

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 140

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1979

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- 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Right Honourable Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, K.B.E., M.P., Prime Minister of Fiji, was within the precincts. With the concurrence of Members, the distinguished visitor was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
 - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Katter, Mr Nixon and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
 - Mr Dobie, Mr Howard and Mr Kerin—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 Bryant—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.
 - Mr Cairns—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced to assist group re-settlement schemes.
 - Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying that Government proposals to sell publicly owned enterprises be rejected.
 - Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council and its recommendations be supported.
 - Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to implement those recommendations of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that will further undermine and weaken marriage, child-care or the family.
 - Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
 - 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 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 Yates—from certain citizens praying that tax concessions be allowed to approved voluntary overseas aid organisations.
- Petitions received.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Aboriginal Hostels Limited—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 25 June 1978 to 30 June 1979.
 - Australian Development Assistance—Annual Review, for year 1977-78.

Australian National Commission for UNESCO—
Biennial Report, for 1977 and 1978.

Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Australian National Railways Commission—Financial statements, together with
the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977–78.

Australian Safeguards Office—Report for year 1978–79.

Australian Shippers' Council—7th Annual Report, for year 1978–79, together
with financial statements.

Department of the Treasury—1st Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—1st Annual
Report, for period 19 June 1978 to 30 June 1979.

Radioactive waste management—

Report by the Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council, dated June 1979.

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

Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region—1st Annual Report—State-
ment by Senator Webster (Minister for Science and the Environment).

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute
of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the
Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—4th Annual Report and
financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year
1978–79.

Defence Service Homes Act—Defence Service Homes Corporation—Report and
financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year
1977–78.

Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—1st Annual Report of the
Supervising Scientist on the operation of the Act, for year 1978–79.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 12—
Privacy and the census.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth Ombudsman—2nd Annual Report, for year
1978–79.

- 6 DEFENCE REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence),
by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Defence Report 1979.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 7 CHILD MIGRANT EDUCATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Staley
(Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to statute, presented the
following paper:

Immigration (Education) Act—Provisions for child migrant education—Report
for year 1978–79.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 8 PROTECTIVE SECURITY REVIEW—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Anthony
(Deputy Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General,
presented the following paper:

Protective Security Review—Report of Mr Justice Hope, dated 15 May 1979
(*unclassified version*)—

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

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

9 INTERSCAN—ANNUAL REPORT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Interscan Australia Pty Ltd—Annual Report, for year 1978–79—

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

Mr Hurford, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the paper.

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

14 November 1979—Message No. 335—Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment.

11 TRANSPORT COSTS—PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Morris, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House is of the opinion that a select committee should be established to examine the impact of transport costs on:

(1) the efficient movement of goods and people within Australia;

(2) the development of Australia's industries, and

(3) Australia's ability to compete in overseas markets.

Mr Howe seconding the motion—

It being 2 hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1 be extended until 12.45 p.m. Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT POLICIES:

Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hurford had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Fraser Government's failure to devise and implement adequate industry development policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hurford addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

14 CUSTOMS 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—

Debate resumed by Mr Hurford 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 Government should be condemned for continuing to impose the 2 per cent ad valorem revenue customs duty on most goods imported duty free prior to 1 July because the duty—

(1) is inflationary and further erodes the competitiveness of Australian industry as the commodities subject to the duty are predominantly production inputs;

(2) is really a form of indirect taxation, and

(3) is in conflict with the Government's posturing in bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations".

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.

Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 15 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4) 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 Hurford 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 a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Tariffs and Excise should be established to examine each change in tariffs and excise following the gazettal of proposals or their being introduced into the Parliament on the one hand and before related Bills are introduced into the House on the other hand”.

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.

Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time. Debate ensued.

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

- 16 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1979: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the validation of certain collections of duties of Customs.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Macphee 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.

- 17 EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1979: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the validation of certain collections of duties of Excise. Bill read a first time.

Mr Macphee 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.

- 18 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT 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 Uren who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted because of the failure of the Homes Savings Grant Scheme to assist new home purchasers bridge the deposit gap in the context of rising housing prices, especially in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Darwin where the Scheme is virtually unworkable”.

Debate continued.

Mr Uren, during a personal explanation, asked leave to present a paper.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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.

Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 19 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—12TH REPORT: Mr Gillard (Chairman) presented the 12th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

12TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—Annual Report (Third), for year 1978–79.
- Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Annual Report (Twenty-seventh), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Attorney-General's Department—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Australia–Japan Foundation Act—Australia–Japan Foundation—Annual Report (Third), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—
 - Australian Bureau of Statistics—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
 - Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Annual Report (Third), for year 1978–79.
- Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Annual Report (Third), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Australian Institute of Marine Science—Annual Report of the Council, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report of the Council, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1978.
- Australian Overseas Projects Corporation Act—Australian Overseas Projects Corporation—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 23 November 1978 to 30 June 1979.
- Australian Research Grants Committee—Australian Research Grants Scheme—Report on Grants approved for 1980.
- Bounty (Polyester–Cotton Yarn) Act—Return for period 1 October 1978 to 30 September 1979.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Annual Report (Forty-seventh), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Canberra College of Advanced Education—Annual Report of the Council, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1978.
- Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—Annual Report (Thirty-second), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions—Volume 1—Report by the Distribution Commissioner appointed for the purpose of redistributing Western Australia into Electoral Divisions, together with a map showing the boundaries of each proposed Division, dated 22 April 1979.

- Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Annual Report (Eighteenth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Department of Finance—Annual Report (First), for year 1978–79.
- Department of Health—Director-General of Health—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Department of Housing and Construction—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Department of Industry and Commerce—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Department of Primary Industry—Annual Report (First), for year 1978–79.
- Education, Training and Employment—Index to the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Education and Training.
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Foreign Investment Review Board—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Annual Report (Fifteenth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—
- Industries Assistance Commission—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
 - Temporary Assistance Authority—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
- Furniture, dated 27 November 1978.
 - Grapes and Wine, dated 31 July 1979.
 - Passenger Motor Vehicles and Components—Import Restrictions, dated 6 August 1979.
 - Spirits, Spirituous Beverages, etc., dated 8 June 1979.
 - Sporting and Recreational Equipment, dated 27 April 1979.
- Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Annual Report (Fifth), for year 1978–79.
- Legislative Drafting Institute Act—Legislative Drafting Institute—Annual Report (Fifth), for year 1978–79.
- Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—Annual Report (Ninth), for year 1978–79.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Annual Report (Twenty-second), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- National Health Act—Registered Medical Benefits Organizations—Annual Report (Eighth), on the operations of the Organizations, for year 1977–78.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- National Training Council—Annual Report (Fifth), for 1978.
- Oilseeds Levy Collection and Research Act—Oilseeds Research Committee—Annual Report (Second), for year 1978–79.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year ended 31 March 1979.
- Patent, Trade Marks and Designs Office—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—Annual Report (Sixth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—Annual Report (Fourth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Poultry Research Advisory Committee—Report (Fifth), for period 1 July 1977 to 30 June 1979.

- Primary Industry Bank Act—Primary Industry Bank of Australia—Annual Report (First), for year 1978–79.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report, together with financial statement and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year ended 31 March 1979.
- Radiological Safety—Monte Bello Islands—Report by the Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council on Radiological Safety and Future Land Use in the Monte Bello Islands, dated August 1979.
- Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeals Tribunals—Annual Reports Nos. 1–4, for year 1978–79.
- Science and Industry Endowment Act—Science and Industry Endowment Fund—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Services Trust Funds Act—
- Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report (Thirty-second) by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1978.
 - Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report (Thirty-first) by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1978.
 - Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report, by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1978.
- Snowy Mountains Council—Annual Report (Twenty-first), for year 1978–79.
- Social Services Act—Department of Social Security—Annual Report of the Director-General, for year 1978–79.
- Student Assistance Act—Report on the operation of the Act, for 1978.
- Tobacco Industry Act—Tobacco Industry Trust Account—Annual Report (Twenty-fourth), for year 1978–79.
- United Nations—Disarmament Committee—1979 Session—Report of the Australian Delegation on the 1979 Session of the Committee on Disarmament, held at Geneva, 24 January–26 April and 14 June–14 August 1979.
- Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Australian Wine Board—Addendum to the Australian Wine Board Annual Report 1978–79.
- Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.

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R. GILLARD,
Chairman

Mr Gillard, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

- 20 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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 Nixon (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 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.

Mr Cadman was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 22 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT, DATED 15 NOVEMBER 1979:** Mr Speaker (Chairman) presented a report from the Standing Orders Committee, dated 15 November 1979, relating to the presentation of petitions and the method of raising matters of privilege.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 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 MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 24 **LOAN (FARMERS' DEBT ADJUSTMENT) REPEAL 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 Macphee (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.
- 25 **STATES AND NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS (RURAL ADJUSTMENT) 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 Macphee (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.
- 26 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.
 Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) required the debate to be extended.
 The debate continuing until 11.08 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 November 1979, pursuant to statute:

- Atomic Energy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 240.
- Bankruptcy Act—Rule—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 243.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, Nos. 241, 242.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinance—1979—No. 33—Court of Petty Sessions (Amendment).
 Regulations—1979—No. 24 (Co-operative Societies Ordinance).

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

* On leave

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