

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 99

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 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 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources) and Mr Howard (Treasurer), Sir James Killen (Vice-President of the Executive Council) was acting as Minister for Trade and Resources, and Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle (Minister for Finance) was acting as Treasurer. Mr Macphee (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) was representing the Acting Treasurer in this House.
- 3 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the Canadian Senate, led by Senator the Hon. R. J. Perrault, P.C., Leader of the Government in the Senate, was present in the gallery.
Mr Speaker also informed the House that the Hon. M. Qionibaravi, C.M.G., M.P., Fijian Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism, was present in the gallery.
On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Suspension of standing orders—Motion of censure of the Government: 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 a motion of censure of the Government.

Question—put and passed.

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

Motion of censure of the Government: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Government for its refusal to remove Ministers who have failed to accept responsibility in their administrations when fraud, corruption and negligence have been found to exist.

Ordered—That Mr Hayden be granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Holt (Mr Duffy) for continuing to interject after being warned by the Chair.

Sir James Killen moved—That the honourable Member for Holt be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 47

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.09 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Ordered—That Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Sir James Killen, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Prime Minister speaking for a further 10 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Mr Young rising to address the House—

Closure: Sir James Killen 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)—

AYES, 46

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

NOES, 63

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Questions without notice concluded.

5 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Deputy Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 6 September 1982.

Sir James Killen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act* 1908, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts—September 1982.

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

6 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Capital Territory Schools Authority—Report for year 1979-80.

Industries Assistance Commission—Interim report—Canning fruit, dated 25 March 1982 (No. 302).

Pursuant to statute:

Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Amending agreement relating to financial assistance to New South Wales for urban expansion and redevelopment (Bathurst-Orange), dated 12 July 1982.

7 **CABLE AND SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION SERVICES FOR AUSTRALIA—REPORT OF INQUIRY BY AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING TRIBUNAL—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Communications), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Cable and subscription television services for Australia—Report of the inquiry by the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal, dated August 1982—

Main conclusions and recommendations (extract from report).

Volume 1—Report (Part A).

Volume 2—Report (Part B).

Volume 3—Appendixes.

Volume 4—Demand Studies.

Volume 5—Social, economic and education studies.

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

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

- 8 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ENERGY USE, DISTRIBUTION AND CONSERVATION IN THE A.C.T.—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory on energy use, distribution and conservation in the A.C.T.

Mrs Kelly, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 9 ASSENT TO BILL:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that on Tuesday, 24 August 1982, Mr Speaker waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, and personally presented for the Royal Assent the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment (Countervailing Duties) Bill 1982, which was the first Bill ready for presentation following the swearing-in of His Excellency. His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, was pleased to assent to the Bill on 24 August 1982 which is now Act No. 68 of 1982—Message No. 176.

- 10 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

31 August 1982—Message No. 177—Fertilizers (Subsidy) Amendment 1982.

6 September 1982—Message—

No. 178—

Tobacco Charge Amendment 1982.

Tobacco Charge (No. 1) Amendment 1982.

Tobacco Charge (No. 2) Amendment 1982.

Tobacco Charge (No. 3) Amendment 1982.

No. 179—

Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Amendment 1982.

Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Amendment 1982.

- 11 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX EVASION:** Mr Deputy 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 totally unsatisfactory explanation given by the Treasurer of the Government's and the Taxation Office's failure to pursue vigilantly the action against those involved in the 'Bottom-of-the-Harbour' tax evasion scheme".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Willis rising to address the House—

Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 62

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bourchier	Mr Drummond	Sir James Killen	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
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Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Moore	Mr Viner
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Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Nixon	Mr Wilson
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Mr Charles	Mr Howe	Mr McLeay	Mr Willis
Mrs Child	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Maher	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Mildren	
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr Carlton, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Dobie and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the minimum level at which income tax is first payable be raised to \$4,500, the levels at which higher rates of tax apply be proportionately increased and certain other action be taken to assist taxpayers.

Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Campbell and Mr Charles—from certain citizens praying that Jose Ramos Horta be granted a standard visitors' visa to enter Australia.

Mrs Kelly, Mr Lusher and Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that the Federal Government take all possible steps to prevent the destruction of the lower Gordon and Franklin rivers in south-west Tasmania.

Mr Johnson and Mr C. K. Jones—from certain citizens praying that all provisions of the Heritage Act and the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act be fully complied with in respect of national estate areas.

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.

Mrs Child—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 Cowan—from certain citizens praying that the plan to close the manual assistance telephone exchange at Taree, N.S.W., be halted pending a full and open Parliamentary inquiry into the needs and desires of affected subscribers and the social and economic effects of closure.

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

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the Government immediately reverse its policy of high interest rates.

- Mr Dobie—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 Dobie—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to apply a sales tax or an excise on wine be rejected.
- Mr Holding—from certain tyre dealers and retreaders praying that all retreaded tyre casings be exempted from sales tax and that import duty on used tyre casings be reduced immediately.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to institute policies which will reduce mortgage repayments and preserve and maintain home ownership.
- 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 carcass trade be promoted and that exports of live animals for slaughter be banned.
- 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 Hurford—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Adelaide praying that Australia Post reconsider its decision to close the Sturt Street Post Office, Adelaide.
- Mr Kent—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of live animals for slaughter be banned.
- Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens praying that salaries of technical and supervisory employees of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority be aligned with those of their counterparts in the electricity generating industry of New South Wales.
- Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that an inquiry be held into the role of the Australian aircraft manufacturing industry and that the decision to cut back production of Nomad aircraft be reversed.
- Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that the powers of the Australian Postal Commission to carry letters for reward be strengthened to ensure that the national postal service is retained in the interests of all Australians.

Petitions received.

- 13 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 21 (1982)**: Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 21 (1982).

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **DEFENCE (VISITING WARSHIPS) 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 15 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 16 **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.
Dr Jenkins addressing the House—

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

Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Dr Jenkins continued his speech.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Minister for Transport and Construction), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT:** Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
And then the House, at 10.14 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 September 1982, pursuant to statute:

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 202.

Australian Federal Police Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 199.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 206.

Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 201.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Orders—1981—C. Nos 5589 and 5590—A.C.T. Teachers' Federation.

Customs Tariff Act—Order—Developing Country—No. 7 (1982).

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1982, Nos. 203, 204.

Home Deposit Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 205.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 6 August 1982.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 200.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1982—Nos. 379 and 380—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 381—Australian Government Lawyers Association and another.

No. 382—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 383—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.

Nos. 384 and 385—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 386—Australian Journalists Association.

Nos. 387 and 388—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.

No. 389—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

- No. 390—Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association.
 No. 391—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 392—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.
 No. 393—Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.
 No. 394—Federal Firefighters' Union.
 No. 395—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 Nos. 396 and 397—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
 Nos. 398 to 401—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 402—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
 Nos. 403 and 404—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
 No. 405—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and another.
 No. 406—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 407—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 408—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
 No. 409—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.
 No. 410—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
 No. 411—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 412—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 413—Australian Journalists Association.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1982—
 No. 69—Building (Amendment).
 No. 70—Building (Amendment) (No. 2).
 No. 71—Building (Amendment) (No. 3).
 No. 72—Physiotherapists Registration (Amendment) (No. 2).
 No. 73—Seat of Government (Administration) (Amendment) (No. 4).
- Regulations—1982—
 No. 41 (Health Commission Ordinance).
 No. 42 (Physiotherapists Registration Ordinance).
- States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1981—Statements (2) of particulars of directions given by Minister under sub-section 15 (2).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Dobie, Mr Falconer, Mr Howard, Mr Innes, Dr Klugman, Sir Phillip Lynch, Mr McMahon, Mr Robinson and Mr Sainsbury.

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