of income of trusts and dependent children, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Income tax—Trusts and dependent children—Ministerial statement, 14 November 1979.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 SUGAR AGREEMENT 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.

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.

- 11 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS 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 by Dr Cass who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of opinion that the Government should be condemned for (a) the continuing decline in funding of Australian schools by its failure to honour its firm undertaking to provide for a minimum growth rate of 2% per annum in real terms for schools and (b) its failure to respond to glaring deficiencies and developing needs in the education system highlighted in reports to the Government by its advisory bodies”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 207, dated 25 October 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) 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—

Debate resumed by Dr Cass who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of opinion that the Government should be condemned for the (a) continuing decline in funding in real terms for tertiary education in Australia and the consequent long-term detrimental effects on the quality and standard of tertiary institutions and (b) continuing pressure being placed on State Governments to share the cost of tertiary education”.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 208, dated 6 November 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 13 PARLIAMENTARY CONTRIBUTORY SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 209, dated 14 November 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 E. L. Robinson, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Howard (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 WHEAT 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.

Mr Kerin addressing the House—

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

Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 210, dated 8 November 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 Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 WHEAT LEVY BILL (NO. 1) 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 Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 WHEAT LEVY 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 **WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REIMBURSEMENT OF BORROWING COSTS) 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 Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 **WHEAT PRODUCTS EXPORT ADJUSTMENT 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 Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 **WHEAT TAX 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 Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 **WHEAT RESEARCH 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. 211, dated 8 November 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 Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.
- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 14 November 1979, pursuant to statute:
Bounty (Bed Sheeting) Act—Return for period 1 September 1978 to 31 October 1979.

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

*On leave

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