

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 166

TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 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 Dobie, Mr Fisher, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr MacKenzie, Mr L. B. McLeay, Mr Morris and Mr Street—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 Dawkins, Mr Holding, Mr Innes, Mr James, Mr Kerin and Mr Willis—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 Holding, Mr James and Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that a treaty be negotiated between the Aboriginal people of Australia and the Commonwealth.

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

Mr Anthony—from certain citizens praying that the use of 24D and 245T be banned in the Lismore district, N.S.W., until the findings of the Commonwealth Government inquiry into these herbicides are released.

Mr Bowen—from certain citizens praying that tax concessions be allowed to approved voluntary overseas aid organisations.

Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to explore techniques which would replace the use of living animals for scientific investigation.

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

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

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

Mr Dean—from certain citizens praying that the Government approve proposals such as that by Ansett Airlines of Australia to operate a service between Townsville, Qld, and Singapore via Darwin, N.T. and that an international airport in North Queensland be proceeded with.

Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying that a cycle path be constructed between Alexander Street, Red Hill and Deakin, A.C.T.

Mr Johnston—from certain residents of Victoria praying that carcass trade be promoted and that exports of live animals for slaughter be banned.

Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that greater assistance be given to resettle refugees in Australia.

Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that legislation be amended to enable merchant seamen who were prisoners of war to be defined as members of the forces for the purposes of entitlements to repatriation benefits.

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that Commonwealth responsibilities towards the Aboriginal people be honoured according to the spirit of the 1967 referendum vote.

Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to improve the standard of living of the Aboriginal people.

Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that there be no extension of Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney.

Mr Morris—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 Young—from certain citizens praying that the boycott of the Moscow Olympic Games proposed by the Government be withdrawn and that it take certain other action on the matter.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Deportation of persons convicted of criminal offences—Government policy—Statement by Mr Macphee (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs).

United Nations—Commission on Human Rights—36th Session, Geneva, 4 February to 14 March 1980—Report of Australian Delegation.

Yingawunarri (Old Top Springs) Mudbura land claim—

Report to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Minister for Home Affairs by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner, dated 19 October 1979.

Statement by Senator Chaney (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs).

Pursuant to statute:

National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement relating to financial assistance for projects in connection with the development and management of water resources in Victoria, dated 14 March 1980.

5 IRAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of recent Government decisions on relations with Iran.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Peacock, by leave, made a further statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Hayden asked leave to make a further statement in connection with the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

6 PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Foreign Affairs and Defence—Senate Standing Committee—Report on Australian representation overseas—Government response.

Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs) asked leave to make a statement with reference to the paper.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

7 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Fife (Minister for Education) asked leave to make a ministerial statement relating to an inquiry into management education.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
- Report relating to the proposal for Holsworthy Army Development, Stage 2, N.S.W. (2nd report of 1980).
 - Report relating to the proposed rehabilitation of Radio Australia facilities, Cox Peninsula, N.T. (3rd report of 1980).
- Severally ordered to be printed.
- 9 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 14—Lands acquisition and compensation.
- Mr Ellicott (Acting Attorney-General) asked leave to make a ministerial statement with reference to the paper.
- Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Law Reform Commission—Report No. 14—Lands acquisition and compensation—Statement by Mr Ellicott.
- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—KIMBERLEY ABORIGINES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr West, Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Hodgman had each proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr West, namely, “The urgent need for the use of Commonwealth powers to prevent deteriorating relations between the Kimberley Aborigines and mining companies and the Western Australian Government”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
- Mr West addressed the House.
- Discussion ensued.
- Discussion concluded.
- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1980–81—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1980–81: Message No. 253, dated 22 April 1980, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced—
- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1981, for which interim provision is necessary and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly; and
 - (b) recommending to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1981, for the payment of such increases in salaries and wages and payments in the nature of salary, for which provision is made in the attached particulars of proposed expenditure as have become payable or become payable, or have commenced or commence to be paid, during that year in accordance with any law, or in accordance with an award, order or determination made under a law.
- Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1981.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE 1980–81—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1980–81: Message No. 254, dated 22 April 1980, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed expenditure from

the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1981, for which interim provision is necessary and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1981.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), for Mr Viner (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the first order of the day, government business, on Wednesday, 23 April, being “Grievance” debate.

(2) That standing orders 101 and 106 be read as if Wednesday, 23 April, were an alternate sitting Thursday to which standing order 106 would normally apply.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

14 MIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Macphee (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 5 and 11c of the *Migration Act* 1958.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (GRANTS) 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 255, dated 21 April 1980, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

16 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Moore
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Neil
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Newman
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson

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

*Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE 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 by Dr Klugman who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “as the present arrangements for the policing of major drug trafficking legislation are unsatisfactory and proposed arrangements for the transfer to the Australian Federal Police of former officers of the Narcotics Bureau will produce anomalies and unfairness, the bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for—

- (1) the creation of a further major component of the Australian Federal Police to be responsible for the policing of Federal and State drug trafficking legislation, such component to be accountable to the Australian Federal Police Commissioner, and through him to the Minister and the Parliament;
- (2) the proposed component to comprise A.F.P. officers, together with a significant number of experienced officers seconded from State Police forces, such State officers to continue to operate as far as possible in their home States, and not to be prejudiced in their career advancement by accepting such secondment, and
- (3) an arrangement whereby former members of the Narcotics Bureau who seek transfer to the Australian Federal Police, and who are considered qualified in this respect by the Commissioner, may be appointed as officers or non-commissioned officers of the proposed new narcotics component”.

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

Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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, 62

Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges*	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett*	Mr Hunt	Mr Martyr	
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Moore	

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 J. E. McLeay, the Bill was read a third time.

18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 4, government business, being called on.

Question—put and passed.

19 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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 J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.14 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 22 April 1980, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Determination—1980—No. 16—Indonesia (Maluku) Allowance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cairns, Mr Carlton, Dr Edwards, Mr Fisher, Mr Graham, Mr Howard, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Lucock and Mr Yates.

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives