

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 185

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 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.:

Mr Cadman, Mr Fry, Mr Gillard, Mr Haslem, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jarman, Mr Porter and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that funding of the Preston Institute of Technology Chiropractic Program be no longer delayed.

Dr Cass, Mr Cohen, Mr Holding, Mr Innes, Mr L. R. Johnson, Dr Klugman and Mr Uren—from certain citizens and permanent residents praying that permanent funding be provided for an adequate and permanent English language teaching service.

Mr Hodges, Mr Jarman, Mr Jull and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Dr Everingham, Mr Fry and Mr Haslem—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 Humphreys, Mr Jull and Mr L. B. McLeay—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 Nixon, Mr Simon and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that adequate public housing be provided throughout Australia and in particular to persons on low income in Latrobe Valley, Vic.

Mr FitzPatrick and Mr Giles—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 FitzPatrick and Mr Innes—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 Falconer—from certain citizens praying that the Government fulfil its stated policy of self-determination and self-management for Aborigines 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 FitzPatrick—from certain citizens praying that a public telephone be installed at the Half Way House at Coombah, N.S.W.

Mr Jacobi—from certain residents of South Australia and certain other citizens praying that an international airport for Adelaide be constructed in the vicinity of the Virginia/Two Wells area, S.A.

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that a Lands Commissioner be appointed for Queensland.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that donations to animal welfare organisations be tax deductible.

Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that the sales tax on recorded music be abolished or substantially reduced.

Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant breeders' rights in Australia be rejected.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Young, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Howard (Treasurer)—

Mr Howard laid upon the Table the following papers:

Living standards—

Minister's notes.

Photocopy of article in *The Australian*, dated 8 September 1980, entitled "Optimism grows on standard of living".

Questions without notice continued.

4 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT AND PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1979–80, together with certificates of exempt accounts in respect of prescribed Departments and organizations, accompanied by the Minister for Finance's Statements.

Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), 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 for the year 1979–80, and

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Wool Corporation—Interim report for year 1979–80.

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

10 September 1980—Message—

No. 523—Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 4) 1980 (*without requests*).

No. 524—Railway Agreement (Adelaide to Crystal Brook Railway) 1980.

No. 525—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 4) 1980.

No. 526—Income Tax (International Agreements) Amendment (No. 2) 1980.

11 September 1980, a.m.—Message—

No. 527—Income Tax (Individuals) 1980 (*without requests*).

No. 528—Income Tax (Companies and Superannuation Funds) 1980 (*without requests*).

7 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

8 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr D. M. Cameron (Chairman) presented the following report from the Committee of Privileges:

Report relating to the alleged discrimination and intimidation of Mr David E. Berthelsen in his public service employment because of evidence given by him to a sub-committee of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for Wednesday, 17 September 1980.

- 9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Connolly (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

179th Report—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Annual Report 1979.

180th Report—Finance Minutes on the 167th, 171st and 178th Reports, together with summaries of those reports.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Connolly, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

- 10 ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Katter (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Road Safety:

Tyre safety—Report, dated June 1980, 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 Katter, Mr Goodluck, Mr Bradfield, Mr Porter and Mr Humphreys, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—OIL PRICING POLICY: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr Keating 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, Mr Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Keating, namely, “The Prime Minister’s forecast of further increases in the world price of oil and the continuing adverse effects upon Australian living standards occasioned by the Government’s import parity oil pricing policy”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Keating addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 12 AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY CORPORATION BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 WINE GRAPES LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Grapes Levy Act* 1979.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 WINE RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Research Act* 1955.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 QUEENSLAND GRANT (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1980: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance to Queensland.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 16 REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Remuneration and Allowances Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS—VISITS TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND INDIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement reporting to the House on recent visits to the United States of America and India made by himself and Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs).

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

- 18 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 5) 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.

- 19 TAXATION DEBTS (ABOLITION OF CROWN PRIORITY) 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.

- 20 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) 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 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 is of the opinion that (a) an extra grant of \$36 million in December 1979 prices for capital funding for schools, and (b) an extra grant of \$8.5 million in December 1979 prices for special programs should be provided for the year 1981”.

Debate continued.

Mr L. R. Johnson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 21 GENERAL ELECTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the intention to hold a general election for the House of Representatives on 18 October next and an election for half the Senate on the same day. The proposed timetable was as follows:

Dissolution .. .. . Friday, 19 September 1980.

Issue of writs .. .. . Friday, 19 September 1980.

Close of nominations .. .. . Saturday, 27 September 1980.

Polling day .. .. . Saturday, 18 October 1980.

Return of writs .. .. . On or before

Wednesday, 17 December 1980.

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

*Member named and suspended:* Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Fremantle (Mr Dawkins) for reflecting on the Chair.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Fremantle be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put and passed.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 8.13 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Mr Hayden continued his statement.

- 22 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Dr Blewett, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill, the House is of the opinion that (a) an extra grant of \$36 million in December 1979 prices for capital funding for schools, and (b) an extra grant of \$8.5 million in December 1979 prices for special programs should be provided for the year 1981”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Humphreys rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—was put accordingly, and passed.

Debate on motion—That the Bill be now read a second time—continued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 295, dated 28 August 1980, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) 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 is of the opinion that (a) an extra grant of \$2 million in December 1979 prices for equipment in universities and colleges, and (b) an extra grant of \$16 million in December 1979 prices for recurrent funding of technical and further education colleges should be provided for the year 1981”.

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. 296, dated 28 August 1980, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—17TH REPORT: Mr Chapman presented the 17th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

#### 17TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement of Heads of Expenditure and the amounts charged thereto, pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901, for the year ended 30 June 1980.

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—Annual Report (Third), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year ending 31 August 1980.

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon the status of Financial Statements of Statutory Authorities and other Activities—August 1980, dated 25 August 1980.

Australian Development Assistance Bureau—Annual Review 1978–79.

Australian Electoral Office—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

Australian Financial System—Interim Report of the Committee of Inquiry, dated May 1980.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Social Impact of Uranium Mining on the Aborigines of Northern Australia—Report, for period 1 October 1979 to 31 March 1980, to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, dated 31 March 1980.

Australian Plague Locust Commission—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Canberra Development Board—Annual Report, for period 15 August 1979 to 30 June 1980.

Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Annual Report (Fifty-fourth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1979.

Canned Fruit (Sales Promotion) Act—Australian Canned Fruit Sales Promotion Committee—Annual Report (First), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1979.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report (Forty-seventh), for 1980, on Special Assistance for States.

Defence Report, for 1980.

Defence Service Homes Act—Defence Service Homes Corporation—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.

Department of Education—Annual Report, for 1979.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

Department of Industrial Relations—Annual Report (First), for the period December 1978 to June 1980.

Department of Trade and Resources—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—Annual Report (Sixth), for year 1978–79.

Efficiency and Administration of Hospitals—Royal Commission of Inquiry—Interim Report, dated June 1980.

Export Market Development Grants Act—Export Development Grants Board—Annual Report (Fifth), for year 1979–80.

Family Law Regulations—Inquiry into Costs—Report by Mr Justice L. H. Williams, dated 12 December 1979.

Finance—Functional Classification of Outlays—Departmental Estimates 1980–81—Information Documents by the Minister for Finance, the Hon. Eric Robinson, dated August 1980.

Fishing Industry Act—Annual Report (Twenty-third) by the Minister on the operation of the Act, together with financial statement, for year 1978–79.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Apples and Pears, dated 28 March 1980.

Asbestos, dated 30 October 1979.

Chemical Products (Part B), dated 31 October 1979.

Coated Paper for Use in the Production of Carbonless Copying Paper (By-law), dated 17 July 1980.

Copper and Certain Copper Products (Including Removal of Export Control), dated 24 March 1980.

Perfumery, Cosmetics and Toilet Preparations, dated 7 May 1980.

Polymeric Plasticisers and Certain Polyester Polyols, dated 5 May 1980.

Textiles, Clothing and Footwear—

Report—Parts—

A: General, dated 29 April 1980.

B: Textiles, dated 30 April 1980.

C: Clothing, dated 28 April 1980.

D: Footwear, dated 24 April 1980.

E: Headwear, dated 23 April 1980.

F: Foundation Garments, dated 24 April 1980.

G: Hosiery, dated 24 April 1980.

H: Carpets, Carpeting, Etc., dated 24 April 1980.

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—  
Report—Certain work trucks and stackers, dated 23 June 1980.

National Training Council—Annual Report (Sixth), for 1979.

New and Permanent Parliament House—Assessors' Final Report on the Two-Stage  
Design Competition for Parliament House, Canberra, dated June 1980.

Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Termination Act—Papua New Guinea  
Superannuation Scheme and the Contract Officers Retirement Benefits Scheme—  
Annual Report by the Commissioner for Superannuation on the General  
Administration and Operation of the Schemes, for year 1979–80.

Parliament House Competition—Report by the Parliament House Construction  
Authority on Winner's Design, dated July 1980.

Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Annual Report (Fifty-sixth), for year  
1979–80.

Racial Discrimination Act—Commissioner for Community Relations—Annual  
Report (Fifth), for year 1979–80.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1980 Review—Deter-  
minations—

1980/4—Allowances payable to Ministers of State, dated 4 June 1980.

1980/5—Additional Salaries and Allowances of Office Holders of the Parlia-  
ment, dated 4 June 1980.

1980/6—Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Parliament, dated 4 June  
1980.

1980/7—Travelling Allowances within Australia—Ministers, Office Holders  
and Members of the Parliament, dated 4 June 1980.

1980/8—Entitlements of Members of the Parliament, dated 4 June 1980.

1980/9—Remuneration payable to Holders of Offices in the First Division of  
the Australian Public Service and Holders of Public Offices, dated 4 June  
1980.

Reports—

1980/1—Salaries payable to Ministers of State, dated 4 June 1980.

1980/2—Remuneration payable to Judges, dated 4 June 1980.

Statement.

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

Reserve Bank Act—Annual Report of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.

Schools Commission Act—Schools Commission—Triennium 1979–81: Report for 1981, dated 1980.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report (Thirty-third) by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1979.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report (Thirty-second) by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1979.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1979.

Ship Construction Bounty Act—Return, for year 1979–80.

Technological Change in Australia—Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Technological Change in Australia 1980—

Volume One—Technological Change and its Consequences—Including discussion of processes of change, conclusions, and recommendations for maximising benefits and minimising adverse consequences, dated 18 April 1980.

Volume Two—Technological Change in Industry—likely technologies and applications in Australia.

Volume Three—Review of Policies and Programs for Technological Change.

Volume Four—Selected Papers on Technological Change.

Tertiary Education Commission Act—Tertiary Education Commission—Report for 1979–81 Triennium, Volume 4: Recommendations for 1981, dated July 1980.

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Mr Chapman, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

25 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—*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 second reading, this House condemns the Fraser Government for presenting a budget which continues the discredited economic strategy of the past 4 years, a strategy which has produced—

- (1) a rate of economic growth per capita less than half the average rate for all OECD countries,
- (2) a substantial increase in the level of unemployment,
- (3) an interest rate regime which has increased substantially this year and will clearly go on increasing,
- (4) a rate of inflation which is substantially higher than at the time of the last election and which is steadily increasing,
- (5) taxation rates which are the highest in our history,
- (6) a decline in the living standards of the great majority of the Australian people, with the decline being most severe for those on the lowest incomes and
- (7) intensified social division and conflict by inequitably redistributing income and wealth,

and calls for the adoption of an alternative strategy to revive economic activity and reduce unemployment, inflation and inequity as advocated by the Opposition”—

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

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



## AYES, 56

Mr Aldred	Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher*	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Staley
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Yates

## NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren
Dr Blewett	Mr Howe	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr L. B. McLeay	
Mr Cohen*	Mr James	Mr Morris	
Dr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Scholes	

\* 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.

*Estimates Committee A—Consideration of report:*

Ordered—That, when considering each of the reports of Estimates Committees A, B, C and D the House consider together the proposed expenditures and any resolution which are covered in the respective reports.

Question proposed—

- (1) That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:

The Parliament, \$20,246,000  
 Department of Foreign Affairs, \$647,434,000  
 Postal and Telecommunications Department, \$230,874,000  
 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$60,252,000  
 Department of Administrative Services, \$392,960,000  
 Attorney-General's Department, \$102,965,000, and  
 Department of Defence, \$3,194,287,000, and

- (2) That the resolution agreed to by Committee A in relation to the Parliament be noted, namely: "That the Speaker be requested early in the 32nd Parliament to convene a meeting of the Standing Orders Committee or such other group of Parliamentarians as may be determined in consultation with the respective Party Leaders (a) to review (i) the sessional orders of the House with respect to legislation and estimates committees, and (ii) the role and efficacy of those sessional orders and (b) to make recommendations as to their role, function and structure in the 32nd Parliament."

Debate ensued.

Mr Cairns rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Consideration of report of Estimates Committee A concluded.

*Estimates Committee B—Consideration of report:*

Question proposed—That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:

- Department of Social Security, \$346,562,000
- Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$441,522,000
- Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$88,330,000
- Department of the Capital Territory, \$84,344,000
- Department of Home Affairs, \$98,018,000
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$117,210,000, and
- Department of Health, \$1,699,831,000.

Ordered—That Mr James be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Hodgman addressing the House—

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

Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Consideration of report of Estimates Committee B concluded.

*Estimates Committee C—Consideration of report:*

Question proposed—That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:

- Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, \$245,059,000
- Department of Education, \$479,105,000
- Department of Industrial Relations, \$19,675,000
- Department of Science and the Environment, \$281,634,000
- Department of Primary Industry, \$102,946,000
- Department of Housing and Construction, \$236,099,000, and
- Department of Transport, \$372,253,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Consideration of report of Estimates Committee C concluded.

*Estimates Committee D—Consideration of report:*

Question proposed—That the following proposed expenditures be agreed to:

- Department of Industry and Commerce, \$20,599,000
- Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, \$130,369,000
- Department of Productivity, \$172,659,000
- Department of the Treasury, \$298,593,000
- Department of Finance, \$38,566,000
- Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$125,000,000
- Department of National Development and Energy, \$75,772,000
- Department of Trade and Resources, \$325,517,000, and
- Department of the Special Trade Representative, \$406,000

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Consideration of report of Estimates Committee D concluded.

Question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 26 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1980–81: 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 Sinclair (Leader of the House), the Bill was read a third time.
- 27 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.  
And then the House, at 12.19 a.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 September 1980:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

To which Australia has become a party by signature—

- (1) Agreement amending the Agreement between Australia and the United States of America concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communication Facilities signed in Canberra, on 25 March 1970; Notes signed in Canberra on 3 March and 27 June 1978; the agreement entered into force on 27 June 1978 (A.T.S. 1978, No. 12).
- (2) Agreement between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the launching of two scientific payloads from Woomera for scientific purposes; Notes signed in Canberra on 16 February 1979; the agreement entered into force on that day (A.T.S. 1979, No. 3).
- (3) Agreement between Australia and the United States of America regarding the importation of meat into the United States of America; Notes signed in Washington on 11 January and 29 March 1979; the agreement entered into force on 29 March 1979 (A.T.S. 1979, No. 8).
- (4) South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency Convention, done at Honiara on 10 July 1979; signed for Australia on 13 September 1979, and entered into force for Australia on 12 October, 1979 (A.T.S. 1979, No. 16).
- (5) Trade Agreement between Australia and the Kingdom of Thailand, signed in Bangkok on 15 October 1979, and entered into force on that day (A.T.S. 1979, No. 17).
- (6) Agreement on Postal Relations between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; signed in Ha Noi on 18 October 1979, and entered into force on that day (A.T.S. 1979, No. 18).
- (7) Agreement between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany for the reciprocal safe-guarding of classified material; Notes signed in Bonn on 27 November 1979; the agreement entered into force on that day (A.T.S. 1979, No. 20).
- (8) Agreement between Australia and the Asian Development Bank relating to a further contribution by Australia to the Asian Development Bank's Technical Assistant Special Fund; Notes exchanged in Manila on 27 November and 10 December 1979; the agreement entered into force on 10 December 1979 (A.T.S. 1979, No. 22).
- (9) Agreement between Australia and the United States of America amending and supplementing the Air Transport Services Agreement between the United States of America and Australia signed in Washington on 3 December 1946 as amended; Notes signed in Washington on 28 December 1979 and 10 January 1980; the agreement entered into force with effect from 1 February, 1979 (A.T.S. 1980, No. 2).
- (10) Agreement between Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Co-operation in Science and Technology; signed in Canberra on 6 May, 1980, and entered into force for Australia on that day (A.T.S. 1980, No. 14).

- (11) Agreement between Australia and Denmark concerning Mutual Recognition of Tonnage Certificates; signed in Canberra on 15 May 1980, and entered into force for Australia on that day (A.T.S. 1980, No. 17).
- (12) Cultural Agreement between Australia and the Philippines; signed in Manila on 15 April 1977; the agreement entered into force on 20 February 1980 after Notes had been exchanged on 28 January 1980 and 20 February 1980 (A.T.S. 1980, No. 9).
- (13) Agreement between the Patent Office of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the establishment and functioning of the Patent Office of Australia as an International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Co-operation Treaty; signed in Geneva on 29 February 1980, and entered into force for Australia on that day (A.T.S. 1980, No. 11).
- (14) Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Co-operation between Australia and the Republic of Iraq; signed in Canberra on 11 March 1980; the agreement entered into force when Notes were exchanged on 29 April, 1980 (A.T.S. 1980, No. 13).
- (15) Agreement further amending the Agreement between Australia and the United States of America concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communication Facilities; signed in Canberra on 25 March 1970; Notes were exchanged in Canberra on 29 May 1980; the agreement entered into force with effect from 26 February 1980 (A.T.S. 1980, No. 15).
- (16) Agreement extending the agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand on Tariffs and Tariff Preferences; Notes were exchanged in Canberra and Wellington on 12 August 1980, and the agreement entered into force on that day (A.T.S. 1980, No. 18).

To which Australia has become a party by ratification or accession—

- (17) Convention and Operating Agreement on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT), London, 3 September 1976, signed on 16 February 1979 and entered into force for Australia on 16 July 1979 (A.T.S. 1979, No. 10).
- (18) Second Amendment to the articles of agreement of the International Monetary Fund, Washington, 24 March 1976, entered into force generally and for Australia on 1 April 1978, pursuant to Article XVII of the original articles of agreement of the International Monetary Fund (A.T.S. 1978, No. 10).
- (19) Amendments to the Agreement establishing the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation, Apia 17 April 1973, ratified by Australia on 30 April 1979 (not yet entered into force).
- (20) Agreement on an International Energy Program, done at Paris on 18 November 1974, as amended, and acceded to by Australia on 17 May 1979 and entered into force for Australia on 27 May 1979 (A.T.S. 1979, No. 7).
- (21) Protocols of 1979 for the Fifth Extension of the Wheat Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention constituting the International Wheat Agreement 1971, Washington, 25 April 1979 ratified by Australia on 30 May 1979, and entered into force on 1 July 1979 (A.T.S. 1979, No. 13).
- (22) Convention on Tripartite Consultations (International Labour Standards) (International Labour Organization Convention No. 144), Geneva, 21 June 1976, ratified by Australia on 11 June 1979 and entered into force for Australia on 10 June 1980 (A.T.S. 1980, No. 7).
- (23) Agreement on the Precipitation Enhancement Project (P.E.P) between the World Meteorological Organization, Spain and other member states of the World Meteorological Organization participating in the experiment, done at Madrid on 23 January 1979, acceded to by Australia, 11 July 1976 and entered into force for Australia on 16 August 1979 (A.T.S. 1979, No. 14).

- (24) World Tourism Organization Statutes, done at Mexico City on 27 September 1970 and adopted by Australia and entered into force for Australia on 18 September 1979 (A.T.S. 1979, No. 15).
  - (25) Amendments to the Agreement establishing the South Pacific Commission, Canberra, 6 February 1947; done at Noumea, 10-13 October 1978 and accepted by Australia on 5 October 1979 and entered into force for Australia on 4 June 1980.
  - (26) Protocol relating to an amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Chicago, 7 December 1944, signed at Montreal on 30 September 1977, ratified on 7 December 1979 (not yet entered into force).
  - (27) International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures—Annex F.5, concerning urgent consignments, done in Brussels on 15 June 1976, accepted for Australia on 22 January 1980 (not yet entered into force).
  - (28) Arrangement regarding bovine meat done at Geneva on 12 April 1979, acceded to on 1 February 1980.
  - (29) International Dairy Arrangement, Geneva, 12 April 1979, acceded to on 1 February 1980 (A.T.S. 1980, No. 8).
  - (30) Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures done at Geneva on 12 April 1979, acceded to on 25 February 1980, and entered into force for Australia on 26 March 1980.
  - (31) Amendments to the Convention on the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, adopted in London on 14 November 1975, and 9 and 17 November 1977, accepted for Australia on 29 May 1980 (not yet entered into force).
  - (32) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights done in New York on 19 December 1966, signed for Australia on 18 December 1972 and ratified on 13 August 1980; the Covenant will enter into force for Australia on 14 November 1980.
- To which Australia is contemplating becoming a party by ratification—
- (33) Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), and to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II), adopted at Geneva on 8 June 1977; signed for Australia on 7 December 1978.
  - (34) Agreement between Australia and the Hellenic Republic on Cultural Co-operation, signed in Canberra on 20 November 1979.
  - (35) Protocol to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, done in London on 17 February 1978, signed for Australia on 30 May 1979.
  - (36) International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, done in London on 7 July 1978, signed for Australia on 29 November 1979.
  - (37) Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Vienna, 8 April 1979, signed for Australia on 3 March 1980.
  - (38) Agreement between Australia and Saudi Arabia on Economic and Technical Co-operation, signed in Riyadh on 23 March 1980.
  - (39) Convention on the Celebration and Recognition of the Validity of Marriages, done in The Hague on 14 March 1978, signed for Australia on 9 July 1980.
  - (40) International Rubber Agreement, done in Geneva on 6 October 1979, signed for Australia on 30 June 1980.

- (41) Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, done in New York on 18 December 1979, signed for Australia on 17 July 1980.
- (42) South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement (SPARTECA), done in Tarawa, 14 July 1980, signed for Australia on that day.

To which Australia proposes to become a party by acceptance—

- (43) Amendments to the International Convention on Load Lines, London, 5 April 1966, adopted in London on 12 October 1971, 12 November 1975, and 15 November 1979.
- (44) Amendments to Articles 17, 18, 20 and 51 of the Convention on the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization, Geneva, 6 March 1948; adopted in London on 15 November 1979.

Pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Determination—1980—No. 23—Allowances for Applicants for Entry into the Defence Force.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedule to the subsidy scheme in relation to the State of New South Wales, dated 5 September 1980.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 3.

Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 2.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bryant, Mr Calder, Dr Cass, Dr Edwards, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Graham\*, Dr Jenkins, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Killen, Mr Macphee, Mr Martin, Mr Moore, Mr Newman and Mr Ruddock.

\* On leave

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