

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 101

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1982

- 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 being asked—
Papers: Mr Morris, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Wilson (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security)—
 Mr Wilson laid upon the Table the following papers:
 Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Self-employed people and unemployment benefits—Parliamentary briefs—Suggested reply—Summaries (2).
 Questions without notice continued.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Australian Institute of Sport—1st Annual Report, for 1981.
 Transport of slaughter cattle in Australia—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated February 1982.
 Pursuant to statute:
 Export Expansion Grants Act and Export Market Development Grants Act—Export Development Grants Board—7th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
 Public Service Act—Public Service Board—58th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- 4 **MEMBER FOR WILLS (MR HAWKE)—ALLEGATIONS AGAINST IN VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Hawke, by leave, made a statement concerning allegations purportedly made against him by a Member of the Victorian Parliament.
 Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) and Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
 Mr Hayden, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
- 5 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 8 September 1982—Message—
 No. 291—Air Navigation (Charges) Amendment 1982.
 No. 292—Remuneration and Allowances Amendment 1982.
- 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—CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE COMMONWEALTH:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Young had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to act on legal advice recommending the prosecution of individuals for conspiracy to defraud the Commonwealth".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

Mr Harris and Mr Spender—from certain citizens praying that a more restrictive immigration policy be maintained.

Mr Cohen—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 Cohen—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 Cohen—from certain citizens praying that ex-service personnel be entitled to a non-means tested pension at 65 years of age.

Mr Cohen—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Robertson 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.

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.

Mr Hall—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.

Mr MacKenzie—from certain citizens praying that the plan to close the manual assistance telephone exchange at Lithgow, 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 Morris—from certain citizens praying that 0.1% of defence spending be allocated for work on peace.

Mr Scott—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.

Petitions received.

- 9 **COTTON LEVY BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy upon certain cotton produced in Australia.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon 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.

- 10 **COTTON RESEARCH BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the collection of levy imposed by the *Cotton Levy Act* 1982 and to establish a Cotton Research Trust Account.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon 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.

- 11 **AIR NAVIGATION LEGISLATION (VALIDATION AND INTERPRETATION) BILL 1982:** Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to the exercise of certain powers and the performance of certain functions under regulations and instruments under the *Air Navigation Act 1920* 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.

- 12 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION BILL 1982:** Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr N. A. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 13 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1982:** Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enact certain transitional provisions and make certain amendments in consequence of the enactment of the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1982*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr N. A. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 14 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2, 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 15 **SPECIAL PROSECUTORS 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr N. A. Brown (Minister Assisting the Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 **CUSTOMS TARIFF 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.

On the motion of Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) 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—
 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 Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) 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—
 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 Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 **STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 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.
 On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister for Defence Support), the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 **OMEGA NAVIGATION FACILITY 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.
 On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 **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 B. O. Jones 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.

 Mr B. O. Jones continued his speech.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
Debate extended: It being 10.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted.
 Mr Carlton (Minister for Health) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 10.31 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 1.45 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 September 1982, pursuant to statute:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1982—No. 8—Survey of vaccination of females and children within specific age groups—March and April 1983.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1982—

No. 414—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.

No. 415—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 416—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 417—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 418—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.†

No. 419—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Australian Public Service.

No. 420—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.

No. 421—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.

No. 422—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.

No. 423—Australasian Society of Engineers.

No. 424—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.

No. 425—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.

No. 426—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.

Nos. 427 to 429—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees.

No. 430—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

(† Not accompanied by statement).

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of New South Wales (2), Queensland (2) and Western Australia, dated 23 August 1982.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dobie, Mr Falconer, Mr Howard, Mr C. K. Jones, Dr Klugman, Sir Phillip Lynch, Mr McMahon, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Robinson and Mr Sainsbury.

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