

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 184

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Baume, Mr Carlton, Mr Haslem, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Nixon and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that funding of the Preston Institute of Technology Chiropractic Program be no longer delayed.
 - Mr Johnston, Mr Killen and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
 - Mr Baume and Mr Lucock—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 Bowen and Mr MacKenzie—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the allocation of funds for government school programs be restored and substantially increased.
 - Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Neil—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 Nixon and Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant breeders' rights in Australia be rejected.
 - Mr Baume—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment and in the provision of unemployment benefits, based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.
 - Mr N. A. Brown—from certain citizens praying that the Government fulfil its stated policy of self-determination and self-management for Aboriginals and use the powers conferred on it by the 1967 referendum to intervene on behalf of the Aboriginal people in any conflict with any State or Territory Government.
 - 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 Ellicott—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be maintained and Federal Government support for its activities be increased.
 - Mr Ellicott—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.
 - Mr Johnston—from certain citizens praying that carcass trade be promoted and that exports of live animals for slaughter be banned.
 - Mr Johnston—from certain citizens praying that a Lands Commissioner be appointed for Queensland.
 - Mr MacKenzie—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 Wallis—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Grey praying that rents charged for housing at Woomera, S.A., be not increased.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Film and Television School—Interim statement, together with financial statements, for year 1979–80.

Department of Home Affairs—Interim statement and financial tables, for year 1979–80.

Department of Industrial Relations—Report for period 5 December 1978 to 30 June 1980.

Pursuant to statute:

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1979–80.

5 LAW REFORM COMMISSION—REPORT ON PRIVACY AND THE CENSUS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Howard (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Law Reform Commission—Report on privacy and the census—Government response.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

6 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON TRAFFICKING IN FAUNA IN AUSTRALIA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Environment and Conservation—Standing Committee—Report on trafficking in fauna in Australia—Government response.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

7 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PRESERVATION OF THE QUINKAN GALLERIES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Environment and Conservation—Standing Committee—Report on preservation of the Quinkan Galleries, Cape York Peninsula—Government response.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

9 September 1980—Message—

No. 520—Loan 1980.

No. 521—Australian Industry Development Corporation Amendment 1980.

No. 522—Atomic Energy Amendment (No. 2) 1980.

9 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

1 September 1980—Message No. 289—Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Amendment 1980.

8 September 1980—Message—

No. 290—

Immigration (Unauthorized Arrivals) 1980.

Preference to Australian Goods (Commonwealth Authorities) 1980.

Australia Council Amendment 1980.
 Museum of Australia 1980.
 Delivered Meals Subsidy Amendment 1980.

No. 291—

National Health Amendment 1980.
 Nursing Homes Assistance Amendment 1980.

- 10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the modernization of fleet base and dockyard, Garden Island, N.S.W., Stage 1 (9th report of 1980).

Ordered to be printed.

- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC SITUATION: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Willis and Mr Cairns 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, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Willis, namely, "The threat of an imminent credit squeeze and steeply rising interest rates stemming from the failure of Government economic management".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Willis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 12 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Navigation (Charges) Act 1952*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 HANGAR COMPLEX, HMAS *Albatross*, NOWRA, N.S.W.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a new hangar complex at HMAS *Albatross*, Nowra, N.S.W.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE COMPLEX AND ACCESS PAVEMENTS, R.A.A.F. BASE, DARWIN, N.T.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of an aircraft maintenance complex and access pavements at R.A.A.F. Base, Darwin, N.T.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 SOCIAL SERVICES 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: "the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for—

- (1) increases in the allowances for children of pensioners and beneficiaries and double orphans' pension to compensate for increases in the Consumer Price Index since they were last increased;

- (2) increases in the mothers'/guardians' allowance to compensate for inflation since it was last increased;
- (3) removal of the discrimination against unemployment beneficiaries in the Social Services Act, and
- (4) increases in family allowance payments to low income families to compensate them for their falling standard of living".

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)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr McVeigh
Mr Aldred	Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr
Mr Baillieu	Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Corbett	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Thomson
Mr Burns	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Yates
Mr Cairns	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahon	

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Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon*
Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Mr James	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Uren
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Kerin	Mr Willis
Dr Everingham	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Young

* 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 292, dated 27 August 1980, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 22, page 9, omit sub-clause (3), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(3) In so far as an amendment made by this Act affects instalments of unemployment or sickness benefit, then—

(a) where the amendment is a prescribed amendment—the amendment applies in relation to every instalment of benefit that falls due on or after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent; or

(b) in any other case—the amendment applies in relation to every instalment of benefit that falls due on or after 1 November 1980.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

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

- 16 DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 Mr Uren who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for a more realistic maximum loan limit in the light of house and land prices in the capital cities”.
 Debate continued.
 Amendment negatived.
 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 Adermann (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 REPATRIATION ACTS 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 293, dated 27 August 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 Adermann (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 Blewett who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill, the House regrets the Government’s failure to extend pensioner health benefit provisions to unemployed beneficiaries, the only major category of social service beneficiaries excluded from pensioner health benefit provisions”.
 Debate continued.
 Mr Kerin addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
 Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
 Question—put and negatived.

 Mr Kerin continued his speech.
 Amendment negatived.
 Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 293, dated 27 August 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 MacKellar, the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 HEALTH INSURANCE 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 294, dated 27 August 1980, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill. The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

Panels for appointments to Committees

“4A. (1) Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

‘(d) the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; and’.

“(2) Where there was, immediately before the commencement of this section, a member of a Committee who was appointed from a panel nominated by the body referred to in paragraph 50 (1) (d) of the Principal Act, then, for the purposes of the operation of sections 53 and 56 of the Principal Act as amended by this Act, the member shall be deemed to have been appointed from a panel nominated by the body referred to in paragraph 50 (1) (d) of the Principal Act as amended by this Act.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr I. L. Robinson reported accordingly.

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

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health) 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 tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 September 1980, pursuant to statute:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1980—

No. 3—Survey of labour costs 1980–81.

No. 4—Annual census and quarterly survey of oil shale exploration.

No. 5—New topic to be included in the population survey, November 1980.

No. 6—New survey of energy research and experimental development (R & D).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calder, Dr Edwards, Mr Fraser, Mr Graham*, Dr Jenkins, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Macphee, Mr Martin, Mr Moore, Mr Neil, Mr Peacock and Mr Ruddock.

* On leave

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