

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 142

WEDNESDAY, 21 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 Baillieu, Mr Bouchier, Mr Braithwaite, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Johnston and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Bowen, Mr Connolly and Sir William McMahon—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 E. C. Cameron, Mr Jarman and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council and its recommendations be supported.

Mr Cadman and Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.

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

Mr Connolly and Dr Edwards—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be maintained and Federal Government support for its activities be increased.

Dr Everingham and Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.

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

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered and that the regulation allowing the use of CB radio in marine situations be rescinded.

Dr Everingham—from certain electors of Queensland praying the the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.

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

Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that access to East Timor be obtained for Australian aid agencies and that certain other action in relation to immigration from East Timor be taken.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that redevelopment of Brisbane International Airport be postponed until proposals for a cross runway are considered.

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 L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens and overseas students praying that the fee policy on overseas students be revoked.

Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that prescriptive guidelines not be set for the Australian Schools Commission and that it be allowed to play its role as a national educative advisory body.

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

Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying for an increase in the child allowance and the removal of the cut in the mother's allowance when the youngest child reaches the age of 6 years.

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 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Atomic Energy Commission Research Establishment—Review of research activities and capacity, and proposals for the future—Report by the National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council, dated 14 November 1979.

Australian Capital Territory Police—Report for year 1978–79.

Department of Administrative Services—1st Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

National Womens' Advisory Council—1st Annual Report, for period 14 July 1978 to 30 June 1979.

United Nations—3rd Conference on the Law of the Sea, Resumed 7th Session, New York, 21 August to 15 September 1978—Report of Australian Delegation.

Pursuant to statute:

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

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—12th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—16th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

Darwin Reconstruction Act—Darwin Reconstruction Commission—Final Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July 1977 to 12 April 1978.

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1978.

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

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—19th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Australian Capital Territory—Statement of receipts and expenditure for year 1978–79.

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

- 5 MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—BILATERAL SETTLEMENTS WITH EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, JAPAN AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPER NOTED: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of bilateral settlements concluded with the European Economic Community, Japan and the United States of America in the multilateral trade negotiations, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Multilateral trade negotiations—Bilateral settlements with the European Economic Community, Japan and the United States of America, dated November 1979.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 TACTICAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT—SELECTION FOR FURTHER EVALUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of further steps taken in the selection of an aircraft to meet future tactical fighter force needs of the defence force, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Tactical fighter aircraft—Selection for further evaluation—Ministerial statement, 21 November 1979.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed redevelopment of Brisbane International Airport—Initial works of phase 1, Qld (10th report of 1979).

Ordered to be printed.

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

Mr Cairns asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 8 PAPER—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Carlton, by leave, presented the following paper: Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of observer delegation led by Mr J. J. Carlton, M.P., to the 2nd General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organisation (A.I.P.O.), Bangkok, Thailand, 27 September—3 October 1979— and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

- 9 PAPER—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cotter, by leave, presented the following paper: Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to Indonesia, The Philippines, Republic of Korea and Thailand by a delegation led by Senator D. B. Scott, 10–31 July 1979— and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC STAGFLATION: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Willis had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The intensification of stagflation in the Australian economy resulting from Government policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Willis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs), for Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That the House of Representatives approves of the redistribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs B. S. Nicholls, J. F. Morgan and F. W. Statham, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on 13 November 1979, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated in the map referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name of the Division suggested by the Commissioners for identification purposes to be named Canning be named O'Connor and that the name of the Division suggested to be named Roe be named Canning.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 13 PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (YOUNG TO WAGGA WAGGA) 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 Killen (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) 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 Dr Everingham 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 as soon as possible should extend by legislation the rights of Aborigines in the Northern Territory to Aborigines in the Australian Capital Territory".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Garland	Sir William McMahon	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Moore	Mr Thomson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	

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Mr Armitage	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Dr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Martin	
Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Morris	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 4 and 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6—

Dr Everingham moved the following amendment: Page 2, proposed section 37A, subsection (1), omit “Minister” (twice occurring), substitute “Parliament”.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 13, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

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

- 15 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PLANNING IN THE A.C.T.—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Ellicott (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government’s response to the report of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory on planning in the A.C.T., and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee—Report on planning in the A.C.T.—Government response—Ministerial statement, 21 November 1979.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) 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 Keating who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading as it is of the opinion that the existing coal export levies are indiscriminate and unworkable and their variations have resulted in a lower level of receipts from highly profitable coal ventures than would have been the case had a profits related taxing mechanism been established, and therefore calls upon the Government to introduce legislation to abolish the coal levies and replace the same with a resource rent tax which takes into account the real level of costs and profit”.

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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 17 CUSTOMS 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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION 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 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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 19 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was 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.

- 20 EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION 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 Keating 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 redrafted to exclude the validation of the collection of any increase in excise duty on stabilised crude petroleum oil”.

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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 21 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL 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 Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), the Bill was read a third time.

22 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications) 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.

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

*On leave

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