

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 164

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 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.:

Dr Cass, Mr Fry, Mr Holding and Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that positive policies be adopted to reduce unemployment and that certain social security benefits be granted.

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

Mr Burns and Mr Howe—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.

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

Mr Dawkins and Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that eligibility for service pensions be extended to include merchant seamen.

Mr James and Mr Lucock—from certain residents of Greta, N.S.W., praying that steps be taken to persuade the Australian Telecommunications Commission not to move the External Plant School from its present site.

Mr Bradfield—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.

Mr Bradfield—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 J. J. Brown—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 Burns—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to prohibit the use of public moneys for the killing of the unborn.

Mr Calder—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 Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced to require labelling of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations to indicate any use of animal ingredients during manufacture.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the special pension entitlement be extended to a deceased pensioner's next-of-kin where that person is also a pensioner and bears the financial responsibility for the burial.

Mr Porter—from certain electors praying that the Citizen's Band Radio Service known as the High Frequency Band be allowed to continue after 1 July 1982.

Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the import parity price levy on transport fuel be reduced by 15 cents per litre for 12 months.

Mr Yates—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Holt praying that the export of aged and sick horses be prohibited.

Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that early optional retirement at age 60 with full pension entitlements be introduced to relieve unemployment.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 EFFICIENCY AUDIT—REPORT OF AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY FUNCTION—PUBLICATION OF PAPER AND REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Efficiency Audit—Australian Property Function—Department of Administrative Services—Report of Auditor-General, dated 17 April 1980.

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 report of the Auditor-General on an efficiency audit of the Department of Administrative Services—Australian Property Function, and

(2) That the report be referred to the Standing Committee on Expenditure for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Double edged safety razor blades, dated 28 February 1980.

Pursuant to statute:

Dried Fruits Research Act—Dried Fruits Research Committee—8th Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

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

16 April 1980—Message No. 416—Currency Amendment 1980.

7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Fry (Deputy Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the 69th series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs, together with the transcript of evidence and copies of extracts from the minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Fry, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.

8 FOREIGN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES—PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Hurford, pursuant to notice, moved—That a select committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and report on the growing foreign ownership and control of Australian resources and to make recommendations concerning the need to reverse this trend and to establish adequate code-of-conduct guidelines for those foreign companies operating in Australia.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for general business notices: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of general business notices being continued until 1 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

The extended time allotted for precedence to general business notices having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Bradfield was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRANS-AUSTRALIA AIRLINES:

Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Morris had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The growing public concern arising from pressures on the Government to sell Trans-Australia Airlines".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Morris rising to address the House—

Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 58

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahan	Mr Viner
Mr Carlton	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett*	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 31

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Martin
Dr Blewett	Mr Holding	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Humphreys	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Dr Cass	Mr James	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr J. L. McMahan*	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10 DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING: Mr Viner (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the times specified:

Monday, 21 April	2.15 p.m.
Tuesday, 22 April	2.15 p.m.
Wednesday, 23 April	10.30 a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11 TASMANIAN NATIVE FORESTRY AGREEMENT BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an agreement between the Commonwealth and Tasmania in connection with Tasmanian native forestry.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (GRANTS) BILL 1980: Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory in connection with the prices, when sold for certain non-commercial uses, of liquefied petroleum gas and gas produced by the use of liquefied petroleum gas or naphtha.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) 1980: Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 2 (1980): Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Excise Tariff Proposals No. 2 (1980).
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hodges), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 AUSTRALIAN FILM COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Film Commission Act 1975*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Ellicott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL BILL 1980: Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian War Memorial.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Ellicott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1979–80: 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 Willis who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House—
- (a) notes the failure, and rejects the inherent implausibility, of the Government’s policies of—
 - (i) fighting inflation by raising prices,
 - (ii) encouraging employment by increasing unemployment, and
 - (iii) improving living standards by reducing wages;
 - (b) deplores the accelerating increases in the rate of inflation and interest rates;
 - (c) opposes the continuing suppression of Australian economic activity which has caused 4 years of depressed economic growth rates, declining living standards and rising unemployment;
 - (d) rejects the growing burden of income tax and petrol tax and their increasingly inequitable incidence;
 - (e) expresses alarm at the continuing deterioration of the social infrastructure and essential community services resulting from 4 years of falling real expenditure, and

(f) deplores the effects of these policies which have been to make Australia an increasingly unjust, economically insecure and fragmented society”.

Debate continued.

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

- 19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (DALTON TO CANBERRA) BILL 1980: Message No. 415, dated 16 April 1980 from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to authorize the construction by the Pipeline Authority of a pipeline from Dalton in New South Wales to Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fife (Minister for Education) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 20 WOOL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Industry Act 1972*. Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 21 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—WOOL TAX AMENDMENT BILLS: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent 5 Wool Tax Amendment Bills—

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee’s report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and

(b) the consideration of the Bills in one committee of the whole.

Question—put and passed.

- 22 WOOL TAX (NOS. 1 TO 5) AMENDMENT BILLS 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following Bills:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 1) 1964*;

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 2) 1964*;

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 3) 1964*;

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 4) 1964*, and

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 5) 1964*.

Bills together read a first time.

Mr Nixon moved—That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

- 23 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1979–80: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Willis, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House—*

(a) notes the failure, and rejects the inherent implausibility, of the Government’s policies of—

(i) fighting inflation by raising prices,

(ii) encouraging employment by increasing unemployment, and

(iii) improving living standards by reducing wages;

(b) deplores the accelerating increases in the rate of inflation and interest rates;

(c) opposes the continuing suppression of Australian economic activity which has caused 4 years of depressed economic growth rates, declining living standards and rising unemployment;

- (d) rejects the growing burden of income tax and petrol tax and their increasingly inequitable incidence;
- (e) expresses alarm at the continuing deterioration of the social infrastructure and essential community services resulting from 4 years of falling real expenditure, and
- (f) deplores the effects of these policies which have been to make Australia an increasingly unjust, economically insecure and fragmented society”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 59

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier*	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 27

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Keating	Mr West
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahon*	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr James	Mr Martin	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Adjournment negated: It being past 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

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.

On the motion of Mr Thomson, the Bill was read a third time.

24 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1979–80: 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 Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment), the Bill was read a third time.

25 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment) 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 Monday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 April 1980, pursuant to statute:

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1980—

No. 83—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and others.

No. 84—Electrical Trades Union of Australia. †

No. 85—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 86—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 87—Customs Officers Association of Australia, Fourth Division. †

(† Not accompanied by statement)

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baillieu, Mr Braithwaite, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Cairns, Dr Edwards, Mr Fraser, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr Lucock, Mr Macphee, Mr Shipton and Mr Young.

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