

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 102

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 1982

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- 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 absence through illness of Senator Durack (Attorney-General) and the absence of Mr McVeigh (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Communications) was acting as Attorney-General and Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and Technology) would deal with Home Affairs and Environment matters in the House this week.
 - 3 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that delegates attending the 6th Australasian and Pacific Regional Parliamentary Seminar were present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.
 - 4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF TREASURER:** 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 Treasurer of which he has given notice for the next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
 - 5 **TREASURER—MOTION OF CENSURE:** Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Treasurer for the gross and culpable incompetence he has displayed in the administration of the taxation laws and accordingly requires his immediate dismissal.
Ordered—That Mr Hayden be granted an extension of time.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Sir James Killen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Howard (Treasurer) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

6 NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT—AGREEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), pursuant to statute, presented the following papers:

- National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreements relating to financial assistance for projects in connection with—
 Bundaberg irrigation undertaking, Qld, dated 24 June 1982.
 Development and management of water resources in—
 South Australia, dated 2 June 1982 (Supplementary agreement).
 Tasmania, dated 28 June 1982 (Supplementary agreement).

Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

- Schools Commission—Programs for 1983—Statement by Senator Baume (Minister for Education).
 Tertiary Education Commission—Programs for 1983—Statement by Senator Baume (Minister for Education).
 Migrant services and programs—Evaluation of the report of the review of post-arrival programs and services for migrants—Report by Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—
 Report, dated 15 May 1982.
 Summary in Arabic, Croatian, Dutch, English, German, Greek, Italian, Maltese, Polish, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese.

Pursuant to statute:

- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1981-82.

Schools Commission Act—Schools Commission—Triennium 1982-84—Report for 1983.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—12th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Tertiary Education Commission Act—Tertiary Education Commission—Report for triennium 1982-84—Volume 3—Recommendations for 1983.

- 8 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR W. M. JACK):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, this morning, of Mr William Mathers Jack, O.B.E., a Member of this House for the Division of North Sydney from 1949 to 1966.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 9 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and Technology), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Council—
4th meeting, Brisbane, Qld—Press release by Minister for Home Affairs and Environment, dated 28 September 1981.
5th meeting, Cairns, Qld—Communique, dated 14 May 1982—
and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers.
Mr West, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the papers.
- 10 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
13 September 1982—Message No. 180—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 4) 1982.
- 11 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS:** Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for 2 months be given to Sir Phillip Lynch (Minister for Industry and Commerce), on the ground of ill health, and for 3 months to Mr Dobie, on the ground of public business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr Willis moved—That leave of absence for 3 months be given to Dr Everingham, on the ground of public business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 **PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX EVASION:**
Mr 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 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—
Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.
Question—put and passed.
- 14 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
Mr Dawkins—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 Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a student loans scheme be rejected.

Mr Sinclair—from certain residents of Armidale and surrounding shires, N.S.W., praying that the Armidale College of Advanced Education and the University of New England not be amalgamated.

Dr Theophanous—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Burke praying that the rights of Australian workers in the automotive industry be protected by rejecting any proposal to reduce the level of tariff protection for the industry.

Mr Young—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.

- 15 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 **STATES (TAX SHARING AND HEALTH GRANTS) AMENDMENT 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 by Mr West who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill, the House is of the opinion that the Bill deprives the States of funds necessary to meet their needs, as identified by the Grants Commission, and fails to adequately address the issue of fiscal equalisation”.

Debate continued.

Mr R. J. Brown rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—was put accordingly, and passed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 181, dated 25 August 1982, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

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 Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Macphee (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 **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.

Mrs Kelly 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.

Mrs Kelly continued her speech.

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

18 **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 10.28 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 14 September 1982, pursuant to statute:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bradfield, Mr Dobie*, Dr Edwards, Dr Everingham*, Mr Falconer, Mr Fry, Mr Innes, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Katter, Dr Klugman, Sir Phillip Lynch*, Mr McLean, Mr McMahon, Mr McVeigh and Mr Robinson.

*On leave

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