

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1980

1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr Birney, Mr Fife, Mr Johnson and Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that the Travelling Post Office service be retained in New South Wales.

Dr Klugman and Mr L. B. McLeay—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 Lynch and Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that funding of the Preston Institute of Technology Chiropractic Program be no longer delayed.

Dr Edwards—from certain citizens praying that section 79 (1) of the Family Law Act be amended to allow Family Courts to be made open to the public and to permit publication of the details of their proceedings provided that names of parties and other identifying information is prohibited from disclosure.

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

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced to require labelling of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations to indicate any use of animal ingredients during manufacture.

Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that work be found for the unemployed in Flemington, Vic., especially school leavers, and that social security and welfare payments be adjusted to a guaranteed minimum income above the poverty line.

Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the allocation of \$297 000 by the Federal Government to the Sutherland Shire Parent Controlled Christian School, not be used for the construction of new primary school buildings.

Mr Jull—from certain residents of the Moreton Bay Islands, Qld, praying that the road tax levied on transport services between the Bay Islands be removed or subsidised.

Mr Lynch—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to prohibit the use of public moneys for the killing of the unborn.

Mr MacKellar—from certain members of the Pivot Action Group praying that the In Vitro Ovum Transfer Program in Victoria be continued.

Mr L. B. McLeay—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 L. B. McLeay—from certain citizens praying that there be no extension of Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney, N.S.W.

Mr L. B. McLeay—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that action be taken to facilitate agreement on the sale of land now occupied by the Addison Road Community Centre so that a long-term lease can be signed by the Centre.

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 pensions and benefits be increased and adjusted quarterly and that greater taxation relief be given to pensioners and others on low incomes.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans-Australia Airlines be rejected.

Mr Peacock—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES: The following warrant nominating Deputy Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid upon the Table by Mr Speaker:

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Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate—

John Lindsay Armitage, Esquire,
James Donald Mathieson Dobie, Esquire,
Peter Hertford Drummond, Esquire,
Geoffrey O'Halloran Giles, Esquire,
Alan William Jarman, Esquire,
Henry Alfred Jenkins, Esquire,
Charles Keith Jones, Esquire, and
Ian Louis Robinson, Esquire,

to act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand on 26 November 1980.

B. M. SNEDDEN
SPEAKER

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Interim report for year 1979–80.

Australian Capital Territory Agents Board—9th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

Australian Capital Territory Architects Board—Report for year 1979–80.

Australian Capital Territory Building Review Committee—3rd Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

Australian Capital Territory Building Standards Committee—4th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

Australian Capital Territory Bush Fire Council—Report for year 1979–80.

Australian Capital Territory Fire Brigade—6th Annual Report by the Fire Commissioner, for year 1979–80.

Australian Capital Territory Surveyors Board—Report for year 1979–80.

Australian Safeguards Office—Report for year 1979–80.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1979–80.

Decentralisation Advisory Board—Report for year 1979–80.

Department of the Capital Territory—Report for year 1979–80.

Department of Home Affairs—Report for year 1979–80.

Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health, for year 1979–80.

Department of Housing and Construction—Report for year 1979–80.

Department of Industry and Commerce—Report for year 1979–80.

- Department of National Development and Energy—Report for year 1979–80.
- Department of the Special Trade Representative—Report for year 1979–80.
- National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—2nd Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Documents—
- Approval of projects in Queensland, dated 3 November 1980.
 - Notice relating to financial assistance for projects in connection with the development and management of water resources in—
 - Queensland, dated 22 October 1980.
 - South Australia, dated 18 September 1980.
 - Victoria, dated 18 September 1980.
 - Western Australia, dated 18 September 1980.
- Ranger Uranium Project—
- Agreement, dated 12 September 1980, between the Commonwealth of Australia, Peko-Wallsend Operations Ltd, Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Limited and the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, waiving rights under certain provisions of the Ranger Uranium Project Government Agreement of 9 January 1979.
 - Atomic Energy Act—Consent to assignment of an authority issued under s. 41.
 - Deed between Peko-Wallsend Operations Ltd, Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Limited, the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, Energy Resources of Australia Ltd and Ranger Uranium Mines Pty Ltd, releasing and discharging Peko-Wallsend Operations Ltd, Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Ltd and the Australian Atomic Energy Commission from liability under the Management Agreement of 9 January 1979 and joining Energy Resources of Australia Ltd in their place under that agreement, dated 12 September 1980.
 - Deed of Assignment between the Commonwealth of Australia, the Australian Atomic Energy Commission and Energy Resources of Australia Ltd, dated 12 September 1980.
 - Deed to amend the Government Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia, Peko-Wallsend Operations Ltd, Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Limited, the Australian Atomic Energy Commission and Energy Resources of Australia Ltd, dated 12 September 1980.
- Snowy Mountains Council—22nd Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- United Nations—3rd Conference on the Law of the Sea, 8th Session—Report of Australian Delegation—
- Part I—Geneva, 19 March–27 April 1979.
 - Part II—New York, 19 July–24 August 1979.
- Pursuant to statute:
- Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 January 1979 to 30 June 1980.
 - Australian Film and Television School Act—Council of the Australian Film and Television School—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
 - Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
 - Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
 - Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—11th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
 - Criminology Research Act—Criminology Research Council—8th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.

- Dairying Research Act—Dairying Research Committee—8th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—8th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Defence Service Homes Act—Defence Service Homes Corporation—Statement of terms and conditions of insurance provided by the Corporation, operative from 1 October 1980.
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—5th and 6th Annual Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports, for years 1978–79 and 1979–80 respectively.
- Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing and Construction—4th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Immigration (Education) Act—Provisions for child migrant education—Report for year 1979–80.
- Legislative Drafting Institute Act—Legislative Drafting Institute—6th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
- Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 10 October 1978 to 31 December 1979.
- Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—14th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—10th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- National Fitness Act—Report for year 1979–80.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1980.
- Parliament House Construction Authority Act—Parliament House Construction Authority—2nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
- Pig Industry Research Act—Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—9th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—15th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Primary Industry Bank Act—Primary Industry Bank of Australia Limited—2nd Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
- Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1979–80.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—10th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
- Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—31st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.
- States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act—Statement of financial assistance granted to each State in 1979.
- Tobacco Industry Act—25th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—National Standards Commission—Report for year 1979–80.

- 6 QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED—ANNUAL REPORT 1979–80—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1980.
Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDIRECT TAXATION: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's determination to introduce a new indirect tax in spite of its inflationary effects and unfair impact on middle and lower income earners".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Hayden addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 8 BARLEY RESEARCH BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the collection of levy imposed by the *Barley Research Levy Act 1980* and to establish a Barley Research Trust Account, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 BARLEY RESEARCH LEVY BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on certain barley produced in Australia.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Act 1972*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 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 Kerin), 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) 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 Kerin), 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 Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 CRIMES (TAXATION OFFENCES) BILL 1980: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain offences in relation to taxation.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 PUBLIC SERVICE AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922* and certain other Acts.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hawke), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES BILL 1980: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hawke), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 AGED OR DISABLED PERSONS HOMES AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1954*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Homes Savings Grant Act 1976*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr McVeigh moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Uren), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Spender presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed at the previous sitting, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:
 MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:
 We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr Spender moved—That the Address be agreed to.

Mr Hicks seconded the motion.

Debate continued.

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

- 21 HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Burr, Mr Jull, Mr Katter, Mr L. B. McLeay and Mr Milton be members of the House Committee. Question—put and passed.
- 22 LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Dr Blewett, Mr Chapman, Mr Hyde, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr O'Keefe and Dr Theophanous be members of the Library Committee. Question—put and passed.
- 23 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, moved—That Mr Birney, Mr Bowen, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Holding, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jarman, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Millar and Mr Porter be members of the Committee of Privileges; 5 to form a quorum. Question—put and passed.
- 24 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, moved—That Mr Baume, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cunningham, Dr Edwards, Mr Free, Mr Harris and Mr Howe be members of the Publications Committee. Question—put and passed.
- 25 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, *ex officio* members, the following Members be members of the Standing Orders Committee; 5 to form a quorum, viz.: Mr Anthony, Mr Giles, Mr Hurford, Dr Jenkins, Mr Mountford, Mr Scholes and Mr Shack. Question—put and passed.
- 26 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Fisher, Mr Jull, Mr Kent and Mr Scholes be members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings. Question—put and passed.
- 27 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz.: Mr Beazley, Mr Bradfield, Mr Cadman, Mr Connolly, Mr Duffy, Mr Tambling and Dr Theophanous. Question—put and passed.
- 28 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.: Mr Bungey, Mr Cowan, Mr Humphreys, Mr Innes, Mr J. L. McMahan and Mr Sainsbury. Question—put and passed.

- 29 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

- 30 ADJOURNMENT: Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.01 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

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

Customs Tariff Act—Orders—Developing Country—Nos. 6, 7 (1980).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cross.

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