

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 97

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 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 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT:** Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Sir James Killen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Government of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

Sir James Killen informed the House that he accepted the notice of motion as a motion of censure of the Government for the purposes of standing order 110.

3 **MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT:** Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Government for its grave failure in the administration of legislation relating to criminal and civil offences against the tax laws resulting in multi-billion dollar frauds against the Commonwealth.

Debate ensued.

Mr Young addressing the House—

Closure: Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Administrative Review Council—Review of import control and customs by-law decisions—Report to the Attorney-General.

Australian Postal Commission—Service and business outlook for year 1982-83.

5 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH COSTS: 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 continuing acceleration in health costs and health insurance charges flowing from the user pay philosophy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Blewett rising to address the House—

Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

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

Mr Anthony and Mr White—from certain electors of the Electoral Divisions of Richmond and McPherson, respectively, praying that ex-service personnel be entitled to a non-means tested pension at 65 years of age.

Mr Coleman and Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a student loans scheme be rejected.

Mr Coleman and Mr Howard—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to apply a sales tax or an excise on wine be rejected.

Mr MacKellar and Mr McLeay—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 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.

Mrs Child—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.

Mrs Child—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.

- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that home buyers be assisted by increasing the tax rebate of the Home Deposit Assistance Scheme, raising or abolishing the income test and reintroducing a limit on the value of the house.
- 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 carcass trade be promoted and that exports of live animals for slaughter be banned.
- 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 residents 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 importation of all seal products be halted and the slaughter of harp seals be discontinued.
- Mr Kent—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of live animals for slaughter be banned.
- Mr McLeay—from certain citizens praying that staffing levels in the Department of Social Security be increased, stand downs be rescinded and staff be allowed to return to work with no loss of salary.
- Mr McLeay—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 McLeay—from certain citizens praying that adequate funds be provided for all children's services including vacation programs.
- Mr McLeay—from certain citizens praying that funding of children's services be restored to at least 1975-76 levels, budget allocations for children's services be spent in full for the purposes designated and a means test not be imposed on the users of child care services.
- Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken to restrict or ban the In Vitro Fertilisation and Embryo Transfer Program until a national referendum is held.
- Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that tax indexation on personal income tax scales be introduced and certain other action be taken in respect of taxation, pensions and interest rates.
- Mr White—from certain citizens praying for the cessation of all hostilities, strict control of nuclear and chemical weapons, and studies and research programs to investigate the feasibility of a production change from arms to goods.

Petitions received.

7 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 Jacobi rising to address the House—

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

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr McVeigh (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—11TH REPORT:** Mr Baume (Chairman) presented the 11th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

11TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and a paper previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Development Commission Act—Aboriginal Development Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for years 1980-81.

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Warlmanpa, Warlpiri, Mudbura and Warumunga Land Claim—Report by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Administrator of the Northern Territory, dated 30 September 1981.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement of Heads of Expenditure and the amounts charged thereto, pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901, for the year ended 30 June 1982.

Applied Ecology Pty Limited—Annual Report (8th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1980-81.

Australia Bureau of Animal Health—Report for year 1979-80.

Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and business outlook for year 1982-83.

Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Annual Report (2nd), for year ended 31 December 1981, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on State Tax Sharing and Health Grants 1982—Volume I—Main Report, dated 31 May 1982.

Volume II—Appendixes and Reports of Consultants.

Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 1 February 1981 to 31 January 1982.

Department of Education—Annual Report, for 1981.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Annual Report, for year 1981-82.

Department of the Vice President of the Executive Council—Annual Report (1st), for the period ending 30 June 1982.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Approaches to General Reductions in Protection, dated 2 March 1982 (No. 301).

Certain Budgetary Assistance to Industry, date 26 March 1982 (No. 303).

Export Incentives, dated 28 February 1982 (No. 300).

Miscellaneous Manufacturing Group A: Articles of Stone, Plaster, Cement, Asbestos, Mica and Similar Materials (excluding Certain Refractory Products); Group E: Ceramics, dated 26 November 1981 (No. 285).

Miscellaneous Textile Products, dated 18 December 1981 (No. 295).

Preparations, Extracts and Juices of Meat, dated 19 November 1981 (No. 284).

Management Education—Report of Inquiry into Management Education, dated April 1982.

Maritime College Act—Australian Maritime College—Annual Report, for 1980.

National Health Act—Registered Medical Benefits and Hospital Benefits Organizations—Annual Report, on the operations of the Organizations, for year 1980-81.

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.

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

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report (35th) by the Trustees, together with financial statements and Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1981.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1981.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1981.

Services Canteens Trust Fund—Annual Report (34th) by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1981.

Wheat Marketing Act—Australian Wheat Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 30 November 1981.

M. E. BAUME,
Chairman

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Mr Baume, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

9 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1982-83—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 Kent addressing the House—

10 **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 10.29 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 August 1982, pursuant to statute:

Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—1982—

No. 1—Marine Orders, Part 1.

No. 2—Marine Orders, Part 19.

No. 3—Marine Orders, Part 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Bradfield, Mr Dobie, Mr Falconer, Mr Giles, Sir Phillip Lynch, Mr McMahon and Dr Theophanous.

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