

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 78

TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 1982

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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Distinguished visitor: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Right Honourable Humphrey Atkins, M.P., Lord Privy Seal in the Government of the United Kingdom, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitor a very warm welcome.

Questions without notice continued.

3 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF MATTER:** Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), by leave, moved—That this House refers to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report:

- (1) the inadequacy of the protection afforded Members who are subjected to allegations not supported by proof or evidence, and
- (2) the need or otherwise for sanctions which the House might decide by resolution to apply to a Member making such unsubstantiated allegations.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 67

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

NOES, 47

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Rocher
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher*	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
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Mr Chapman	Mr Hicks	Mr Millar	Mr Thomson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr White
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NOES, 48

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4 **STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition making a statement to the House on the matter he raised in the House on 11 March 1982 in relation to the allegations of a former narcotics agent named Volkman.

Debate ensued.

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

6 ALLEGATIONS OF FORMER NARCOTICS AGENT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) made a statement concerning the matter raised by him in the House on 11 March 1982 in relation to allegations of a former narcotics agent.

Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Health hazards of asbestos—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report of Asbestos ad hoc Subcommittee, dated June 1981.

Williamstown Naval Dockyard—Report of Advisory Committee on Management and Operation, dated June 1981—

Volume 1—Report.

Volume 2—Annexes.

Pursuant to statute:

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—Financial statement, together with the auditor's report, for the year ended 31 August 1981.

Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—11th Annual Report, for year 1980-81.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1982/1—Ministers of State and others.

Report—1982/1—Ministers of State and Judges.
Statement.

8 REFUGEE POLICY—GOVERNMENT DECISIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Macphee (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of decisions on refugee policy and procedures taken by the Government following a review of the refugee and special humanitarian programs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Refugee policy—Government decisions—Ministerial statement, 16 March 1982.

Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Wilson, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Young speaking for a period not exceeding 28 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hawke had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The further sharp deterioration in unemployment in Australia, and the responsibility of the Federal Government for this situation".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hawke addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Chapman, Mr Cross, Dr Everingham and Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying that the Senate's requested amendments to the Sales Tax Bills be supported.

- Mr Beazley and Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the proposed sales tax on books, magazines and newspapers be withdrawn from the Budget proposals.
- Dr Blewett and Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill 1981 be passed.
- Mr Cross and Dr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that the Government's sales tax legislation be withdrawn or repealed.
- Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that a curfew be implemented and a parallel runway constructed at Perth Airport and legislation be introduced to allow payment for injurious affection.
- Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that plans to close Cloverdale North Post Office, Cloverdale, W.A., be abandoned.
- Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that the sheltered employment allowance be paid in full and not be combined with a pension, and that all permanently incapacitated people receive full health, medical and pharmaceutical benefits.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of north Queensland praying that sufficient expenditure be allocated to raise the standard of the national highway in north Queensland to Department of Transport standards.
- Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that income permitted to pensioners before disallowance of fringe benefits and the amount allowed before the amount of pension received is reduced, be increased to a realistic level and also linked to the Consumer Price Index.
- Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that adequate funds be provided for all children's services including vacation programs.
- Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain Queensland schoolchildren praying that Australia appeal to the Canadian Government to stop the slaughter of baby seals in Canada.
- Mr Charles—from certain residents of Victoria praying that musicians dismissed from the A.B.C Melbourne Showband be re-instated and that funds be made available to enable the band to continue.
- Mr Charles—from certain residents of Australia praying that urgent steps be taken to formulate and approve a social security agreement with the Italian Government and that certain questions related to pensions of Italian immigrants be urgently resolved within such an agreement.
- Mr Cross—from certain citizens praying that the Commonwealth's constitutional and legislative powers be used to grant full land rights and self-management to the Aboriginal people of Queensland.
- Mr Cross—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Pensioners League and other pensioner groups be consulted in order to arrive at just and equitable legislation in relation to pensioners' non-interest bearing accounts.
- Mr Cross—from certain residents of Queensland praying that any attempt to impose a sales tax on all essential goods be rejected.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the mining and export of uranium be stopped, development of uranium enrichment and the testing of nuclear weapons be opposed and research into alternative energy sources be increased significantly.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Family Radio Limited's application for a broadcasting licence be supported and more category "S" F.M. licences be made available in Brisbane.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that telegram services be retained at a standard and cost that will not disadvantage the ordinary citizen.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and visa charges upon private overseas students be removed immediately.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to establish a ceiling on the allowable amount of savings in pensioners' non-interest bearing accounts not be proceeded with.

Mr Howard—from certain citizens praying that no further tax be imposed on those items needed for the educational progress of Australia's students.

Mr Hunt—from certain citizens praying that the 1981 Budget amendments to sales tax legislation be repealed and the Sales Tax Amendment Bills be withdrawn.

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that Australia call on the Canadian Government to end the harp seal hunt and halt the importation of products derived from the harp seal.

Dr Theophanous—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Community Youth Support Scheme be continued.

Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that no plant variety rights legislation be enacted and a public inquiry be called into the impact of existing overseas schemes.

Petitions received.

11 AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION—REVIEW—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Killen (Minister for Defence)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 10 June 1981*), viz.:

The Australian Broadcasting Commission in Review—National Broadcasting in the 1980's—

Report by Committee of Review, dated 29 May 1981, together with a corrigenda slip and replacement pages.

Consultants' reports—

A.B.C. Engineering Services, Parts 1 and 2.

A.B.C. Records.

Audience Research Studies—

Part 1—National Population Study.

Part 2—A.B.C. Program Policy Study.

Part 3—Summary, overview and recommendations.

Financial management.

Industrial relations and staff management, Parts 1, 2 and 3—

Debate having been resumed by Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 10.30 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 March 1982, pursuant to statute:

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

Public Service Act—Appointment—Industrial Relations Bureau—A. E. Pritchard.

Public Service Arbitration Act—

Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1982—

No. 63—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 64 to 66—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

- Nos. 67 to 70—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 Nos. 71 to 76—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division officers).
 No. 77—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

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

1981—

- No. 256—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†
 No. 302—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.†
 No. 444—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
 No. 445—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
 No. 446—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
 No. 447—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.†
 Nos. 448 and 449—Australian Journalists Association.
 No. 450—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
 No. 451—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 452—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
 No. 453—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 454—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
 No. 455—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
 No. 456—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.
 No. 457—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
 No. 458—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 459—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.
 No. 460—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
 No. 461—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
 No. 462—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
 No. 463—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
 No. 464—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 465—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 466—Australian Government Lawyers Association.
 No. 467—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
 No. 468—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
 No. 469—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.†
 No. 470—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
 No. 471—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
 No. 472—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 473—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 474—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.†
 Nos. 475 to 478—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 479—Arbitration Inspectors' Association.
 Nos. 480 and 481—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 482—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
 Nos. 483 and 484—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
 No. 485—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.

- No. 486—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service and another.
- No. 487—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 488—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 489—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†
- No. 490—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
- No. 491—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†
- No. 492—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 493—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 494—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 495—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- Nos. 496 and 497—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 498—Australian Government Lawyers Association.
- Nos. 499 to 502—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 503—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.
- No. 504—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
- No. 505—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 506—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
- No. 507—Australian Workers' Union.†
- No. 508—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 509—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 510—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 511—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
- No. 512—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†
- No. 513—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 514—Transport Workers' Union of Australia and others.
- No. 515—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
- No. 516—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
- No. 517—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia (Australian Public Service).
- No. 518—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.
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- No. 1—Australian Capital Territory Medical Officers' Association and others.†
- No. 2—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 3—Federal Firefighters' Union.
- No. 4—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 5—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- Nos. 6 and 7—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 8—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
- No. 9—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and others.
- No. 10—Australian Government Lawyers Association.
- No. 11—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
- No. 12—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization Technical Association.
- No. 13—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 14—C.S.I.R.O. Laboratory Craftsmen Association.

- No. 15—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†
 Nos. 16 and 17—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
 No. 18—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 19—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees and others.
 No. 20—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and others.
 No. 21—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and another.
 No. 22—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees and others.
 No. 23—Professional Officers' Association, Australian Public Service and Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
 No. 24—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees and others.
 Nos. 25 to 27—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 28—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
 Nos. 29 and 30—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 31—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees and others.
 No. 32—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 33—Australian Workers' Union.
 Nos. 34 and 35—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 36—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 37—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 38—Professional Officers' Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 39—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 Nos. 40 and 41—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
 No. 42—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association and others.
 No. 43—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
 No. 44—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†
 No. 45—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
 Nos. 46 to 50—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
 No. 51—Australasian Society of Engineers.
 No. 52—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia.†
 No. 53—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
 No. 54—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 55—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
 No. 56—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†
 No. 57—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 Nos. 58 and 59—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 60—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
 Nos. 61, 62, 78 and 79—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 Nos. 80 and 81—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 82—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.
 Nos. 83 to 85—Australian Capital Territory Medical Officers' Association and others.
 No. 86—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 87—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
 No. 88—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
 No. 89—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†

- No. 91—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
No. 92—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees and others.
No. 93—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 94—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
No. 95—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 96—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia. †
(† Not accompanied by statement)
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Jarman and Mr Viner.

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