

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 43

TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 1981

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 **DEATH OF FORMER PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (THE HONOURABLE SIR THOMAS PLAYFORD):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 16 June 1981, of the Honourable Sir Thomas Playford, G.C.M.G., a former Premier of South Australia.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

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

Mr Charles, Mrs Child, Mr Cunningham, Mr Duffy, Mr Hawke, Mr Holding, Mr Innes, Dr Jenkins, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Kent, Mr Mildren, Mr Milton, Dr Theophanous and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that insulin syringes for diabetics be made available on the National Health Scheme and insulin prescriptions revert to 10 bottles.

Mr Bouchier, Mr N. A. Brown, Mrs Child, Mr Fisher, Mr Fraser, Mr Holding, Mr Howe, Mr Innes, Mr B. O. Jones and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that immediate and positive action be taken to avert further poverty and suffering in the community by raising the level of all pensions and benefits to the poverty line and by reconsidering the recent Government decisions taken in relation to the health system.

Mr Anthony, Mr Bowen, Mr Hunt, Mr Killen, Sir Phillip Lynch, Sir William McMahon, Mr Millar and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the basic pension be increased to 30% of average weekly earnings and the rent allowance be increased to \$20 a week.

Mr R. J. Brown, Mrs Child, Mrs Darling, Mr Jacobi, Mr Morris, Mr Mountford and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.

Dr Blewett, Dr Cass, Mrs Child and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be maintained, community health program funding and services be increased, the means test be abandoned and certain other action be taken in relation to the health care needs of the community.

Dr Blewett, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Mountford and Mr Scott—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.

Mrs Child, Mr Humphreys, Mr J. L. McMahon and Dr Theophanous—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 Free, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Mountford and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and visa charges upon private overseas students be removed immediately.

- Mr Hodgman, Mr Humphreys, Mr McVeigh and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that the value of family allowances be restored and then indexed and the spouse rebate be increased to \$1,342 per year.
- Mr Bowen, Mr N. A. Brown and Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the payment of medical benefits cease where transcendental meditation is provided by a medical practitioner and the scientific evidence on which it was decided that transcendental meditation is a medically indicated relaxation technique be provided.
- Mr Braithwaite, Mr Jull and Mr Millar—from certain members of Parents and Citizens Associations praying that the Schools Commission and Curriculum Development Centre be retained in their original forms and certain funding proposals and schools improvement programs be retained.
- Mr Cadman, Mr Dean and Mr McLean—from certain citizens praying that private and confidential medical records be protected from scrutiny.
- Mr Cunningham, Mr Scott and Mr Thomson—from certain citizens praying that the importance of the hotel industry be recognised and that any proposal to increase the excise on beer be rejected.
- Mrs Darling, Mr Hodges and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.
- Mr J. L. McMahon, Sir William McMahon and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that funds not be allocated for the development of roads or dams in South-West Tasmania but be provided instead for the preservation of the area.
- Mr J. L. McMahon, Sir William McMahon and Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the Commonwealth funding of health services be continued at an improved level and the recommendations of the Committee of Review of Commonwealth Functions not be proceeded with.
- Mr Birney and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.
- Mr Bouchier and Mr Cunningham—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to prevent the Australian Postal Commission implementing any plan which will downgrade postal and mail services.
- Mr Holding and Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the government of the United States of America be urged to cease all military aid to El Salvador and support be given to the freedom of the Salvadorian people against the governing military dictatorship.
- 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 Porter and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the current ineffective system of water quantity and quality control of the Murray-Darling River system be replaced and control of the waters be developed on a national basis.
- Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that the decision to pass the responsibility of funding of women's and children's refuges and health and crisis centres to the States be reversed and certain other actions be taken to consolidate the existing services and develop new initiatives for women and children in the community.
- Mr Birney—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Phillip praying that the salary of a full-time co-ordinator for the Randwick Occasional Care for Kids group be provided by the Government.
- Dr Blewett—from certain residents of Salisbury and Elizabeth, S.A. praying that interest rate agreements be reduced annually with a maximum interest percentage ceiling on investors' capital and a scale of interest charges for loans.
- Mr Bouchier—from certain citizens praying that the decision to sell the Bendigo Ordnance Factory to private enterprise be reversed.

- Mr Bowen—from certain residents of New South Wales 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.
- 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 Child—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to grant a service pension to ex-service personnel who did not serve overseas.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that no approval be given to the application of Trans Australia Airlines or any other airline for a relaxation or withdrawal of the curfew at Eagle Farm Airport, Qld.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the General Aviation Study report proposing substantial increases to general aviation's air navigation charges be rejected.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the means test on pension increases and fringe benefits for pensioners over 70 years of age be removed.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to transfer funding of women's refuges to the States not be proceeded with and Federal funding levels for women's refuges be increased.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Committee of Review of Commonwealth Functions concerning employment in the Public Service be rescinded.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that initiatives be taken to provide more funds to lending institutions for home loans in order to reduce pressure on banks and other lending institutions and reverse the trend of spiralling interest rates.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the proposed health cost sharing arrangements be rejected and the present Queensland scheme be maintained.
- 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 Fife—from certain citizens praying that measures be taken to ensure that married women are not considered for positions of employment which can be filled by young single job seekers.
- Mr Fisher—from certain citizens praying that the decision to cease funding for professional engineering education at the Bendigo College of Advanced Education, Vic., be reversed.
- Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that all pensions and benefits be raised to 30% of the national average weekly male earnings, the means test on the pensioner health benefit be removed, Medibank be reintroduced and certain other actions be taken to alleviate the shortage of housing and unemployment.
- Mr Harris—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 Hicks—from certain citizens praying that Telecom formulate an entirely new costing based on a standard installation fee and yearly rental regardless of distance from an exchange.
- Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that East Timorese on the agreed list and Timorese refugees be permitted to migrate to Australia for family reunion purposes.
- Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that the funding of community kindergartens be increased or at least maintained at present levels.

- 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 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 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 alternative means be examined by which the double taxation of dividends can be ameliorated to encourage Australian ownership and private investors not be disadvantaged by investing in Australian enterprises.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that provision be made in the Budget to adjust family allowances to reflect the increase to the cost of living since 1976 and allowances be indexed to reflect annual consumer price index increases.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to increase the lower end of the income test scale.
- 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 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 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 Humphreys—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.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that Australia join with other Pacific nations to make Australia and the whole of the Pacific region a nuclear free zone.
- Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to reduce air navigation charges for aircraft used for recreational and private flying.
- Mr Johnson—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that the Government maintain responsibility for the national women's refuge program by continuing funding on a 75% Federal/25% State basis.
- Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens who live or work in the Shire of Werribee, Vic., praying that the community health program remain a responsibility of the Commonwealth Government and proposals to cut funding to the program be withdrawn.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that family allowances be indexed to cover future price rises and single-income families be helped by introducing optional income-splitting for taxation purposes.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to deny unemployment benefits to unemployed persons under 18 years of age be unconditionally withdrawn and that certain other action be taken in regard to unemployment benefits and employment policies.
- Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to bring all family allowances and social security benefits up to levels which would make them equivalent in real monetary terms to the time when they were set.
- Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that interest rate relief be given by way of tax concessions or a subsidy on mortgage repayments.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that legislation not be introduced which would restrict vitamin and mineral values obtainable through health food stores, and that the freedom of choice of practitioner be maintained.

- Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the ban placed on Soviet passenger cruise vessels entering Australian ports be lifted.
- Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the Betsy Women's Refuge and the network of women's shelters in Australia be adequately funded.
- Mr Nixon—from certain citizens praying that any action to close regional Post Offices in the Electoral Division of Gippsland not be proceeded with.
- Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the importance of the club industry be recognised and that any proposal to increase the excise on beer be rejected.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to implement those recommendations of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that will further undermine and weaken marriage, child-care or the family.
- Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to increase sales tax on white goods and shelf goods be rejected.
- Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that a maximum fixed interest rate on a first mortgage be established for the entire period for which the loan is taken out.
- Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that separate Commonwealth/State funding of the Tamworth Women's Refuge and similar refuges be maintained.
- Mr Tambling—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to recover from general aviation a significant proportion of the cost of running the Department of Transport not be implemented.
- Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that the discrimination against RAAF personnel in the area of health insurance be removed.
- Mr West—from certain electors and residents of the Illawarra Region, N.S.W., praying for the provision of improved and more extensive health and welfare services in the Illawarra region.
- Mr West—from certain residents of Wollongong, N.S.W., praying that a radio and television repeater transmitter be opened in Wollongong for both the UHF and VHF bands.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for year 1980–81.

Employment prospects by industry and occupation—A labour market analysis—Report by Department of Employment and Youth Affairs—July 1981.

Pursuant to statute:

Canned Fruit (Sales Promotion) Act—Australian Canned Fruit Sales Promotion Committee—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1980.

Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation 1st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1980.

Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 1 February 1980 to 31 January 1981.

6 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:

New Parliament House, Canberra—6th Report, dated 13 August 1981.

Ordered to be printed.

7 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—SCHEMATIC DESIGN—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

New Parliament House—Schematic design—Report by the Parliament House Construction Authority, dated August 1981—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

8 RETIREMENT OF MR F. W. TEMPERLY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF: Mr Speaker informed the House of the retirement of Mr F. W. Temperly, Administrative Officer, Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, paid tribute to his long and valued service to the Parliament and wished him a long and rewarding retirement.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) and Mr Uren associated themselves with the remarks of Mr Speaker.

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

10 June 1981—Message—

- No. 135—Commonwealth Functions (Statutes Review) 1981.
- No. 136—Income Tax (Assessment and Rates) Amendment 1981.
- No. 137—Petroleum Products Pricing 1981.

11 June 1981—Message—

- No. 138—Australian Capital Territory Gaming and Liquor Authority 1981.
- No. 139—Income Tax Laws Amendment 1981.
- No. 140—Income Tax (Diverted Income) 1981 (*without requests*).
- No. 141—Income Tax Assessment Amendment 1981.
- No. 142—Income Tax Laws Amendment (No. 2) 1981.

12 June 1981, a.m.—Message No. 143—Health Acts Amendment 1981.

12 June 1981—Message—

- No. 144—Koongarra Project Area 1981.
- No. 145—Lands Acquisition (Northern Territory Pastoral Leases) 1981.
- No. 146—Australian National University Amendment 1981.
- No. 147—Christmas Island Agreement Amendment 1981.
- No. 148—Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) 1981.
- No. 149—Bounty (Printed Fabrics) 1981.
- No. 150—Bounty (Textile Yarns) 1981.

10 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:

12 June 1981—Message—

No. 59—

- Fish (Export Inspection Charge) 1981.
- Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Collection 1981.
- Dried Fruit (Export Inspection Charge) 1981.
- Dried Fruit (Export Inspection Charge) Collection 1981.

No. 60—Statute Law Revision 1981.

No. 61—Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission Amendment 1981.

No. 62—

- Wool Industry Amendment 1981.
- Customs Amendment 1981.
- Excise Amendment 1981.

No. 63—

- Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment 1981.
- Customs Amendment (Securities) 1981.
- Customs Tariff Amendment 1981.
- Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Amendment 1981.

17 June 1981—Message—

- No. 64—Housing Assistance 1981.
- No. 65—Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment 1981.

18 June 1981—Message—

No. 66—

- Supply (No. 1) 1981–82.
- Supply (No. 2) 1981–82.
- Commonwealth Functions (Statutes Review) 1981.

- No. 67—
 Airlines Agreement 1981.
 Independent Air Fares Committee 1981.
 Airlines Equipment Amendment 1981.
 Australian National Airlines Repeal 1981.
- No. 68—
 Petroleum (Submerged Lands—Miscellaneous Amendments) 1981.
 Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Amendment 1981.
 Minerals (Submerged Lands) 1981.
 Minerals (Submerged Lands) (Royalty) 1981.
 Minerals (Submerged Lands) (Exploration Permit Fees) 1981.
 Minerals (Submerged Lands) (Production Licence Fees) 1981.
 Minerals (Submerged Lands) (Works Authority Fees) 1981.
 Minerals (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) 1981.
- No. 69—Customs Tariff Validation 1981.
- No. 70—Roads Grants 1981.
- No. 71—
 Companies 1981.
 Companies (Fees) 1981.
 Companies (Transitional Provisions) 1981.
 Companies (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1981.
 Crown Debts (Priority) 1981.
 Companies (Acquisition of Shares) Amendment (No. 2) 1981.
 Companies (Acquisition of Shares—Fees) Amendment 1981.
 Securities Industry Amendment (No. 2) 1981.
 Securities Industry (Fees) Amendment 1981.
 Companies and Securities (Interpretation and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment (No. 2) 1981.
- No. 72—
 States (Tax Sharing and Health Grants) 1981.
 Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Amendment 1981.
- 24 June 1981—Message—
- No. 73—
 Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) 1981.
 Bounty (Printed Fabrics) 1981.
 Bounty (Textile Yarns) 1981.
- No. 74—
 Koongarra Project Area 1981.
 Lands Acquisition (Northern Territory Pastoral Leases) 1981.
 Australian National University Amendment 1981.
 Christmas Island Agreement Amendment 1981.
- No. 75—
 Income Tax Laws Amendment 1981.
 Income Tax (Assessment and Rates) Amendment 1981.
 Income Tax Laws Amendment (No. 2) 1981.
 Income Tax Assessment Amendment 1981.
 Income Tax (Diverted Income) 1981.
- No. 76—
 Broadcasting and Television Amendment 1981.
 Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1981.
 Overseas Telecommunications Amendment 1981.
- No. 77—
 Australian Capital Territory Gaming and Liquor Authority 1981.
 Petroleum Products Pricing 1981.
- 25 June 1981—Message No. 78—Health Acts Amendment 1981.

- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICY AND 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 failure of the Government’s economic policy as evidenced by the recent rise in interest rates to the highest levels ever in the history of the nation”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Willis addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 12 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 8 TO 12 (1981):** Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (1981).
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 PAPERS:** Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
Lamps and lighting fittings (Developing Country preferences), dated 16 April 1981 (No. 261)
Miscellaneous transport equipment, dated 30 April 1981 (No. 262)
Paper novelties (Developing Country preferences), dated 8 May 1981 (No. 263).
- 14 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 18 to 20 (1980) and Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 to 5 (1981), constituting part of order of the day No. 9, government business, be discharged.
Question—put and passed.
- 15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL 1981:**
Message No. 151, dated 12 June 1981, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to give to members of the public rights of access to official documents of the Government of the Commonwealth and of its agencies*”.
- Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr B. O. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 16 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE, APPROPRIATION FOR PAYMENT OF INCREASES IN SALARIES AND WAGES, AND APPROPRIATION FOR LOAN CONSOLIDATION AND INVESTMENT RESERVE, FOR YEAR 1981-82—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82—BUDGET SPEECH:**
Message No. 79, dated 17 August 1981, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:
- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1982, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly; and
 - (b) further recommending to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1982, for the payment of such increases in salaries and wages and payments in the nature of salary, for which provision is made in the attached particulars of proposed expenditure as have become payable or become payable, or have commenced or commence to be paid, during that year in accordance with any law, or in accordance with an award, order or determination made under a law; and

(c) further recommending to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1982, for the purposes of the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve established by the *Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve Act 1955*, of such sums as the Minister for Finance from time to time determines.

Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1982. Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time, and delivered the budget speech.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1981-82—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1981-82:** Message No. 80, dated 17 August 1981, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1982 and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1982.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 **PAPERS:** Mr Howard (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Australia's overseas development assistance program 1981-82.

Budget statements 1981-82.

Civil works program 1981-82.

Estimates of receipts and summary of estimated expenditure for the year ending 30 June 1982.

Government securities on issue at 30 June 1981.

Income tax statistics.

Income tax zone allowances—Report of Public Inquiry, dated 29 June 1981.

National accounting estimates of receipts and outlays of Commonwealth Government authorities.

National income and expenditure 1980-81.

Payments to or for the States, the Northern Territory and local government authorities 1981-82.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 19 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY STAMP DUTY AMENDMENT BILL 1981:**

Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty Act 1969*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Moore 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.

- 20 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (INSURANCE BUSINESS) AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Tax (Insurance Business) Act 1969*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Moore 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.

- 21 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (CHEQUES) AMENDMENT BILL 1981:**
Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Tax (Cheques) Act 1969*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Moore 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.
- 22 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1981:**
Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Moore 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.
- 23 SALES TAX AMENDMENT BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1981:** Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented the following Bills:
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930*;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930*;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930*;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930*;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930*;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930*;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930*;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930*, and
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930*.
Bills together read a first time.
Mr Moore moved—That the Bills 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.
- 24 CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) PROPOSALS (1981):** Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Proposals (1981).
Debate adjourned (Mr Dawkins), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1981:**
Mr Sinclair (Minister for Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act 1964*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr B. O. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Television Stations Licence Fees Act 1964*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr B. O. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27 PAPER:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Communications), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Australian Postal Commission—Service and business outlook for year 1981–82,

- 28 **DEPARTURE TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Macphee (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Departure Tax Act 1978*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Macphee moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr B. O. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 29 **DEPARTURE TAX COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Macphee (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Departure Tax Collection Act 1978*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Macphee moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 30 **AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Navigation (Charges) Act 1952*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr B. O. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 31 **PAPER** The following paper was presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Social security and the 1981–82 Budget—Statement by Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security) dated 18 August 1981.
- 32 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Macphee (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—
 That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at 9.48 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 August 1981:
 By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Treaties—Text of—

Which have been signed for Australia—

- (1) Agreement between Australia and the European Economic Community on Trade in Mutton, Lamb and Goatmeat, signed in Paris on 14 November 1980, and entered into force on that date.
- (2) Agreement on Cultural Co-operation between Australia and the People's Republic of China, signed in Canberra on 29 April 1981, and entered into force on that date.
- (3) Agreement establishing the Common Fund for Commodities, drawn up at Geneva on 27 June 1980, and signed by Australia in New York on 20 May 1981 (not yet in force).
- (4) Agreement between Australia and Malta for the Exchange of Money Orders, signed in Valetta on 26 June 1980, and entered into force on that date.
- (5) Basic Agreement between Australia and the Government of the United Mexican States on Scientific and Technological Co-operation, signed in Mexico City on 24 June 1981 (not yet in force).
- (6) Amendment of an Agreement between Australia and the United States of America concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities, signed in Canberra on 29 May 1980; notes signed and exchanged in Canberra on 21 July 1981, and the Amendment entered into force on that date.

Which the Government is contemplating ratifying—

- (7) Amendments to Article 38 of the Statutes of the World Tourism Organization and to paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes of the World Tourism Organization, adopted in Torremolines on 25 September 1979, and accepted by Australia on 13 March 1981 (not yet in force).
- (8) Revised Text of the International Plant Protection Convention, accepted by Australia on 22 May 1981 (not yet in force).
- (9) 1979 Amendments to the Plant Protection Agreement for the South East Asia and Pacific Region, accepted by Australia on 17 June 1981 (not yet in force).
- (10) 1981 Protocols for the Sixth Extension of the Wheat Trade Convention 1971 and the First Extension of the Food Aid Convention 1980 constituting the International Wheat Agreement 1971, signed by Australia in Washington on 12 May 1981 and ratified by Australia on 4 June 1981 (not yet in force).

To which Australia is contemplating becoming a party by ratification—

- (11) Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, drawn up at Geneva on 12 April 1979.

Pursuant to statute:

- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 132.
 Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1981—No. 2—Survey of earnings.
 Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 196.
 Australian Federal Police Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 161, 192.
 Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 155, 156.
 Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 210.
 Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 174.
 Christmas Island Act—
 Ordinances—1981—
 No. 4—Census and Statistics (Amendment).
 No. 5—Industrial Relations (Amendment).
 Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 205.
 Coal Excise Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 150.
 Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinances—1981—
 No. 2—Census (Amendment).
 No. 3—Singapore Ordinances Application (Amendment).
 Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act—Regulation—
 Statutory Rules 1981, No. 182.
 Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 207.
 Companies (Acquisition of Shares) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981,
 No. 125.
 Companies (Acquisition of Shares—Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules
 1981, No. 126.
 Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos.
 200, 201.
 Copyright Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 148.
 Currency Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 199.
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 149, 162, 176, 216.
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory
 Rules 1981, Nos. 157, 169, 219.
 Dairy Industry Stabilization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 158.
 Defence Act—
 Determinations—1981—
 No. 19—Senior Chaplain's Allowance.
 No. 20—Special Action Forces Allowance.
 No. 21—Flying and other Allowances,

- No. 22—Flying and other Allowances.
- No. 23—Special Action Forces and Confined Spaces Allowances.
- No. 24—Maternity leave.
- No. 25—Uniform Maintenance Allowance.
- No. 26—District Allowance.
- No. 27—Airconditioning and Post Allowances.
- No. 28—Education Allowance.
- No. 29—Insurance on Removal of Urgently Required Household Items.
- No. 30—Insurance on removal overseas.
- No. 31—Flying Allowance.
- No. 32—District and Post Allowances.
- No. 33—Sea-going Allowance.
- No. 34—Antarctic Allowance.
- No. 35—Uniform Maintenance Allowance.
- No. 36—Recreation Leave and related matters.
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 130, 152, 177, 193, 206.
- Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 133.
- Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 144, 145, 146, 147, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224.
- Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 165, 173.
- Dried Fruits (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 178.
- Dried Fruit (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 179.
- Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 163, 217.
- Export Expansion Grants Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 137, 183.
- Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 180.
- Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 181.
- Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 198.
- Insurance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 209.
- Lands Acquisition Act—
 - Lands acquired for postal purposes—
 - Dubbo, N.S.W.
 - St Marys, Tas.
 - Statements (8) of lands acquired by agreement authorized under sub-section 7 (1).
- Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 135.
- National Companies and Securities Commission Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 129.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 212, 218.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 197.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 131.
- Navigation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 170.
- Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 153.
- Northern Territory Representation Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 141.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 172.
- Papua New Guinea (Members of the Forces Benefits) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 211.
- Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 202, 203.
- Petroleum Products Pricing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 160.
- Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 175.
- Pollution of the Sea by Oil (Shipping Levy)—Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 171.

Postal Services Act—

Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1981—Amendment No. 3.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 151.

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Employment and Youth Affairs—E. C. Warrior.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 159, 194.

Public Service Arbitration Act—

Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1981—
No. 205—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers) (C No. 703/81)

No. 251—Australian Journalists Association and Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association (C Nos. 690/80, 1278/80, 1884/80).

No. 252—Australian Journalists Association (C No. 1883/80).

No. 253—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association (C Nos. 1277/80, 1881/80, 1882/80).

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

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No. 426—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

1981—

No. 184—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.

No. 185—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.

Nos. 186 to 191—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 192—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and Australasian Society of Engineers.

No. 193—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.

No. 194—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 195—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

No. 196—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.

No. 197—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

Nos. 198 to 200—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and others.

Nos. 202 and 203—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 206—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia (Australian Public Service).

No. 207—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.

Nos. 208 to 210—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.

No. 211—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

Nos. 212 and 213—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 214—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†

No. 215—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 216—Australian Workers' Union.†

Nos. 217 and 218—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 219—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.

No. 220—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 221—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.

No. 222—Vehicle Builders Employees Federation of Australia.

- No. 223—Australian Journalists Association.
No. 224—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
No. 225—Federal Firefighters' Union.
No. 226—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia and another.
No. 227—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 228—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 229—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†
No. 230—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
No. 231—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†
No. 232—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
No. 233—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
No. 234—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 235—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†
No. 236—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 237—Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association.
No. 238—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.
No. 239—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
No. 240—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
No. 241—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
No. 242—Australian Building Construction Employees' and Builders Labourers' Federation.†
No. 243—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 244—Transport Workers' Union of Australia and others.
No. 245—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†
No. 246—Australian Journalists Association.
No. 247—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 248—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
No. 249—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 254—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.
No. 255—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
No. 257—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.†
No. 258—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.
No. 259—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
No. 260—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
No. 261—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 262—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
No. 263—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees and others.
Nos. 264 and 265—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
Nos. 266 and 267—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 268—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.†
Nos. 269 to 275—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 276—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service, and others.
No. 277—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia (Australian Public Service).

- No. 278—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
- No. 279—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
- No. 280—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
- No. 281—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.†
- No. 282—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 283—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
- Nos. 284 and 285—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- Nos. 286 to 288—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 289—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
- No. 290—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 291—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 292—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and another.
- No. 293—Australian Society of Engineers and others.
- No. 294—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 295—Professional Musicians Union of Australia.
- No. 296—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 297—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†
- No. 298 and 299—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 300—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.
- No. 301—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.
- († Not accompanied by statement)
- Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 168, 215.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 124, 140, 214.
- Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—
- 1981/6—Holders of public office on the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.
- 1981/7—Holders of public office on the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation and other bodies.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
- Ordinances—1981—
- No. 14—Companies (Amendment).
- No. 15—Scaffolding and Lifts (Amendment).
- No. 16—Motor Traffic (Alcohol and Drugs) (Amendment).
- No. 17—Motor Omnibus Services (Amendment).
- No. 18—Police (Discipline and Administration) (Repeal).
- Regulations—1981—
- No. 13—(Companies Ordinance).
- No. 14—(Nurses Registration Ordinance).
- No. 15—(Health Commission Ordinance).
- Securities Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 127.
- Securities Industry (Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 128.
- Senate (Representation of Territories) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 142.
- Spirits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 164.
- Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 208, 213.
- Telecommunications Act—
- Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—
- Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendments Nos. 10, 11, 12.

Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendments Nos. 8, 9, 10.
Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 34.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 138.
Tertiary Education Commission Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 134.
Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 136, 143, 204.
Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 166, 167.
Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 195.
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 139, 184.
Wool Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 154.

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

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