

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 1

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1980

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of November, in the twenty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighty.

- 1 On which day, being the first day of the meeting of the Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), John Athol Pettifer, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Douglas Maurice Blake, v.r.d., Deputy Clerk and Ian Charles Cochran, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk:

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia  
 ZELMAN COWEN  
 Governor-General

By His Excellency the Governor-General  
 of the Commonwealth of Australia

WHEREAS by section 5 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided, amongst other things, that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Zelman Cowen, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, by this Proclamation appoint Tuesday, 25 November 1980 as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble for the despatch of business:

And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Parliament House, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory, at 11 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, 25 November 1980.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of Australia on the 3rd day of November 1980.

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER  
 Prime Minister

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

- 2 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTY BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

HONOURABLE MEMBERS,

The Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to appoint me his Deputy to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will appear more fully from the Commission which will now be read.

The Commission was read as follows:

HIS EXCELLENCY Sir Zelman Cowen, Knight of the Order of Australia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Force

To the Right Honourable Sir GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of Australia

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by section 126 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia and of Clause VI of the Letters Patent dated 29 October 1900 constituting the office of Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General is authorized and empowered to appoint any person, or persons jointly or severally, to be his deputy or deputies within any part of the Commonwealth of Australia, and in that capacity to exercise during the pleasure of the Governor-General such powers and functions of the Governor-General as he thinks fit to assign to such deputy or deputies, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by the Queen:

AND WHEREAS, by Proclamation dated 3 November 1980 and published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on 4 November 1980, I appointed Tuesday, 25 November 1980 as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble for the despatch of business; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Parliament House, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory, at 11 o'clock in the morning on that day:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of that authority, hereby appoint you, SIR GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, to be my deputy within the Australian Capital Territory to declare open the Parliament of the Commonwealth at the time and place appointed by that Proclamation.

GIVEN under my Hand on the twenty-fourth of November 1980

ZELMAN COWEN  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,  
MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

The Deputy then said:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that, after certain Members of the Senate and Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place and, it being necessary that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall first be chosen, you, Members of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to

the choice of a proper person to be your Speaker; and later this day you will present to His Excellency the Governor-General the person whom you shall so choose at such time and place as His Excellency shall appoint. I will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oath or affirmation of allegiance to honourable Members of that House.

And thereupon Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after a interval of some minutes—

- 3 DEPUTY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS: The Right Honourable Sir Garfield Edward John Barwick, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows:

HIS EXCELLENCY Sir Zelman Cowen, Knight of the Order of Australia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Force

To the Right Honourable Sir GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of Australia

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided, amongst other things, that every Member of the House of Representatives shall before taking his seat make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereby authorize you to attend at the Chamber of the House of Representatives at Parliament House, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory, on Tuesday, 25 November 1980, forthwith after the opening of the Parliament of the Commonwealth at 11 o'clock in the morning of that day, and there and then to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

GIVEN under my Hand on the twenty-fourth of November 1980

ZELMAN COWEN

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER

Prime Minister

- 4 RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION: The Clerk laid on the Table returns to the 125 writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 18 October 1980 which showed that for the several Electoral Divisions the following had been elected:

Division	State or Territory	Name
Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. Christopher John Hurford
Balaclava	.. Victoria ..	.. Ian Malcolm Macphee
Ballarat	.. Victoria ..	.. John Barry Mildren
Banks ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Graham Mountford
Barker	.. South Australia	.. James Robert Porter
Barton..	.. New South Wales	.. James Mark Bradfield
Bass ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Kevin Eugene Newman
Batman	.. Victoria ..	.. Brian Leslie Howe
Bendigo	.. Victoria ..	.. John William Bouchier

Division	State or Territory	Name
Bennelong	.. New South Wales	.. John Winston Howard
Berowra	.. New South Wales	.. Harold Raymond Edwards
Blaxland	.. New South Wales	.. Paul John Keating
Bonython	.. South Australia	.. Neal Blewett
Boothby	.. South Australia	.. John Elden McLeay
Bowman	.. Queensland	.. David Francis Jull
Braddon	.. Tasmania ..	.. Raymond John Groom
Bradfield	.. New South Wales	.. David Miles Connolly
Brisbane	.. Queensland	.. Manfred Douglas Cross
Bruce ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Billy Mackie Snedden
Burke ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Andrew Charles Theophanous
Calare	.. New South Wales	.. Alexander John MacKenzie
Canberra	.. Australian Capital Ter- ritory	Roslyn Joan Kelly
Canning	.. Western Australia	.. Melville Harold Bungey
Capricornia	.. Queensland	.. Douglas Nixon Everingham
Casey ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter David Falconer
Chifley	.. New South Wales	.. John Lindsay Armitage
Chisholm	.. Victoria ..	.. Graham McDonald Harris
Cook ..	.. New South Wales	.. James Donald Mathieson Dobie
Corangamite	.. Victoria ..	.. Anthony Austin Street
Corio ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Gordon Glen Denton Scholes
Cowper	.. New South Wales	.. Ian Louis Robinson
Cunningham	.. New South Wales	.. Stewart John West
Curtin	.. Western Australia	.. Ransley Victor Garland
Darling Downs	.. Queensland	.. Daniel Thomas McVeigh
Dawson	.. Queensland	.. Raymond Allen Braithwaite
Deakin	.. Victoria ..	.. Alan William Jarman
Denison	.. Tasmania ..	.. Michael Hodgman
Diamond Valley	.. Victoria ..	.. Neil Anthony Brown
Dundas	.. New South Wales	.. Philip Maxwell Ruddock
Eden-Monaro	.. New South Wales	.. Murray Evan Sainsbury
Fadden	.. Queensland	.. Donald Milner Cameron
Farrer	.. New South Wales	.. Wallace Clyde Fife
Fisher ..	.. Queensland	.. Albert Evan Adermann
Flinders	.. Victoria ..	.. Phillip Reginald Lynch
Forrest	.. Western Australia	.. Peter Hertford Drummond
Franklin	.. Tasmania ..	.. Bruce John Goodluck
Fraser	.. Australian Capital Ter- ritory	Kenneth Lionel Fry
Fremantle	.. Western Australia	.. John Sydney Dawkins
Gellibrand	.. Victoria ..	.. Ralph Willis
Gippsland	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter James Nixon
Grayndler	.. New South Wales	.. Leo Boyce McLeay
Grey ..	.. South Australia	.. Laurie George Wallis
Griffith	.. Queensland	.. Benjamin Charles Humphreys
Gwydir	.. New South Wales	.. Ralph James Dunnet Hunt
Hawker	.. South Australia	.. Ralph Jacobi
Henty ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Joan Child
Herbert	.. Queensland	.. Arthur Gordon Dean
Higgins	.. Victoria ..	.. Roger Francis Shipton
Hindmarsh	.. South Australia	.. John Lyden Scott
Holt ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Michael John Duffy
Hotham	.. Victoria ..	.. Lewis Kent
Hughes	.. New South Wales	.. Leslie Royston Johnson
Hume ..	.. New South Wales	.. Stephen Augustus Lusher

Division	State or Territory	Name
Hunter	.. New South Wales	.. Robert James Brown
Indi ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Ewen Colin Cameron
Isaacs ..	.. Victoria ..	.. David Ernest Charles
Kalgoorlie	.. Western Australia	.. Graeme Campbell
Kennedy	.. Queensland	.. Robert Cummin Katter
Kingsford-Smith	.. New South Wales	.. Lionel Frost Bowen
Kingston	.. South Australia	.. Grant Chapman
Kooyong	.. Victoria ..	.. Andrew Sharp Peacock
Lalor ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Barry Owen Jones
La Trobe	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter Milton
Leichhardt	.. Queensland	.. David Scott Thomson
Lilley ..	.. Queensland	.. Elaine Elizabeth Darling
Lowe ..	.. New South Wales	.. William McMahan
Lyne ..	.. New South Wales	.. David Bruce Cowan
McMillan	.. Victoria ..	.. Barry Thomas Cunningham
McPherson	.. Queensland	.. Eric Laidlaw Robinson
Macarthur	.. New South Wales	.. Michael Ehrenfried Baume
Mackellar	.. New South Wales	.. James Joseph Carlton
Macquarie	.. New South Wales	.. Ross Vincent Free
Mallee	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter Stanley Fisher
Maranoa	.. Queensland	.. Ian Milne Dixon Cameron
Maribyrnong	.. Victoria ..	.. Moses Henry Cass
Melbourne	.. Victoria ..	.. Urquhart Edward Innes
Melbourne Ports	.. Victoria ..	.. Allan Clyde Holding
Mitchell	.. New South Wales	.. Alan Glyndwr Cadman
Moore	.. Western Australia	.. John Martin Hyde
Moreton	.. Queensland	.. Denis James Killen
Murray	.. Victoria ..	.. Bruce Lloyd
Newcastle	.. New South Wales	.. Charles Keith Jones
New England	.. New South Wales	.. Ian McCahon Sinclair
North Sydney	.. New South Wales	.. John Michael Spender
Northern Territory	.. Northern Territory	.. Grant Ernest John Tambling
O'Connor	.. Western Australia	.. Charles Wilson Tuckey
Oxley ..	.. Queensland	.. William George Hayden
Parramatta	.. New South Wales	.. John Brown
Paterson	.. New South Wales	.. Frank Lionel O'Keefe
Perth ..	.. Western Australia	.. Ross Malcolm McLean
Petrie ..	.. Queensland	.. John Charles Hodges
Phillip	.. New South Wales	.. Reginald John Birney
Port Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. Michael Jerome Young
Prospect	.. New South Wales	.. Richard Emanuel Klugman
Reid ..	.. New South Wales	.. Thomas Uren
Richmond	.. New South Wales	.. John Douglas Anthony
Riverina	.. New South Wales	.. Noel Jeffrey Hicks
Robertson	.. New South Wales	.. Barry Cohen
Ryan ..	.. Queensland	.. John Colinton Moore
Scullin	.. Victoria ..	.. Henry Alfred Jenkins
Shortland	.. New South Wales	.. Peter Frederick Morris
St George	.. New South Wales	.. William Lawrence Morrison
Stirling	.. Western Australia	.. Robert Ian Viner
Sturt ..	.. South Australia	.. Ian Bonython Cameron Wilson
Swan ..	.. Western Australia	.. Kim Christian Beazley
Sydney	.. New South Wales	.. James Leslie McMahan
Tangney	.. Western Australia	.. Peter Donald Shack
Wakefield	.. South Australia	.. Geoffrey O'Halloran Giles
Wannon	.. Victoria ..	.. John Malcolm Fraser

Division	State or Territory	Name
Warringah ..	New South Wales ..	Michael John Randal MacKellar
Wentworth ..	New South Wales ..	Robert James Ellicott
Werriwa ..	New South Wales ..	John Charles Kerin
Wide Bay ..	Queensland ..	Percival Clarence Millar
Wills ..	Victoria ..	Robert James Lee Hawke
Wilmot ..	Tasmania ..	Maxwell Arthur Burr

- 5 OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBERS: The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by law.

The Deputy retired.

- 6 ELECTION OF SPEAKER: Mr J. E. McLeay, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Sir Billy Snedden, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr MacKenzie.

Sir Billy Snedden informed the House that he accepted nomination.

Mr Scholes, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Dr Jenkins, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Kerin.

Dr Jenkins informed the House that he accepted nomination.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows:

Sir Billy Snedden .. .. .	73 votes
Dr Jenkins .. .. .	51 votes

Sir Billy Snedden was thereupon declared elected as Speaker, and Mr J. E. McLeay and Mr MacKenzie conducted him to the Chair.

Sir Billy Snedden returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Dr Jenkins and Mr Giles congratulated Mr Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

- 7 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) stated that he had ascertained it would be His Excellency the Governor-General's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament at 2.40 p.m.—

And the sitting of the House having been suspended at 12.43 p.m. until 2.39 p.m.—

Mr Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr Speaker reported that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives as its Speaker and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him.

- 8 COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS: Mr Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:

HIS EXCELLENCY Sir Zelman Cowen, Knight of the Order of Australia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Force

To the Right Honourable Sir BILLY MACKIE SNEDDEN, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Member of Parliament, Speaker of the House of Representatives

## GREETING:

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided, amongst other things, that every Member of the House of Representatives shall before taking his seat make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereby authorize you, from time to time, at Parliament House, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already made and subscribed that oath or affirmation since their election or last election to the House of Representatives.

GIVEN under my Hand on 25 November 1980

ZELMAN COWEN  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER

Prime Minister

9 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

MR SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with Members of the House went to attend His Excellency: And having returned—

10 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHIPS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Ministry was as follows:

		<i>Representation in other Chamber</i>
*1 Prime Minister	THE RT HON. MALCOLM FRASER, C.H., M.P.	SENATOR CARRICK
*2 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Resources	THE RT HON. J. D. ANTHONY, M.P.	SENATOR CARRICK
*3 Minister for Industry and Commerce	THE RT HON. PHILLIP LYNCH, M.P.	SENATOR CHANEY
*4 Minister for Communications and Leader of the House	THE RT HON. IAN SINCLAIR, M.P.	SENATOR BAUME
*5 Minister for National Development and Energy, Vice-President of the Executive Council and Leader of the Government in the Senate	SENATOR THE HON. J. L. CARRICK	MR ANTHONY
*6 Minister for Foreign Affairs	THE HON. A. A. STREET, M.P.	SENATOR GUILFOYLE
*7 Minister for Primary Industry	THE HON. P. J. NIXON, M.P.	SENATOR CHANEY
*8 Treasurer	THE HON. JOHN HOWARD, M.P.	SENATOR GUILFOYLE
*9 Minister for Industrial Relations	THE HON. ANDREW PEACOCK, M.P.	SENATOR CHANEY
*10 Minister for Defence	THE HON. D. J. KILLEN, M.P.	SENATOR DURACK
*11 Minister for Finance	SENATOR THE HON. DAME MARGARET GUILFOYLE, D.B.E.	MR HOWARD
*12 Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister	THE HON. IAN VINER, M.P.	SENATOR GUILFOYLE

		<i>Representation in other Chamber</i>
*13 Attorney-General	SENATOR THE HON. PETER DURACK, Q.C.	MR VINER
*14 Minister for Social Security	SENATOR THE HON. F. M. CHANEY	MR HUNT
15 Minister for Home Affairs and Environment	THE HON. R. J. ELLICOTT, Q.C., M.P.	SENATOR BAUME
16 Minister for Transport	THE HON. RALPH J. HUNT, M.P.	SENATOR MESSNER
17 Minister for Health	THE HON. M. J. R. MACKELLAR, M.P.	SENATOR BAUME
18 Minister for Education and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Federal Affairs	THE HON. WAL FIFE, M.P.	SENATOR CARRICK
19 Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs	THE HON. IAN MACPHEE, M.P.	SENATOR DURACK
20 Minister for Science and Technology	THE HON. DAVID THOMSON, M.C., M.P.	SENATOR DURACK
21 Minister for Administrative Services and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence	THE HON. KEVIN NEWMAN, M.P.	SENATOR BAUME
22 Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs	THE HON. JOHN MOORE, M.P.	SENATOR MESSNER
23 Minister for the Capital Territory and Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce	THE HON. MICHAEL HODGMAN, M.P.	SENATOR MESSNER
24 Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Treasurer	SENATOR THE HON. TONY MESSNER	MR THOMSON
25 Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for National Development and Energy	SENATOR THE HON. PETER BAUME	MR VINER
26 Minister for Housing and Construction and Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Resources	THE HON. D. T. McVEIGH, M.P.	SENATOR MESSNER

\* Minister in the Cabinet

Mr Fraser stated that Mr Bouchier was the Government Whip and Mr Hodges was the Deputy Whip.

- 11 LEADERSHIP AND WHIPS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY: Mr Hayden, as Leader of the Opposition, informed the House that the Parliamentary Labor Party had elected him as its Leader and Mr Bowen as its Deputy Leader. Mr Johnson and Mr Humphreys had been elected Opposition Whip and Deputy Opposition Whip, respectively.
- 12 LEADERSHIP AND WHIP OF THE NATIONAL COUNTRY PARTY OF AUSTRALIA: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that the National Country Party of Australia had elected him as its Leader, Mr Sinclair (Minister for Communications) as its Deputy Leader and Mr Fisher as its Whip.
- 13 ACTS INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1980: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 46 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*. Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, and that he had received a copy. (*Text of the Speech appears in Hansard*)
- 15 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) moved—That a committee, consisting of Mr Spender, Mr Hicks and the mover, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the committee do report at the next sitting.  
Question—put and passed.



*Suspension of sitting:* At 3.40 p.m., Mr Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 5 p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

- 16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Mr Lusher moved—That Mr Millar be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Dobie.

Mr Johnson moved—That Mr Armitage be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr J. L. McMahon.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, Mr Speaker reported the result, as follows:

Mr Millar ..	73 votes
Mr Armitage ..	49 votes

Mr Millar was thereupon declared elected as Chairman.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and Mr Armitage congratulated Mr Millar, who made his acknowledgments to the House.

- 17 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Carlton, Mr Fife, Mr Free, Mr Lusher, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Morris, Mr O'Keefe, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Sinclair and Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the Travelling Post Office service be retained in New South Wales.

Mr Baume, Mr Drummond, Mr Garland, Mr Hunt, Mr Jacobi and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that funding of the Preston Institute of Technology Chiropractic Program be no longer delayed.

Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Fraser and Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to prohibit the use of public moneys for the killing of the unborn.

Mr Carlton, Dr Klugman and Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that taxpayers' money not be used for abortions, subsidies for abortion referral centres be eliminated and Australia's Human Rights Charter include rights for the unborn.

Mr Fife, Mr Hawke and Mr MacKellar—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 Hyde, Mr B. O. Jones and Mr Thomson—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of oil exploration within the Great Barrier Reef region and that the entire region be declared a Marine Park.

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

Dr Edwards and Mr Morris—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 Hodges and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that private and confidential medical records be protected from scrutiny.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that a universal, non-contributory, national health insurance scheme be introduced.

Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.

Mr Fisher—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Mallee praying that steps be taken to permit lightweight woven synthetic fabrics to be made available to dress fabric retailers in Australia on the same terms as those destined for registered clothing factories.

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

Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.

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

Mr Johnson—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 the system of appointment to the National Women's Advisory Council be altered to provide for a more democratic selection of members.

Mr Katter—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 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 any proposal to sell Trans-Australia Airlines be rejected.

Mr Morris—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the allocation of funds for government school programs be restored and substantially increased.

Mr Porter—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Barker praying that the Paringa Line in South Australia not be closed.

Mr I. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the right to work be guaranteed as a fundamental human right and full employment be restored.

Petitions received.

18 DEATH OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER (THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR JOHN MCEWEN):

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Right Honourable Sir John McEwen, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death, on 20 November 1980, of the Rt Hon. Sir John McEwen, G.C.M.G., a Member of this House for the Divisions of Echuca from 1934 to 1937, Indi from 1937 to 1949 and Murray from 1949 to 1971, Leader of the National Country Party for 13 years, a Minister of the Crown for 24 years and Prime Minister of Australia for a short period at the end of 1967; places on record its appreciation of his long and highly distinguished service to the nation and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow.

And Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Speaker and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

19 DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR (THE HONOURABLE V. C. GAIR): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 11 November 1980, of the Honourable Vincent Clair Gair, a Senator for the State of Queensland from 1965 to 1974, a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly from 1932 to 1960 and Premier from 1952 to 1957.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) paid tribute to the memory of the former Senator.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and other honourable Members supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

20 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR P. GALVIN): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 24 September 1980, of Mr Patrick Galvin, O.B.E., a Member of this House for the Division of Kingston from 1951 to 1966.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) paid tribute to the memory of the former Member.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) and other honourable Members supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

21 ADJOURNMENT AS MARK OF RESPECT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Sir John McEwen, moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.37 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 November 1980, pursuant to statute:

- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, Nos. 306, 307.
- Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 331.
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    - Science and the Environment—P. G. Quilty.
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  - No. 332—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
  - No. 333—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
  - No. 334—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.
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  - No. 346—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
  - No. 347—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
  - No. 348—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
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  - No. 351—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
  - No. 352—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
  - No. 353—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.
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No. 370—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.  
No. 371—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.  
No. 372—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.  
No. 373—Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.  
No. 374—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
No. 375—Australian Journalists Association.  
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No. 379—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.  
No. 380—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
No. 381—Australian Journalists Association.  
No. 382—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.†  
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No. 384—Australian Journalists Association.†  
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No. 407—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

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 No. 417—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 418—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
 No. 419—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†  
 No. 420—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.  
 No. 421—C.S.I.R.O. Laboratory Craftsmen Association.  
 No. 422—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting).

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Clerk of the House of Representatives