

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 146

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 1980

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 Jull, Mr Fife, Mr Martyr and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Connolly, Mr C. K. Jones and Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be maintained and Federal Government support for its activities be increased.

Mr Connolly, Mr C. K. Jones and Mr Uren—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 Cohen—from certain citizens praying that positive policies be adopted to reduce unemployment and that certain social security benefits be granted.

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.

Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the allowable private income level earned by sheltered workshop invalid pensioners be doubled to \$40 per week and then indexed.

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

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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Airport needs—

Copy of letter from Mr D. O. Tonkin (Premier of South Australia) to Mr Hunt, dated 12 February 1980.

MANS Study—Information outstanding from State sources—Notes.

Questions without notice continued.

4 MURRAY VALLEY SALINITY AND DRAINAGE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:

Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Murray Valley salinity and drainage—Development of a co-ordinated plan of action—Final report from Maunsell and Partners, dated 28 September 1979.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bouchier), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 SMALL BUSINESS AND THE TRADE PRACTICES ACT—REPORT OF TRADE PRACTICES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS: Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Small business and the Trade Practices Act—Report of Trade Practices Consultative Committee, dated 10 December 1979—

Volume 1—Views and recommendations.

Volume 2—Submissions to the committee.

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 papers, and
- (2) That the papers be printed.

Question—put and passed.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Applied Ecology Pty Ltd—6th Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Australian Capital Territory Fire Brigade—5th Annual Report by the Fire Commissioner, for year 1978–79.

Australian Manufacturing Council—Report for year 1978–79.

Christmas Island—Report for year 1978–79.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1978–79.

Employment prospects by industry and occupation—A labour market analysis—Report by Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, dated November 1979.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Baby carriages and parts therefor, dated 17 October 1979.

Certain bits of cemented carbides—Short term assistance, dated 19 September 1979.

Certain engines not exceeding 7.46 kW; rotary cultivators; and tractors having a power of less than 15 kW, dated 4 October 1979.

Coated copying film, dated 26 September 1979.

Passenger motor vehicles and components—Export facilitation—Interim report, dated 19 September 1979.

Publishing Industry, dated 17 October 1979.

Ships, boats and other vessels not exceeding 6000 tons gross register, dated 25 July 1979.

National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—5th Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1978–79.

Parole Board of the Australian Capital Territory—2nd report, for period 28 April 1978 to 30 June 1979.

Pursuant to statute:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Aboriginal Land Fund Act—Aboriginal Land Fund Commission—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

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

Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology—Board of Management—7th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

National Fitness Act—Report for year 1978–79.

National Railway Network (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement relating to financial assistance to Queensland for projects by way of the improvement of main railway lines, dated 15 November 1979.

Prices Justification Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—Report on Processed Food Industry, dated 31 August 1979.

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1978–79.

Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement relating to financial assistance to New South Wales and Victoria for urban expansion and redevelopment (Albury–Wodonga), dated 27 December 1979.

7 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT—PRESENTATION OF GAVEL—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House that on 14 January 1980 he had presented a gavel to the European Parliament on behalf of the Commonwealth Parliament and had extended an invitation to the European Parliament to send a delegation to Australia in 1980.

8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: Mr Viner (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a definite matter of public importance proposed to the Speaker by the honourable Member for Adelaide being submitted to the House for discussion before general business is called on.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY: Mr 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 failure of the Fraser Government to respond to the present grave difficulties of the Australian motor vehicle industry".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hurford addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—

(1) government business taking precedence of general business today, and

(2) the business listed for general business Thursday No. 12 taking precedence on the Notice Paper on the next general business Thursday.

Question—put and passed.

11 AGENT ORANGE AND VIETNAM VETERANS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's attitude to claims that contact with Agent Orange and other herbicides has adversely affected the health of Vietnam veterans and their children.

Dr Klugman, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

Mr Holding asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

12 AFGHANISTAN—INVASION BY SOVIET UNION: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Viner (Leader of the House)—That this House—

- (1) condemns the invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union as a gross violation of the United Nations Charter and of Afghanistan's non-aligned status; as involving acts of aggression and tyranny; as having a critically destabilizing effect on the region; and as potentially the gravest threat to international peace and security since 1945;
- (2) notes that a significant majority of world opinion, including Islamic opinion, has viewed the invasion with grave concern—as expressed in resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly on 14 January 1980 and at the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on 29 January 1980;
- (3) calls for the immediate unconditional and total withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan in order to enable that country to regain its sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and non-aligned status; and to permit its people to determine their own form of government free from external intervention, oppression, coercion or other constraint;
- (4) with a view to the furtherance of the aforementioned objectives, urges all independent-minded nations to take action separately or in concert to register with the Government and people of the Soviet Union, their abhorrence of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and
- (5) urges the provision of humanitarian relief assistance to alleviate the hardships of the Afghan refugees in co-ordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and calls for the attainment of conditions necessary to permit the voluntary return to their homes of the Afghan refugees—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hurford, viz.—That all words after "region" be omitted with a view to substituting the following:*
 - “(2) notes that a significant majority of world opinion, including Islamic opinion, has viewed the invasion with grave concern—as expressed in resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly on 14 January 1980 and at the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on 29 January 1980;
 - (3) calls for the immediate unconditional and total withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan in order to enable that country to regain its sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and non-aligned status; and to permit its people to determine their own form of government free from external intervention, oppression, coercion or other constraint;
 - (4) with a view to the furtherance of the aforementioned objectives, urges all independent-minded nations to take action separately or in concert to register with the Government and people of the Soviet Union, their abhorrence of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan;
 - (5) urges the provision of humanitarian relief assistance to alleviate the hardships of the Afghan refugees in co-ordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and calls for the attainment of conditions necessary to permit the voluntary return to their homes of the Afghan refugees;
 - (6) views with extreme concern the possibility that strategic arms limitation may be abandoned and an uncontrolled arms race resumed;
 - (7) urges the Government to recognise the serious problems which exist in Australia's own region and which have a direct effect upon Australia and its future;
 - (8) calls on the Government to take a diplomatic initiative directed at convening an international conference which would have the objective of demilitarising Kampuchea and allowing the people of that country to determine their own future, and
 - (9) condemns the double standard applied by the Prime Minister in sanctions against the Soviet Union by harassing Australian athletes while permitting continued trade.”—

Debate resumed.

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

- 13 REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT—COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House of procedures being implemented to draw attention to those authorities and bodies who fail to meet their statutory reporting requirements.

- 14 LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1980: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of a sum not exceeding \$3,000,000 for a defence purpose, namely, financial assistance to South Australia and Western Australia in connection with war service land settlement.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 16 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Act 1971*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 1 TO 3 (1980) AND EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 1 (1980): Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (1980), and Excise Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1980).

Debate ensued.

Mr Bouchier moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett*	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Drummond	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon*	Mr Willis
Dr Everingham	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr James	Mr Morris	
Mr Fry	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That the following Tariff proposals, constituting part of order of the day No. 62, government business, be discharged—

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 16 to 30 (1979), and
Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Proposals (1979).

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett*	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Drummond	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Cairns	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	

NOES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hurford	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Dr Everingham	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr James	Mr J. L. McMahon*	Mr Willis
Mr Fry	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

19 AFGHANISTAN—INVASION BY SOVIET UNION: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Viner (Leader of the House) relating to the invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hurford (see pages 1262-3)—*

Debate resumed.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 33

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Humphreys	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr Everingham	Mr Jacobi	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Young
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr James	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Fry	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	
Mr Hayden	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Morris	

NOES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bourchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett*	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) 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 11.05 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Dr Blewett, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Groom, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Mr Peacock and Mr Shack.

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