

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 180

TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 1980

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- 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Honourable Sevese Morea, M.P., Speaker of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea was present in the gallery.  
Mr Speaker also informed the House that delegates attending the 5th Australasian Parliamentary Seminar were present in the gallery.  
On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.
  - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mr Baume, Mr Bouchier, Mr Bungey, Mr C. R. Cameron, Dr Cass, Mr Chapman, Mr Dobie, Mr Giles, Mr Gillard, Mr Graham, Mr Hayden, Mr Hodges, Mr Hodgman, Mr Hurford, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Killen, Mr McLean, Mr Millar, Mr Nixon, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Peacock, Mr Porter, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Scholes, Mr Shack, Mr Thomson and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that funding of the Preston Institute of Technology Chiropractic Program be no longer delayed.
    - Dr Cass, Mr Innes, Mr Katter, Mr Macphee, Mr Morris and Mr Nixon—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 Fry, Mr Hodgman, Mr Innes, Dr Klugman, Sir William McMahon and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.
    - Mr Bouchier, Mr Bowen, Mr Carlton, Mr Kerin and Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to compensate the victims of the bomb disaster at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney, N.S.W.
    - Mr Hodgman and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that contributions to superannuation funds be removed from the rebate system and made a separate deduction from assessable income.
    - Mr Burns—from certain citizens praying that diplomatic representations be made to the United Nations and to the Government of the Polish Peoples' Republic to uphold the demands of the Polish workers' movement.
    - Mr Burns—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Isaacs praying that the Family Law Act be amended to abolish the maintenance and alimony system.
    - Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.
    - Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to implement those recommendations of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that will further undermine and weaken marriage, child-care or the family.

- Mr FitzPatrick—from certain citizens praying that Commonwealth road funding be increased for the 1980–83 triennium, active Commonwealth financial interest in the funding of all roads be maintained, and a proportion of all road funds be directed towards local government.
- Mr Fry—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 Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that contributions to health insurance funds be tax deductible.
- 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 Katter—from certain citizens praying that section 26E of the Income Tax Assessment Act not be implemented in respect of employer-provided housing in central Queensland.
- Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that the funding of women's health centres and rape crisis centres be increased.
- Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
- Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant breeders' rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes not be introduced.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that certain religious organisations be investigated with a view to introducing appropriate legislation to restrict their activities.
- Mr Nixon—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.
- Mr Uren—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Lowe praying that the Abbotsford Point Quarantine Station, N.S.W. be dedicated for public recreation.

Petitions received.

4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute:

Status of financial statements of statutory authorities and other activities—Report of Auditor-General, dated 26 August 1980.

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Defence Report 1980.

Functional classification of outlays—Departmental estimates 1980–81—Report by Department of Finance, dated August 1980.

Hospitals—Efficiency and Administration—Commission of Inquiry—Interim report, dated 30 June 1980.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Chemical Products (Part B), dated 31 October 1979.

International sale of goods—

Convention on contracts for the international sale of goods, adopted at Vienna on 10 April 1980.

Explanatory memorandum prepared by the Attorney-General's Department, dated 4 August 1980.

Protocol amending the Convention on the limitation period in the international sale of goods, adopted at Vienna on 10 April 1980.

Treaty—Text of Food Aid Convention of the International Wheat Agreement 1971. Pursuant to statute:

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—3rd Annual Report, for year ended 31 August 1979.

- 7 ABORIGINES OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—SOCIAL IMPACT OF URANIUM MINING—AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES REPORT AND STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers: Aborigines of the Northern Territory—Social Impact of uranium mining—Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—  
Report for period 1 October 1979 to 31 March 1980.  
Statement by Senator Chaney (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs).  
Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers. Question—put and passed.
- 8 DEFENCE BUDGET, 1980–81—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the defence budget for the year 1980–81, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Defence budget, 1980–81—Ministerial statement, 26 August 1980.  
Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Garland, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Scholes speaking for a period not exceeding 38 minutes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Neil), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 9 TO 15 (1980): Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 (1980).  
Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 31 to 35 (1979) and Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 to 7 (1980), constituting part of order of the day No. 49, government business, be discharged.  
Question—put and passed.
- 11 ENERGY POLICY AND RELATED RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's energy policy and related resource development, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Energy policy and related resource development—Ministerial statement, 26 August 1980.  
Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Garland, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Keating speaking for a period not exceeding 29 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Mr Cairns rising to address the House—

*Closure of Member moved:* Mr Hurford moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and negatived.

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

- 12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HUMAN RIGHTS: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure by the Fraser Government to uphold the principles of human rights”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bowen addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 13, order of the day No. 1 and notice No. 14, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1980-81—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Sainsbury addressing the House—

- 15 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.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 August 1980, pursuant to statute:

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, Nos. 234, 235.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance—1980—No. 3—Education.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 236.

Customs Tariff Act—Orders—

Declared preference country—No. 1 (1980).

Developing country—Nos 2, 3 (1980).

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1980, Nos 238, 239.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Employment and Youth Affairs—G. E. Rose.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1980—No. 12 (Fire Brigade (Administration) Ordinance).

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—1980—  
Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment  
No. 1  
Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 1  
Wheat Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 237.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Aldred, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Martin, Mr Peacock and Mr I. L. Robinson.

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