

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 1981

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- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 WENTWORTH BY-ELECTION: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued a writ in connection with the by-election for the Division of Wentworth, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on 26 February 1981.
 - 3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Beazley, Mr Bowen, Mr Cohen, Mr Cross, Mr Duffy, Mr Free, Mr Holding, Mr Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mrs Kelly, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Milton and Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that funding of children's services be restored to at least the real value of funding allocated in the 1975-76 Budget and future allocations be spent in full for the purposes designated.
 - Mr Beazley, Mr Dawkins, Mr Drummond and Mr McLean—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that steps be taken to formulate an airline policy providing for greater competition so that prices and service are determined by free market forces.
 - Mr Cadman, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the Travelling Post Office service be retained in New South Wales.
 - Mr Dobie and Mr Keating—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that contributions to health insurance funds be tax deductible.
 - Mr Humphreys and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that service pensions be extended to all merchant seamen who served in theatres of war.
 - Mr Adermann—from certain citizens praying that the program of Australian aid to Ethiopia be reviewed and restricted to Eritrea and refugees in Somalia, Djibouti and the Sudan.
 - Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that the handing down of decisions in Federal Court matters Nos. N.S.W. 19 of 1979 and V 23 and V 24 of 1979 be expedited.
 - Mr Burr—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that funding of recurrent expenditure be approved to ensure the continued operation of the East Devonport Child Care Centre, Tas.
 - Mr Cadman—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 the names of parties and other identifying information are prohibited from disclosure.
 - Mr Chapman—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the future of the Aboriginal Community College, North Adelaide, S.A., be guaranteed by a permanent source of funding and that certain other actions be taken in relation to its operation.
 - Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, Qld, be reversed.
 - Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Social Security office at Sandgate, Qld, be reversed.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that facilities in Western Australia and northern Australia not be provided to American naval vessels and aircraft which might, by their presence, make Australia a high priority target in the event of nuclear war.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Copyright Act be further amended to exempt special libraries from those provisions of the Act which restrict access and that certain other action be taken in relation to its provisions.

Mr Free—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Macquarie praying that Telecom Australia be directed to provide an adequate service to subscribers and users in the 047 telephone zone.

Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that measures be adopted to promote local production for Australia's domestic needs, to prevent an increase of labour-intensive imports from South-East Asia, and to end all military arrangements with ASEAN countries.

Mr Howard—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to put an end to continual strike action in Australia.

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 Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that any moves to disallow the Public Service Arbitrator's Determination No. 503 of 1980 and to exclude arbitral jurisdiction over any aspects of redundancy, redeployment, retrenchment and retirement be rejected

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that plant variety rights legislation not be introduced until full and informed public discussion of the issues has taken place.

Mr McLean—from certain citizens praying that protests be lodged with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics over the spraying of poisonous gases in the Mekong River area of Northern Thailand.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that positive policies be adopted to reduce unemployment and that certain social security benefits be granted.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the Human Rights Commission Bill 1979 and the Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 1979 be returned to the Senate so that all elected Senators are able to be present and vote on the legislation.

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

Mr Scholes—from certain employees of the Government Aircraft Factory, Avalon Airfield, Vic., praying that the building of an intractable waste disposal unit in proximity to the Avalon Airfield area not be proceeded with.

Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that tax laws be reformed to allow joint incomes to be equally divided, for taxation purposes, between husband and wife.

Petitions received.

Mr Scholes moved—That the petition relating to the building of an intractable waste disposal unit in the Lara district, Vic., which was lodged by the honourable Member for Corio today be referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation.

Question—put and negatived.

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

5 DISTINGUISHED VISITOR: Mr Speaker informed the House that Professor Alfredo Juinio, Minister of Public Works in the Government of The Philippines, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitor a very warm welcome.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Morris having given a notice of motion of censure of the Minister for Transport—

Mr Morris moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Shortland moving forthwith the motion of which he has just given notice.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fraser	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Sir William McMahon	Mr Tambling
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Macphee	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges*	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	

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Mr Armitage	Mr Dawkins	Mr Johnson*	Mr Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Morrison
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Mountford
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hawke	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Hayden	Mr Kent	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mrs Child	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr McLeay	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon*	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mildren	
Mrs Darling	Dr Jenkins	Mr Milton	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Dawkins (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—put.

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Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson

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And so it was negatived.

7 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Domestic Air Fares—Independent Public Inquiry—Copy of letter from Mr W. J. Holcroft, Chairman, to Mr Hunt, Minister for Transport, dated 14 November 1980.

Questions without notice continued.

8 AUSTRALIAN WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL—MINUTES OF MEETING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Water Resources Council—Minutes of 23rd meeting held at Brisbane, 25 June 1980.

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

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

9 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—109th meeting, Brisbane, 4 August 1980.

National Aboriginal Sports Foundation—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

Parole Board of the Australian Capital Territory—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Connolly (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

184th Report—Internal audit in the Australian Public Service—A discussion paper. Ordered to be printed.

Mr Connolly, Mr Duffy, Mr Tambling and Dr Theophanous, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Bradfield asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOUSING FINANCE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Uren had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government's policies to ensure an adequate supply of finance at reasonable interest rates for housing in the public and private sector".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Uren addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 12 EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 1 AND 2 (1981): Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Excise Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (1981).
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES (REDEPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act 1979*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 15 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Kent, viz.*—That the following words be added to the Address: “, but note that the Government:

- (1) has failed to adequately respond to—
 - (a) record unemployment;
 - (b) a high and worsening level of inflation;
 - (c) reduced and falling family living standards, and
 - (d) the highest taxation burden in the nation's history;
- (2) allows unsatisfactory administration of foreign investment guidelines which permit an uncritical and open-door policy to the takeover of Australian industry and resources to continue, and
- (3) makes no long-term provision for assistance to manufacturing industry and farming industries, which are likely to be severely disadvantaged as a result of successive exchange rate revaluations and substantially increased imports in the context of resources development”—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cass and Mr Street.

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