

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

No. 159

MONDAY, 31 MARCH 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 Carlton and Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that taxation laws be amended to increase incentives to persons providing for their own retirement benefits.

Mr Calder and Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

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

Mr C. R. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that tax laws be reformed to allow joint incomes to be equally divided, for taxation purposes, between husband and wife.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to reduce the excise duty on Australian rum.

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

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 O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that pensions and benefits be increased and adjusted quarterly and that greater taxation relief be given to pensioners and others on low incomes.

Petitions received.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT OVERSEAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Howard (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of modifications to the amounts and categories of portfolio investment overseas that may be undertaken by Australian residents.

Mr Willis, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

5 **HERBICIDES AND CHEMICALS—EFFECTS ON VIETNAM VETERANS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to investigations into the effects of exposure to herbicides and chemicals on the health of Australian Vietnam veterans and their children.

Dr Everingham, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Holding asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
- 27 March 1980—Message—
 - No. 409—International Development Association (Further Payment) 1980.
 - No. 410—Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Amendment 1980.
 - No. 411—Bankruptcy Amendment 1980.
 - No. 412—Customs Amendment (No. 2) 1980.
- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: 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 Bill:
- 28 March 1980—Message No. 244—Pipeline Construction (Young to Wagga Wagga) 1980.
- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FOREIGN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES: 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 increasing degree of foreign ownership and control of Australian industry and resources under the Fraser Government”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Willis addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 9 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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.
- 10 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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 Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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 Hunt (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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 Hunt (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

13 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 31 March 1980, pursuant to statute:

Bounty (Paper) Act—Return for period 6 February 1979 to 5 February 1980.

Bounty (Rotary Cultivators) Act—Return for period 5 February 1979 to 4 February 1980.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1980/1—Deputy President (non-judicial) of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and holders of public offices on other bodies.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 28.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Burr, Mr Cadman, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Dawkins, Dr Edwards, Mr Goodluck, Mr Graham, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Lynch, Mr Macphee, Mr Peacock, Mr Sinclair and Mr Yates.

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