

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

TUESDAY, 24 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Beazley, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Bungey 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 Free, Mr McLeay, Mr J. L. McMahon 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  - Mr Anthony, Mr Chapman and Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.
  - Mr Jacobi, Mr Nixon and Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
  - Mr Bungey and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that private and confidential medical records be protected from scrutiny.
  - Mr Hunt and Mrs Kelly—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 Kerin and Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant breeders' rights in Australia be rejected.
  - 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 Giles—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 Holding—from certain citizens praying that the amended work test procedure for determining eligibility for unemployment benefits be repealed.
  - 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 Service Pensions be extended to all merchant seamen who served in theatres of war.
  - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.

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

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

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

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

Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that local community health centres receive adequate funds to continue and expand their services to the community.

Mr Mildren—from certain residents of Ballarat and district, Vic., praying that the 1981 funding allocation for the Ballarat Community Youth Support Scheme be restored immediately to a level that will permit the maintenance of the project's current staffing level.

Petitions received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health) had resigned as Minister for Home Affairs and Environment and that Mr Wilson had been appointed Minister for Home Affairs and Environment.

Mr Fraser also informed the House of the appointment of Mr Cadman as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Mr Fraser further informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and Technology) and Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) was acting as Minister for Science and Technology and Mr Sinclair (Minister for Communications) was acting as Minister for Trade and Resources.

- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Dawkins, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Fife (Minister for Education)—

Mr Fife laid upon the Table the following paper:

Schools Commission Special Projects (Innovations) Program—Minister's notes.

Questions without notice continued.

- 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By Mr Speaker:

Parliament and the scrutiny of science policy—Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Study Group Meeting, Ottawa, November 1980—Interim report by Senator D. S. Jessop.

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Aborigines of the Northern Territory—Social impact of uranium mining—Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—

Report for period 1 April to 30 September 1980.

Statement by Senator Baume (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs).

Australian fishing zone—Taiwanese access—Copy of letter, together with 4 appendices, from Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) to Mr K. F. Chen, Chairman, Kaohsiung Fishing Boat Commercial Guild, dated 30 October 1980, and counter-signed by Mr Chen and Mr M. G. Kailis of Kailis Kaohsiung Fishing Co. Pty Ltd on 14 and 1 November 1980 respectively, constituting an acceptance of arrangements for fishing operations by the Guild in the Australian fishing zone.

- 6 DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:

Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Department of the House of Representatives—Annual Report for 1980.

Mr Speaker made a statement in connection with the report.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

20 March 1981—Message No. 22—

Commonwealth Teaching Service Amendment 1981.

Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment 1981.

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Amendment 1981.

8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 43, general business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

9 MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Hawke, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House censures the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for deliberately and persistently misleading the House in respect of the possible extension of SAMIN, the Statistical and Management Information Network, in the Commonwealth Employment Service, beyond Brisbane on a national basis.

*Papers:* Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), during his speech, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Commonwealth Employment Service—Information Bulletin—

No. 8, September 1980.

No. 10, December 1980.

*Closure:* Mr Viner 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—being accordingly put—

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

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

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

\*Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 10 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATES:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Willis had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The likely prospect of a further general increase in interest rates and its adverse impact on home buyers, small business, the level of economic activity and employment".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Willis addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Mr R. J. Brown rising to address the House—  
Mr Hodges moved—That the business of the day be called on.  
Question—put and passed.
- 11 **FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Australia's foreign policy, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Foreign policy—Ministerial statement, 24 March 1981.  
Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Hodgman, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 27 minutes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Hodges), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BILL 1981:** Message No. 52, dated 12 March 1981, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to human rights*".  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr J. J. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Message No. 53, dated 12 March 1981, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Racial Discrimination Amendment Act 1980' by substituting references to the 'Human Rights Commission Act 1981' for references to the 'Human Rights Commission Act 1980'*".  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr J. J. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **COMPLAINTS (AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE) BILL 1981:** 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 Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

15 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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 Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

16 AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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 having been resumed by Mr J. J. Brown—

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17 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 March 1981, pursuant to statute:

Air Navigation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 32.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 29.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 30.

Defence Act—Determinations—1981—

No. 3—Post Allowance.

No. 4—Sea-going Allowance.

No. 5—Flight Duties and Field Allowances.

No. 6—Outfit Allowance for Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General.

No. 7—High Electricity Charges Allowance.

No. 8—Airconditioning Allowance.

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determination—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 33

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1981—Amendment No. 2.

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Social Security—W. Fordham.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 34, 35.

Public Service Arbitration Act—

Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Determinations—1980—

C. No. 482—Northern Territory Teachers' Federation (decision and order).

C. No. 849—Northern Territory Teachers' Federation (decision and order).

C. Nos 937 and 966—Northern Territory Teachers' Federation and A.C.T. Teachers' Federation (decision and order).

Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1981—

No. 31—Australian Workers' Union.†

No. 32—Australian Government Lawyers Association.

No. 33—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†

- No. 34—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.  
No. 35—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
No. 36—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and others.  
Nos 37 and 38—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.  
No. 39—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.†  
No. 40—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†  
No. 41—Customs Officers Association of Australia, Fourth Division.  
No. 42—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and another.†  
No. 43—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.  
No. 44—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.  
No. 45—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.  
No. 46—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and others.  
No. 47—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.  
No. 48—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
No. 49—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.  
No. 50—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.  
No. 51—Australian Building Construction Employees' and Builders Labourers' Federation.†  
No. 52—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†  
No. 53—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.  
No. 54—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.†  
No. 55—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.  
No. 56—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.  
No. 57—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.  
No. 58—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.  
No. 59—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and others.  
No. 60—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.  
No. 61—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.  
Nos 62 to 64—Australian Journalists Association.  
No. 65—Professional Musicians Union of Australia.  
No. 66—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.  
No. 67—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
No. 68—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†  
No. 69—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.  
No. 70—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†  
No. 71—Actors' and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.  
No. 72—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.†  
No. 73—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.  
No. 74—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.  
No. 75—Australian Journalists Association.  
No. 76—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

- No. 77—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.  
No. 78—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia and another.  
No. 79—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.  
No. 80—Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association.  
No. 81—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.  
No. 82—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.  
No. 83—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.  
No. 84—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
No. 85—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.  
No. 86—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
No. 87—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.  
No. 88—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†  
No. 89—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.

(† Not accompanied by statement)

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1981/2—  
Director of the Museum of Australia and holders of public offices on other  
bodies.

Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 31.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1981—No. 6 (Medical  
Practitioners Registration Ordinance).

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 36, 37, 38.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except  
Mr Anthony, Mr Bungey, Dr Cass, Mr Dean and Mr Thomson.

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