

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 95

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST 1982

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australian Bureau of Animal Health—Report for year 1979-80.
 - Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and business outlook for year 1982-83.
 - Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme—Long-term costs—Report by Australian Government Actuary, dated 21 June 1982.
 - Pursuant to statute:
 - Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 1 February 1981 to 31 January 1982.
 - Wheat Marketing Act—Australian Wheat Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 30 November 1981.
 - 4 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - 18 August 1982—Message—
 - No. 282—Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment (Countervailing Duties) 1982 (*without requests*).
 - No. 283—Fertilizers (Subsidy) Amendment 1982.
 - 5 **PETITIONS—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker made a statement concerning the style of language used in petitions and their method of presentation to the House.
 - 6 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
 - Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
 - Debate ensued.
 - It being 12.15 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106 (as amended by sessional order adopted on 20 August 1981).
 - Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
 - 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY:**
 - Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hurford had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Fraser Government's inadequate response to the serious decline in Australian manufacturing activity".
 - The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 - Mr Hurford addressed the House.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Discussion concluded.

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

- Sir James Killen, Mr McVeigh, Mr Millar and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that Federal funding of the University of Queensland be increased to a level sufficient to allow restoration of library facilities.
- Mr Armitage, Mr Carlton and Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that the minimum level at which income tax is first payable be raised to \$4,500, the levels at which the higher rates of tax apply be proportionately increased and certain other action be taken to assist taxpayers.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Chapman and Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that no imposts be made on the wine industry in the 1982 Budget.
- Mr Armitage and Mr Carlton—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.
- Dr Blewett and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to reduce interest rates.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to apply a sales tax or an excise on wine be rejected.
- Mr Dawkins and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a student loans scheme be rejected.
- Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that the services of Channel 0/28 be extended initially to cover the Adelaide metropolitan area and then the rest of South Australia.
- Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that adequate Federal funding be provided for children's services, funding be increased to cover cost of living increases and decisions about the future of children's services only be made in full consultation with the providers and users of these services.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that Australia Day be celebrated on 26 January each year and that a public holiday be declared on that day, regardless of which day of the week it falls.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain electors of the electoral Division of Dawson praying that funds be provided for the erection of an access ramp adjacent to the Proserpine Post Office, Qld.
- Mr Campbell—from certain residents of the Kimberley region, W.A., praying that funds be allocated for the immediate upgrading of the Great Northern Highway in the Kimberley region to an all-weather sealed highway.
- Mr Chapman—from certain citizens praying that home loan interest rates be limited to the level applying on 7 July 1982 and constructive steps be taken which will lead to their immediate reduction.
- Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that section 47A of the Public Service Act be amended so as to operate more favourably with respect to disabled returned soldiers.
- Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the trade union system be revised to encompass the secret ballot and be restricted to negotiating for fair wages and conditions.
- Mr Hawke—from certain citizens praying that family allowances in the 1982 Budget be increased, provision be made for their automatic and regular indexation and a homemaker's allowance be introduced.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to prevent sand mining on Moreton Island, Qld, and that action be taken to declare Moreton Island a national park.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the importation of marine mammal by-products be banned and an international ban on the slaughter of marine mammals be supported.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be enacted to require the production of annual statistics on the numbers of live animals involved in research and that the National Health and Medical Research Council be required

to develop humane and responsible standards of conduct for researchers using live animals in laboratories.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens 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 resolved urgently within the agreement.

Mr Kent—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of live animals for slaughter be banned.

Mr McMahon—from certain citizens praying that Federal funding of Laurel Tree House, a child care centre at the University of Sydney, be granted immediately.

Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens praying that adequate funding be provided for independent schools in the Australian Capital Territory and particularly for the establishment of a third grammar school in Canberra.

Mr Scott—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.

Mr Scott—from certain residents of South Australia praying that home loans on the same terms as those offered to certain Members of Parliament be extended to young couples in South Australia.

Petitions received.

- 9 **LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon 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.

- 10 **LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon 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.

- 11 **DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dried Fruits Export Charges Act 1924*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon 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.

- 12 **GOVERNMENT CLOTHING AND ORDNANCE FACTORIES—SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FUTURE OF ORDNANCE FACTORY BENDIGO—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** Mr Viner (Minister for Defence Support), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Senate Select Committee on the Government Clothing and Ordnance Factories on the future of the Ordnance Factory Bendigo, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Government Clothing and Ordnance Factories—Senate Select Committee—Report on the future of the Ordnance Factory Bendigo—Government response—Ministerial statement, 19 August 1982.

Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **PAPER:** Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1982 Review—
Determinations—

1982/6—Ministers of State.

1982/7—Office Holders of the Parliament.

1982/8—Members of Parliament.

1982/9—Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State.

1982/10—Travelling Allowance within Australia—Ministers and others.

1982/11—Entitlements of Members of Parliament.

1982/12—Holders of Offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and others.

Reports—

1982/2—Ministers of State.

1982/3—Judges.

Statement.

- 14 **REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain remuneration and allowances.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 **BOUNTY (SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bounty (Ships) Act 1980*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hodgman 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.

- 16 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 19 (1982):** Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 19 (1982).

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

- 17 **BOUNTY (BERRY FRUITS) BILL 1982:** Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain berry fruits.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hodgman 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.

- 18 **LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (GRANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Grants) Act 1980*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hodgman 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.

- 19 **NORTHERN TERRITORY (SELF-GOVERNMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McVeigh 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.

- 20 **AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Navigation (Charges) Act 1952*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 21 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 285

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Act 1963’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

HAROLD YOUNG
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 18 August 1982

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 3, clause 5, sub-clause (1), proposed paragraph 8 (1) (b), line 3, leave out “other”, insert “higher”.

No. 2—Page 4, clause 8, sub-clause (1), proposed paragraph 14 (1) (b), line 3, leave out “other”, insert “higher”.

On the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Fife, the House adopted the report.

- 22 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS’ LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 284

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Civil Aviation (Carriers’ Liability) Act 1959’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

HAROLD YOUNG
President

The Senate,
 Canberra, 18 August 1982
 Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation) moved—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 2, clause 4, sub-clause (1), proposed paragraph 31 (1) (b), line 18, leave out “other”, insert “higher”.
 No. 2—Page 2, clause 4, sub-clause (1), proposed paragraph 31 (2) (b), line 36, leave out “other”, insert “higher”.
 No. 3—Page 3, clause 4, sub-clause (1), proposed paragraph 31 (3) (b), line 12, leave out “other”, insert “higher”.

On the motion of Mr Fife, the amendments were agreed to, after debate.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Fife, the House adopted the report.

- 23 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 24 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** 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 Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 25 **UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION AGREEMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Defence), by leave, moved—That this House—
- (1) confirms the United States Naval Communication Station Agreement 1963 as amended as an important element in the bilateral relationship between Australia and the United States contributing to the fulfilment of our obligations under the Security Treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America of 29 April 1952;
 - (2) confirms that this Agreement advances the security of Australia and of the Western alliance and that it contributes significantly to general Western defence efforts;
 - (3) asserts that no impediment should be placed on the use and operation of the Base to meet the stated needs and requirements of the Treaty partners; and recognises that free and uninhibited access to the facilities of the Base by the Treaty partners is essential to its effective use as a vital element in the Western deterrent especially in enabling the United States to maintain an adequate nuclear deterrent against the nuclear threat from the Soviet Union;
 - (4) agrees that the present consultative arrangements between Australia and the United States relating to the Joint operations of North West Cape be preserved and recognises that those arrangements are fully adequate to meet the needs of the Treaty partners;
 - (5) asserts that no impediment should be placed by either party on access to the facilities of the Base in relation to the use of the Base by the other party, and

- (6) agrees that Article 6 of the United States Naval Communication Station Agreement 1963, which reads:

“The Australian Government will, jointly with the Government of the State of Western Australia, appoint a Civil Commissioner at Exmouth, who will have such functions as those Governments may vest in him and will represent them in such matters as they may determine.”

shall henceforth be excluded from the Agreement.

Debate ensued.

Mr Shipton was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 26 PAPER: Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented:

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year 1981-82.

- 27 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without requests:

19 August 1982—Message—

No. 286—Tobacco Charge Amendment 1982.

No. 287—Tobacco Charge (No. 1) Amendment 1982.

No. 288—Tobacco Charge (No. 2) Amendment 1982.

No. 289—Tobacco Charge (No. 3) Amendment 1982.

- 28 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ENGINEERING TRAINING CENTRE, PASADENA, S.A.: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1969, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Construction of an engineering training centre, Pasadena, S.A., for Telecom Australia. Mr Hunt presented plans in connection with the proposed work. Question—put and passed.

- 29 UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION AGREEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Defence) relating to the United States Naval Communication Station Agreement (*moved earlier this day, see entry No. 25*)—

Debate resumed.

Mr B. O. Jones addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.30 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 1.45 p.m.

- PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 August 1982, pursuant to statute:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Order—1981—C No. 5589—A.C.T. Teachers’ Federation.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (2) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Telecommunication Act—Australian Telecommunication Commission—By-laws—
Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment
No. 25.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Giles, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Sir Phillip Lynch, Mr McMahon and Dr Theophanous.

D. M. BLAKE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives