

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 1983

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Adermann, Mr Anthony, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cadman, Mr Connolly, Mr Hollis, Mr Newman and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Mr Bowen—from certain citizens praying that podiatry services be extended to cover all pensioners.
 - Mr Hollis—from certain residents of New South Wales in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the findings of the Major Airport Needs of Sydney Committee be endorsed and proposals for an airport at Scheyville, N.S.W., be rejected.
 - Mr R. F. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that urgent consideration be given to removing the anomalies and hardships of student allowances schemes in respect of the Tertiary Admittance Examination.
 - Mr Groom—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that legislation to protect the Franklin River in south-west Tasmania be passed at the earliest opportunity.
 - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Macedonian language be used in Government multi-lingual publications and be taught in secondary schools and tertiary institutions.
 - Mr Kerin—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
 - Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that approval be given for construction of an overpass at the railway crossing on Highway 1, near Port Augusta, S.A.
 - Mr Reeves—from certain residents of the Northern Territory praying that the transcontinental (north-south) railway be commenced and completed at an early date.
 - Mr Scott—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Parliament require General Motors-Holden to continue its operations at the Woodville Plant, S.A.

Petitions received.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment: 18 May 1983—Message No. 12—World Heritage Properties Conservation 1983.

4 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND WAGES ACCORD:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The serious implications for the Treasurer’s economic strategy posed by the evident collapse of the Government’s wages accord”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

5 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Carlton, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill, the House notes the failure of the Government to fulfill the Prime Minister’s policy speech commitment to abolish the Pharmaceutical Benefits Declaration”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O’Neil
Mr Beppard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr Reeves
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Simmons
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Kerin	Mr Snow
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Staples
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lindsay	Mr Steedman
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Wells
Mrs Child	Mr Hayden	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Sir James Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr O’Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. 19, dated 17 May 1983, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

- 6 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** 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.

It being 12 noon, the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 7 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 8 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Department of Primary Industry—Report for year 1981-82.

National Women's Advisory Council—Report entitled "So Much Left Undone", dated May 1983.

Nature Conservation Ministers—Council—11th Meeting, Hobart, Tas., 3 June 1982—Summary record of proceedings.

- 9 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That standing order 48A, as amended by the sessional order of 4 May 1983, relating to the adjournment of the House, and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 **YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AND EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION SERVICES—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented the following paper:

Youth homelessness and emergency accommodation services—National Committee for the Evaluation of the Youth Services Scheme—Report entitled "One step forward", dated February 1983—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper.

Mr Carlton, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the paper.

- 11 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** 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 J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** 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 J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 **INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** 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 J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:
 We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Steedman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 15 **ECONOMIC STATEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Keating (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of Government decisions on expenditure, taxation programs and associated monetary policy, and presented the following papers:
 Economic statement—
 Ministerial statement, 19 May 1983.
 Attachment A—May statement of economic measures—Functional summary.
 Attachment B—Supporting statement on new tax arrangements relating to retirement lump sums.
 Income equalisation deposits—Statement by Mr Keating.
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Howard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **HOUSING POLICY INITIATIVES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of housing policy initiatives to be taken by the Government, and presented the following paper:
 Housing policy initiatives—Ministerial statement, 19 May 1983.
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **PARLIAMENTARY CONTRIBUTORY SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 19 **COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the creation of additional employment throughout Australia.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 20 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1983:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to income tax.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 21 **ECONOMIC PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL BILL 1983:** Mr Keating (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Economic Planning Advisory Council.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.05 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 May 1983:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1983—

No. 2—New (or expanded) topics to be included in the monthly population survey in June and September 1983.

No. 3—Survey of employment and earnings.

No. 4—Survey of shareholdings.

No. 5—Survey of cash management trusts.

Public Service Act—Determination—1983—No. 4.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Charlesworth.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives