

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 1981

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- 1 The House met, at 1.45 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 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.
- Mrs Child, Dr Everingham, Mr Johnson, Mr Kent, Mr Morris, Mr Mountford and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.
- Mrs Child, Mr Howe, Mr Johnson and Mr B. O. Jones—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.
- Mr Free, Mr Howe and Mr Mountford—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.
- Mr Bouchier and Mr Lloyd—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 Bouchier and Mr Peacock—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 re-considering the recent Government decisions taken in relation to the health system.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron 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 form and certain funding proposals and schools improvement programs be retained.
- Mr Kent and 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 Beazley—from certain citizens praying that Australian military participation in the proposed Sinai peacekeeping force not be ratified unless that force is fully controlled by the United Nations.

- 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 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.
- Mr Bowen, Mr Hurford, Mrs Kelly and Mr Kent—from certain residents of Tasmania, Adelaide, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, respectively, in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Bowen—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Kingsford-Smith praying that the decision to introduce tuition fees for post-graduate study be reversed.
- Mr Coleman, Dr Edwards and Mr Spender—from certain residents of the Electoral Divisions of Wentworth, Berowra and North Sydney, respectively, in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Carlton—from certain citizens praying that all photocopying and video-recording used exclusively for education purposes be exempted from the provisions of the Copyright Act.
- Mrs Child—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.
- Mrs Child—from certain citizens praying that the Institute of Early Childhood Development be allowed to continue operating as an independent and autonomous institution.
- Mr Cunningham—from certain residents of the Municipality of Moe, Vic., praying that no action be taken to downgrade or close either temporarily or permanently the post office situated in Rutherglen Road, Newborough, Vic.
- Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that education funding be increased to enable libraries in tertiary institutions to provide a more comprehensive service to full and part-time students.
- 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 Fry—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Fraser praying that the educational viability of the Campbell pre-school unit be recognised when considering the rationalisation of space in A.C.T. pre-schools and that the Campbell pre-school be permitted to remain operative while that viability remains.
- Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that the rights of Australian workers in the automotive industry be protected by rejecting any proposal to reduce the level of tariff protection for the industry.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the 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 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 proposal to extend the existing curfew at Brisbane's International Airport be refused and siting plans for the proposed new runway be reconsidered.

- 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 the Budget decision to disband the Community Youth Support Scheme be revoked.
- Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that the proposed changes to assistance to the passenger motor vehicle and components industries after 1984 as recommended by the Industries Assistance Commission not be given effect.
- 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 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 C. K. Jones—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.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that staff be provided to enable the Erindale Community Library to open.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and visa charges upon private overseas students be removed immediately.
- Mr Lusher—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 Milton—from certain citizens praying that diplomatic influence be exerted on the government of the United States of America to oppose Israel's military campaign in Lebanon and to desist from supplying military or economic aid to Israel while it continues to occupy Arab territories.
- Mr Morris—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 Morris—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be re-introduced.
- Mr Morrison—from certain citizens praying that in view of the spiritual and moral decline of the nation a national day of prayer and fasting be held in 1981.
- Mr Mountford—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 Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the necessary funds be allocated to enable the continuation of the Community Youth Support Scheme.
- Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that disabled people be recognised as citizens who should have equal rights and that certain actions be taken to enable adequate planning of services needed by partially or totally disabled people to be undertaken.
- Mr Uren—from certain pensioners, unemployed and underprivileged persons praying that steps be taken to increase all pensions by 50% in the 1981–82 Budget.
- Mr Wilson—from certain electors of South Australia praying that legislation be introduced to enforce tighter restrictions on all forms of pornography.

Petitions received.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRY:** Mr Kerin moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Werriwa moving a motion of censure of the Minister for Primary Industry.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

5 **MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRY—MOTION OF CENSURE:** Mr Kerin moved—That this House censures the Minister for Primary Industry for his failure to respond promptly with effective controls or regulations to prevent any doubts as to Australia's determination to stamp out any possibility of further substitution of inferior meats for beef meat exports and expresses its alarm that the only effective measures so far taken have been initiated by United States authorities out of sheer desperation at the lack of action by the Australian Government.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 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 C. K. Jones	Mr Mountford
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mr Kent	Dr Theophanous
Dr Cass	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr Charles	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Humphreys*	Mr McLeay	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham	Mr Innes	Mr Mildren	Mr Young

NOES, 68

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

6 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS:** Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposal for extensions to international terminal facilities, Brisbane Airport, Qld (6th report of 1981).

Report relating to the proposal for Garden Island, N.S.W., Modernisation stage 2 (7th report of 1981).

Severally ordered to be printed.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH SCHEME:

Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Dr Blewett had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The confusing and chaotic transition to a more complex, reactionary and regressive health scheme".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Dr Blewett addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Scott rising to address the House—

Mr Hodges moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 67

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

NOES, 46

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, government business take precedence of general business on each day of sitting until the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1981–82 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1981–82 have passed all stages in the House.

Question—put and passed.

9 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1981–82—REFERENCE OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEES: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the proposed expenditures for the departments and services contained in Schedule 2 of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1981–82 be referred, as indicated, to Estimates Committees A, B, C, D, E and F for examination and report by 23 September 1981:

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

Parliament
 Prime Minister and Cabinet
 Foreign Affairs
 Defence

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

Social Security
 Health
 Veterans' Affairs
 Immigration and Ethnic Affairs
 Aboriginal Affairs

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C

Capital Territory
 Home Affairs and Environment
 Science and Technology
 Communications
 Administrative Services
 Attorney-General's

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE D

Treasury
 Finance
 Advance to the Minister for Finance
 Transport
 Primary Industry

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE E

Employment and Youth Affairs
 Industrial Relations
 Education

Housing and Construction

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE F

Industry and Commerce
 Business and Consumer Affairs
 Trade and Resources
 National Development and Energy

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY STAMP DUTY 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 Scholes who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House—

(1) is of the opinion that—

(a) it is not appropriate to consider increases or changes in the rates of stamp duty and similar tax in the Australian Capital Territory until the financial arrangements for the Territory have been inquired into and reported on by the Grants Commission, and

(b) the operation of the Principal Act should cease on 1 July 1982 prior to which all rates of stamp duty and similar State and municipal type taxes in the Australian Capital Territory should be reviewed in accordance with recommendations of the Grants Commission,

(2) notes that the reference to the Grants Commission promised over 2 years ago has not been initiated, and

(3) calls on the Government to refer the matter to the Grants Commission immediately for early report”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), the Bill was read a third time.

11 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (INSURANCE BUSINESS) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), the Bill was read a third time.

12 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (CHEQUES) AMENDMENT BILL 1981:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), the Bill was read a third time.

13 DEPARTURE TAX 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 Drummond, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

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

NOES, 45

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

* Tellers

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), the Bill was read a third time.

14 DEPARTURE TAX COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1981: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), the Bill was read a third time.

15 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

16 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82—BUDGET DEBATE: 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.

Mr R. J. Brown addressing the House—

17 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 10.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 10.35 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 26 August 1981, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes, St Kilda, S.A.

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

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives