

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

No. 37

TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 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 C. K. Jones, Mr Kent, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Morris and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.

Mr Bouchier, Mr Carlton, Mr Fisher and Mr J. L. McMahon—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 Beazley and Mr Kent—from certain residents of the Northern Territory praying that the offer of Darwin or any other location as a base or depot for American B-52 bombers be withdrawn and any request by the United States Government for the use of bases in Australia be rejected.

Mr R. J. Brown and Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the ban placed on Soviet passenger cruise vessels entering Australian ports be lifted.

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

Mrs Darling and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be introduced, the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be extended to meet the financial needs of students, and certain other action be taken in relation to tertiary and adult education.

Mr Howe and Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to re-introduce a system of health care based on ability to pay and that access to health care be based on medical need.

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

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

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 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 citizens praying that the recent decisions made with respect to tertiary education be rescinded and no steps be taken towards the re-introduction of fees for tertiary education.

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 means test age limit for service pensioners be reduced from 70 to 65 years.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced, visa charges upon private overseas students be removed, the decision to introduce a loans scheme be reversed and the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be increased and extended.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the proposed health cost sharing arrangements between the Commonwealth and Queensland be rejected and the present scheme be maintained.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Government resume its role of regulation and control of all nuclear activities.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decisions to terminate some information services and rationalise other services provided by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs be rescinded.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decision to provide brochures and information on government programs at Post Offices around Australia be reversed.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decisions to transfer responsibility for legal aid to the States of New South Wales and Tasmania and the Northern Territory and also to abandon the new building for the Institute of Criminology be rescinded.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Government rescind the decision to transfer to the private sector work from the Government Printing Office and certain purchasing and other services provided by the public service.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Australia's overseas aid and the proportion of aid channelled through recognised non-government organisations be increased.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decision not to proceed with the establishment of a Broadcasting Information Office and to abolish the Australia Post Courier Service be rescinded.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decision to reduce the rate of expansion of Regional Offices of the Department of Social Security, and related decisions be rescinded.
- 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.
- Mrs Darling—from certain members of Parents and Citizens Associations praying that the positive role of the Schools Commission and the functioning of the Curriculum Development Centre be ensured.
- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that certain recommendations of the Law Reform Commission discussion paper on Privacy and Personal Information be rejected and some other means be found to protect children from the excessive abuse of some parents.
- Mr Hawke—from certain citizens praying that the decisions to close the Bendigo Ordnance Factory and to sell or lease the Government Clothing Factory, Vic., be reversed.
- Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that the Telephone Interpreter Service in Tasmania be retained.
- Mr Howe—from certain residents of Victoria praying that adequate funds be made available for children's services so that family day care may be provided within the City of Northcote, Vic.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the decisions arising out of the Review of Commonwealth Functions relating to tertiary education funding be re-considered and an urgent inquiry be initiated into employment in tertiary institutions, the national research effort and the adequacy of tertiary student support systems.

- 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 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 Kerin—from certain citizens praying that the funding of women's health centres and rape crisis centres be increased.
- 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 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 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 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.
- Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and visa charges upon private overseas students be removed immediately.
- Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that minimisation of interest rates be adopted as one of the aims of economic policy and certain other actions be taken in relation to the money supply.
- Mr Shack—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the residents of cottages 11 to 14 on Garden Island, W.A., be allowed to remain and to move only when the residents of the remaining northern end cottages do so.
- Mr Street—from certain citizens praying that the decision to abolish the Engineering School at Deakin University, Vic., be reversed.
- Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that fees for post-secondary education not be introduced and students be assured that no such options are under consideration for the 1981 Budget.

Petitions received.

- 3 DEATH OF PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH (MR ZIAUR RAHMAN): Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on 30 May 1981, of the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (Mr Ziaur Rahman), and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death on 30 May of His Excellency President Ziaur Rahman, President of Bangladesh since 1977, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family and to the people of Bangladesh.

And Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Dr Blewett having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Viner (Minister for Industrial Relations), Mr Fife (Minister for Education) was acting as Minister for Industrial Relations.

- 5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

**6 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Administrative Review Council—Reports—

Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Tribunal—Report to Attorney-General, dated 1 May 1981.

Jurisdiction of Ombudsman—Working party report to Council.

Social security appeals—Report, together with appendices (5).

National Resources—Senate Standing Committee—Report on the replacement of petroleum-based fuels by alternative sources of energy—Government response—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for National Development and Energy).

Pursuant to statute:

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—7th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.

High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 21 April to 30 June 1980.

Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—35th Annual Report, for 1980—

Report.

Statistical appendix.

National Health Act—Annual Report on the operations of the registered medical and hospital benefits organizations, for year 1979–80.

**7 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

28 May 1981—Message—

No. 89—Wool Industry Amendment 1981.

No. 90—Customs Amendment 1981.

No. 91—Excise Amendment 1981.

No. 92—Companies 1981.

No. 93—Companies (Fees) 1981.

No. 94—Companies (Transitional Provisions) 1981.

No. 95—Companies (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1981.

No. 96—Crown Debts (Priority) 1981.

No. 97—Companies (Acquisition of Shares) Amendment (No. 2) 1981.

No. 98—Companies (Acquisition of Shares-Fees) Amendment 1981.

No. 99—Securities Industry Amendment (No. 2) 1981.

No. 100—Securities Industry (Fees) Amendment 1981.

No. 101—Companies and Securities (Interpretation and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment (No. 2) 1981.

No. 102—Fish (Export Inspection Charge) 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 103—Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Collection 1981.

No. 104—Dried Fruit (Export Inspection Charge) 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 105—Dried Fruit (Export Inspection Charge) Collection 1981.

No. 107—Appropriation (No. 3) 1980–81 (*without requests*).

No. 108—Appropriation (No. 4) 1980–81.

**8 MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Administrator were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

25 May 1981—Message—

No. 49—

Census and Statistics Amendment 1981.

Beef Industry (Incentive Payments) Amendment 1981.

- No. 50—  
Excise Tariff Amendment 1981.  
Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment 1981.
- No. 51—  
States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment 1981.  
States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment 1981.
- No. 52—Quarantine Amendment 1981.
- 1 June 1981—Message No. 53—  
Appropriation (No. 3) 1980–81.  
Appropriation (No. 4) 1980–81.
- 9 PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Jarman, by leave, presented the following paper:  
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to Peru, Venezuela and Brazil by a delegation led by the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden, K.C.M.G., Q.C., M.P., from 23 to 29 July 1980 and by Senator H. W. Young from 29 July to 12 August 1980.  
Mr Jarman and Mr Johnson, by leave, made statements in connection with the report. Mr Speaker also made a statement in connection with the report.
- 10 SITTING HOURS OF THE PARLIAMENT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement regarding consideration being given to revised hours of sitting for the Parliament.  
Mr Cohen and Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) also made statements with reference to the matter.
- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POLITICAL PARTIES—PUBLIC FUNDING: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Young had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The refusal of the Government to provide for public funding of political parties for election campaigns”.  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Young addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1981: Message No. 106, dated 28 May 1981, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act for the purposes of statute law revision, and for other purposes*”.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Fife (Minister for Education) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Dawkins), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CONSTRUCTION OF CAR PARKS BEHIND PROVISIONAL PARLIAMENT HOUSE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL: Mr Fife (Minister for Education), for Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House of Representatives approves the following proposal: Construction of car parks behind the provisional Parliament House.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

- 15 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.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 64

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

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 16 HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to sickness and hospital benefits, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr MacKellar moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 17 HOUSING ASSISTANCE 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 Uren who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House is of the opinion that—

(1) the Bill should be withdrawn and re-drafted because it fails to provide sufficient funds to meet the neglected housing needs of the Australian people and signals a further withdrawal by the Federal Government from its—

(a) responsibility to ensure, in co-operation with the States, Territories and local government, security of housing for all Australians, and

- (b) direct responsibility for the housing of Aboriginal people;
- (2) the Bill should provide—
- (a) sufficient funds to housing authorities to ensure a significant reduction of the backlog on their waiting lists;
  - (b) sufficient funds to ensure a permanent reduction in the number of persons who are homeless or living in sub-standard accommodation;
  - (c) sufficient funds to allow the housing authorities to undertake a comprehensive survey of housing needs and the adequacy of the existing housing stock;
  - (d) sufficient funds to enable the housing authorities, in co-operation with the Commonwealth, to develop a strategy as part of overall urban and regional policy planning to ensure a social mix in housing estates as well as ensuring that public housing tenants have access to social and cultural amenities and job opportunities;
  - (e) sufficient funds to allow the housing authorities to expand and improve the stock of public housing while enabling them to continue an effective program of home ownership assistance for low and middle income earners;
  - (f) that the interest rates charged for home purchase account 'on lent' to other lending authorities should rise in line with capacity to pay;
  - (g) that the rents of public housing tenants be related to capacity to pay and otherwise determined on an averaged cost-rent basis, and
  - (h) an adequate forward commitment of real funds to enable the States and Territories to properly plan their housing programs, and
- (3) the opportunity should be provided for the Commonwealth Parliament to debate annually the appropriation to determine progress made in relation to the objectives of the Agreement”.

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

18 MOTION—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED: Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) asked leave to move a motion.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.

19 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103: Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That standing order 48A (Adjournment of House) and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.  
Mr Uren addressing the House—  
*Closure:* Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jarman, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

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

## NOES, 48

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

## \* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

20 HOUSING ASSISTANCE 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto earlier this day by Mr Uren (see entry No. 17)—*

Debate resumed.

Mr Howe addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 62

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
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 White
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Howard	Mr Peacock	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	

## NOES, 47

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

## \* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—  
being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 62

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
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Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Mildren	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham	Mr Innes	Mr Milton	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

*Message from the Administrator:* Message No. 54, 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*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Howe addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Cowan	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
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Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tambling
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Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
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Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morrison
Dr Blewett	Mr Duffy	Mr Johnson*	Mr Mountford
Mr Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mrs Kelly	Dr Theophanous
Dr Cass	Mr Hawke	Mr Kent	Mr Uren
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Howe	Mr McLeay	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Mildren	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham	Mr Innes	Mr Milton	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Robinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), the House adopted the report.

Mr McVeigh, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Milton rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 21 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (SEA DUMPING) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Dr Jenkins rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment) the following amendment was made:

Page 2, lines 27–33, omit the definition of “Australian waters”, substitute the following definition:

“‘Australian waters’ means—

(a) the territorial sea of Australia and any sea that is on the landward side of the territorial sea of Australia, other than any part of the sea that is within the limits of a State or of the Northern Territory; or

(b) the territorial sea of an external Territory and any sea that is on the landward side of that territorial sea,

and includes any area of sea that is declared by the regulations to be included in Australian waters for the purposes of this Act;”.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 9 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 61

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Baume	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Spender
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tambling
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Newman	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Peacock	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson	

NOES, 46

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 10 to 17, by leave, taken together.

Mr West, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 10—

Page 5, line 5, at the beginning of the clause insert “Subject to section 22,”.

Page 5, lines 7 and 8, omit paragraph (a), substitute the following paragraph:

“(a) are, or is, dumped into Australian waters or into the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory from any vessel, platform or aircraft; or”.

Clause 11, page 5, line 16, after “waters” insert “or into the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory”.

Clause 12—

Page 5, sub-clause (1), at the beginning of the sub-clause insert “Subject to section 22,”.

Page 5, lines 28–30, omit paragraph (a), substitute the following paragraph:

“(a) is loaded on any vessel, platform or aircraft in Australia or in Australian waters or in the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory for the purpose of being dumped into the sea or being incinerated at sea; or”.

Page 5, line 31, omit “or Australian aircraft”, substitute “, Australian aircraft or Australian platform”.

Clause 14—

Page 6, sub-clause (1), at the beginning of the sub-clause insert “Subject to section 22,”.

Page 6, line 14, omit paragraph (a), substitute the following paragraph:

“(a) a vessel or platform in Australian waters or in the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory;”.

Clause 17, page 8, line 40, at the end of paragraph (b) add “or in the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory”.

Debate continued.

Mr Howe addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Cowan	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
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 White
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson

NOES, 46

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendments be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Clauses agreed to.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19—

Mr West moved the following amendment:

Page 10, line 26, after “section” insert “and to section 22”.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 22—

Mr West moved that the clause be omitted and the following clause be substituted:

**Radioactive wastes or other matter**

“22. (1) The dumping at sea of any radioactive wastes or other radioactive matter, being dumping to which this section applies, is prohibited.

(2) The incineration at sea of any radioactive wastes or other radioactive matter, being incineration to which this section applies, is prohibited.

(3) The loading of any radioactive wastes or other radioactive matter for the purpose of being dumped at sea or incinerated at sea, being loading to which this section applies, is prohibited.

(4) This section applies to dumping at sea and incineration at sea carried out from or by—

- (a) any vessel, platform or aircraft in or into Australian waters or in or into the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory;
- (b) any Australian vessel, Australian aircraft or Australian platform in or into any part of the sea.

(5) This section applies to loading on or onto—

- (a) any vessel, aircraft or platform in Australia or in Australian waters or in the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory;
- (b) any Australian vessel, Australian aircraft or Australian platform in, or in the territorial sea of, a country that is not a party to the Convention.

(6) The owner and person in charge of the vessel, platform or aircraft on or from which loading, dumping at sea or incineration at sea in contravention of this section is carried out and the owner of the wastes or other matter so loaded, dumped or incinerated are each guilty of an offence against this section, punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding—

- (a) if the person is a natural person—\$50,000; or
- (b) if the person is a body corporate—\$100,000.”.

Debate continued.

Mrs Darling addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 59

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Cowan	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	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 White
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	

NOES, 46

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 59

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Cowan	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bourchier	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	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 White
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	

NOES, 46

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 23 to 28, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 29—

Mr West, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 16, line 11, at the end of paragraph (c) of sub-clause (1) add “or in the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory”.

Page 16, line 28, after “waters” insert “or in the sea above the continental shelf of Australia or of an external Territory”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

On the motion of Mr Wilson, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 16, add at the end of sub-clause (4) “to which it is safe and practicable to bring the vessel”.

Page 17, line 16, omit “\$1,000”, substitute “\$2,000”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 40, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 41—

On the motion of Mr Wilson the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 21, add at the end thereof the following sub-clause:

“(2) Regulations under sub-section (1) may declare that a specified area of sea on the seaward side of the territorial sea of Australia or the territorial sea of an external Territory is included in Australian waters for the purposes of this Act.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Wilson, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 COMMONWEALTH LEGAL AID 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 resumed by Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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 Commonwealth has a continuing national responsibility for the funding of legal aid, the States having amply demonstrated in the past that they have neither the resources nor the inclination to ensure equal access to the law;
- (2) the Commonwealth has an indispensable national role in the formulation of legal aid policy so as to ensure that legal services are delivered on a co-ordinated, rational and equitable basis;
- (3) the Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission has a central national role to play in research, evaluating, advising upon, co-ordinating and monitoring the funding and delivery of legal aid services;
- (4) the present functions of the Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission cannot be performed as adequately or effectively by a part time advisory Council and an Attorney-General’s Department already subject to severe staffing constraints, and
- (5) the proposals to abolish the Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission, to curtail the functions and limit the independence of its successor advisory Council and to limit the number of full time officials working on legal aid policy and funding, are all to be deplored as marking the first steps toward the Commonwealth’s ultimate abandonment of responsibility for legal aid funding”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59

Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Birney	Mr Cowan	Mr Hyde	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Tambling
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Porter	

NOES, 45

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 Fife (Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.

23 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 18, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

24 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION 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 Hurford 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—

- (1) expresses its concern that the Customs duties validated by the Bill in relation to wheelchairs will maintain the high cost of these necessary aids for the disabled;
- (2) calls upon the Government immediately to review its decision in relation to wheelchairs with a view to replacing the tariff arrangements provided in the Bill with a bounty scheme for local producers, and
- (3) condemns the Government for its failure to implement its promise for a Programme of Aids for Disabled People including the free provision of wheelchairs”.

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.

Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 2.20 a.m., adjourned until this day at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 June 1981, pursuant to statute:

Bounty (Paper) Act—Return for period 6 February 1980 to 5 February 1981.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Public Service Arbitration Act—

Conciliation and Arbitration Commissioner—Determinations—1981—

No. 182—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.

No. 183—Commonwealth Foremen’s Association of Australia (Australian Public Service).

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

No. 159—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 160—Amalgamated Metal Workers’ and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 161—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers) and others.

No. 162—Civil Air Operations Officers’ Association of Australia.

No. 163—Administrative and Clerical Officers’ Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 164—Civil Air Operations Officers’ Association of Australia.

Nos. 165 and 166—Australian Journalists Association

No. 167—Transport Workers’ Union of Australia.†

No. 168—Australian Workers’ Union.†

- No. 169—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†  
No. 170—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Australia.†  
No. 171—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.†  
No. 172—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia.†  
No. 173—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†  
No. 174—Australian Workers' Union.†  
No. 175—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†  
No. 176—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
Nos. 177 and 178—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†  
No. 179—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
No. 180—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.  
No. 181—Australasian Society of Engineers and others.†

(† Not accompanied by statement.)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 19 May 1981.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Campbell, Mr Drummond, Mr Keating, Mr Killen, Sir William McMahon, Mr Nixon and Mr Viner.

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