

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 148

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 1980

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 Burns, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Howe, Mr L. K. Johnson and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Fisher and Mr O'Keefe—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 Bowen—from certain citizens praying that the Human Rights Commission Bill 1979 and the Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 1979 be returned to the Senate so that all elected Senators are able to be present and vote on the legislation.

Mr J. J. Brown—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Maranoa praying that the present policy of taxing fuel to the extent of maintaining world oil price parity be modified to exclude rural people from this tax.

Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying that the laws relating to sexual offences against women be revised to give greater protection to victims.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain sports men and women and others praying that the participation of a full Australian contingent at the Moscow Olympic Games be ensured.

Mr Kerin—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 the National Women's Advisory Council be maintained and Federal Government support for its activities be increased.

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

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 AFGHANISTAN—INVASION BY SOVIET UNION—AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY RESPONSE: Mr Viner (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House is of the opinion that the Australian Labor Party, led by the Leader of the Opposition, is seeking to undermine the efforts of Australia and other like-minded nations to establish an effective response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan which would bring home to the Soviet Government and people the grave threat to world peace of the Soviet action.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” (first occurring) be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House is of the opinion that the Government should be condemned for not seeking a bi-partisan policy in relation to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and for its deliberate attempts to seek political advantage by the adoption of double standards in sanctions against the Soviet Union”.

Debate continued.

Mr Scholes rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 72

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Howard	Mr Neil
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Fraser	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Cadman	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Calder	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Carlton	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Chapman	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner

NOES, 33

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 72

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Howard	Mr Neil
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
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Mr Cadman	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Calder	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
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Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis
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Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr L. B. McLeay	
Dr Everingham	Mr James	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Commonwealth and State Meat Inspection Systems—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated January 1980.

Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme: Recommended Rates of Assistance at 31 January 1979—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated October 1979.

Pursuant to statute:

Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—48th Annual Report, and statements of receipts and expenditure certified by the Auditor-General, for year 1978–79.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX CUTS: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr Willis and Mr Burr had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, Mr Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Willis, namely, "The need for tax cuts to relieve the increased burden of taxation that has occurred under the Fraser Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Willis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Dawkins addressing the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

7 COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION 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 Fry rising to address 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 Martin, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges*	Mr Newman
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hodgman	Mr Nixon
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Shipton
Mr Burns	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Gillard	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Martyr	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Millar	
Mr Carlton	Mr Groom	Mr Moore	

NOES, 28

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr James	Mr J. L. McMahon
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Dr Everingham	Mr Innes	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Young

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Innes, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Proposed new clause—

Page 1, after clause 2 insert the following new clause:

“2A. The long title of the Principal Act is amended by adding ‘and ^{Long title} the financing of the Australian Capital Territory’.”

Amendments—

Clause 3, page 2, lines 4 and 5, omit “financing of works and services provided in respect of”, substitute “receipt and expenditure of public funds within”.

Clause 3, page 2, proposed section 16B, omit sub-section (2), substitute the following sub-section:

“(2) In sub-section (1), “receipt and expenditure of public funds” includes all aspects of public finance whether of a type normally provided or collected by Commonwealth, State or local governments either together or separately.’”.

Debate continued.

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

Adjournment negatived: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 32

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

NOES, 71

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Howard	Mr Moore
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Bourchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bungey	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Burns	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Calder	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Ellicott, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 COMMONWEALTH SERUM LABORATORIES 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 Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 February 1980, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariff Act—Orders—Developing country—

No. 14 (1979).

No. 1 (1980).

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

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives