

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 36

THURSDAY, 28 MAY 1981

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 R. J. Brown, Mr Fry, Mr Jacobi, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Milton, Mr Morris, Mr Mountford and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.

Mr Cunningham, Mr Hall and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that the House recognise the importance of the hotel industry and that any proposal to increase the excise on beer be rejected.

Mr Humphreys and Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to reintroduce a system of health care based on ability to pay and that access to health care be based on medical need.

Mrs Child—from certain citizens praying that sanitary products for women be brought under the scrutiny of the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee and certain other actions be taken in regard to the possible threat posed to the health of women by toxic shock syndrome.

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 Telecom not be dismantled for the benefit of private interests.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decisions of the Committee of Review of Commonwealth Functions to reduce certain occupational and vocational services be reversed.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the means test age limit for service pensioners be reduced from 70 to 65 years.

Mrs Darling—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.

Mrs Darling—from certain members of the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association of Australia and others praying that the provision of funds for research into Epidermolysis Bullosa be restored.

Mr Fry—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the sale of the Belconnen Mall, A.C.T., to private enterprise not be proceeded with.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the public hospital funding arrangements and their impact on lower income groups be re-examined and funding to the States be increased.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be enacted to require the production of annual statistics on the numbers of live animals involved in research and that the National Health and Medical Research Council be required to develop humane and responsible standards of conduct for research using live animals in laboratories.

- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the effects of health proposals and of the necessity for compulsory health insurance on lower income groups be re-examined and the criteria determining the genuinely needy be redefined.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a broad based indirect or value-added tax on goods and services 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 Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the funding of family day care schemes be reviewed and increased in real terms in the 1981-82 Budget.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to disqualify persons under 18 years of age from unemployment benefits be opposed.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that Service Pensions be extended to all merchant seamen who served in theatres of war.
- Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that ex-servicewomen who volunteered for service in the 1939-45 war but were not sent to war zones be considered eligible for defence service home loans.
- Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and visa charges upon private overseas students be removed immediately.
- 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 Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the ban placed on Soviet passenger cruise vessels entering Australian ports be lifted.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that militant unions not be permitted to hold the country to ransom and that a forceful and resolute stand be taken against union militancy.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Antarctic Marine Living Resources—Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting and Conference on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, Canberra, 5 to 20 May 1980—

Report of Australian delegation.

Statement by Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs).

Committee on Overseas Professional Qualifications—12th Report, dated December 1980.

Department of Foreign Affairs—Report for 1980.

Poker Machine Licensing Board of the Capital Territory—Annual Report, for year 1979-80.

Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme: A 'Landbridge' Approach to the Estimation of Subsidy Rates—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated January 1981.

United Nations—Commission on Human Rights—37th Session, Geneva, 2 February to 13 March 1981—Report of Australian delegation.

5 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House:

Proposed work in the Parliamentary zone—Construction of car parks behind the provisional Parliament House—Report, dated 27 May 1981.

Ordered to be printed.

6 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—BUILDING COST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the budget for the new Parliament House remained, in real terms, as it was estimated in 1978, and subsequently endorsed by Parliament, and stated that he would submit a full report to the House in the Budget sittings on development of the design.

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 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TELECOM—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hawke had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s mishandling of industrial relations in Telecom Australia which has prevented management from negotiating on what it regards as legitimately based salary claims and which now poses the danger of serious disruption to the Australian community”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hawke addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Charles rising to address the House—

Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Cowan	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bourchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher*	Sir Phillip Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Sir William McMahon	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tambling
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges*	Mr Newman	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr O’Keefe	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Howard	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson

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

*Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 9 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1981: Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the validation of certain collections of duties of Customs.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Moore 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.
- 10 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National University Act 1946*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Fife 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 KOONGARRA PROJECT AREA BILL 1981: Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to vary the boundary of the Kakadu National Park for the purposes of the Koongarra Project.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Wilson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr West), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (CAPRICORNIA SECTION) REGULATIONS—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:
 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 108.
 Mr Wilson, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the regulations, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Capricornia Section) Regulations—Ministerial statement, 28 May 1981.
 Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Carlton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 INCOME TAX (DIVERTED INCOME) 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 Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) ASSESSMENT 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 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 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1981–82: 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 Klugman who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing this Bill, the House notes with alarm the increasing commitment of the Government to monetarist policies, which policies have, wherever fully implemented, resulted in low economic growth, high unemployment, soaring interest rates, increased inequality and widespread poverty, and therefore calls on the Government to abandon these damaging and divisive policies”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

16 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1981–82: 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 Hunt (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

17 ROADS GRANTS 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 by Mr Morris who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give this Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that—

- (1) the Bill fails to provide adequate funds to the States and the Northern Territory for desirable road construction and maintenance;
- (2) the abolition of the discretionary power of the States to determine which national road works should be offered to private contractors by public tender is contrary to the national interest and will create disruption and dislocation of State road authorities, leading to inefficiency, waste, inflexibility and the loss of employment;
- (3) the amalgamation of the former categories of Urban Arterial roads and Rural Arterial roads into a single category of Arterial roads will lead to an inequitable distribution of road funds between urban and rural areas, and
- (4) the Government has again failed to use an expanded road construction and maintenance program to provide safer roads and more jobs”.

Debate continued.

Mr Cunningham addressing 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.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 48, dated 14 May 1981, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 23, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 24—

Mr Morris moved the following amendment: Page 12, lines 32-38, omit paragraph (a) of sub-clause (1), substitute the following paragraph:

“(a) that, where moneys paid to the State in accordance with the grant are required by virtue of this Act to be expended on the carrying out of an approved project by way of the construction of a national road, the State, in its discretion, may invite, and deal with, tenders for those works;”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 44

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 R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Mr Campbell	Mr Fry	Mr Kent	Mr Scott
Dr Cass	Mr Hawke	Mr Kerin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mrs Child	Mr Howe	Mr McLeay	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon*	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mildren	Mr Young

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Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hyde	Mr Rocher
Mr Anthony	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Sir Phillip Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher*	Mr McLean	Mr Tambling
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Sir William McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Harris	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Porter	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 STATES (TAX SHARING AND HEALTH GRANTS) BILL 1981: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for grants to the States and the Northern Territory from the tax collections of the Commonwealth and to provide for grants to the States and the Northern Territory for health purposes. Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard 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.

- 19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976* in consequence of the *States (Tax Sharing and Health Grants) Act 1981*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 20 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That standing order 48A (Adjournment of House) and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.
Question—put and passed.
- 21 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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 resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Charles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 22 AIRLINES AGREEMENT BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the execution of an agreement relating to air transport, and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 INDEPENDENT AIR FARES COMMITTEE BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Committee to review the basis on which certain domestic passenger air fares are determined and to determine those domestic passenger air fares.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 AIRLINES EQUIPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Airlines Equipment Act 1958*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES REPEAL BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Australian National Airlines Act 1945* and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Mr Hunt continued his speech.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

26 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed. And then the House, at 12.02 a.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bungey, Mr Drummond, Mr Giles, Mr Keating, Mr Killen, Mr Lloyd, Mr Nixon and Mr Wallis.

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