

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

THURSDAY, 26 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 Burr, Mr Cowan, Mr Hunt, Mr Katter, Mr Newman and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
    - Mr Beddall, Mr Cross, Mr Humphreys, Mr Keogh and Mr Lindsay—from certain residents of Mackay, Qld, praying that the Mackay Directory Assistance Centre not be closed.
    - Mrs Child, Mr Hand and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
    - Mr Fry, Mr Humphreys and Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
    - Mr R. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that a basic support income proposal be considered as a concept of support income for all Australian residents.
    - 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 Dobie—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of oil exploration within the Great Barrier Reef region and that the entire region be declared a marine park.
    - Mr Fry—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the services of the Scullin Health Centre, A.C.T., be continued and certain other action be taken.
    - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Council be asked to reverse its decision to cut funding for the Popular Theatre Troupe of Queensland.
    - 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 introduced to require labelling of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations to indicate any use of animal ingredients during manufacture.
    - 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 requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.

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 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 MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that podiatry services be extended to cover all pensioners.

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.

Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that an attendant care allowance for disabled persons be introduced immediately.

Petitions received.

- 3 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

25 May 1983—Message No. 17—Bounty (Room Air Conditioners) 1983.

- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BOUNTY (STEEL PRODUCTS) BILL 1983:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 19

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain steel products*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 25 May 1983

D. McCLELLAND  
President

- 5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SUPERANNUATION—TAX LIABILITY:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The concern and distress of millions of Australians whose superannuation investment planning has been destroyed by the Government's decision on the future tax liability of lump sum payments".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 6 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE—PROPOSED REFERENCE:** Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade), pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That the following matters be referred to the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings for inquiry and report:

(a) the televising of the proceedings of the Houses of the Parliament and their committees in the present and the new Parliament House; and

- (b) the radio broadcasting of the proceedings of the Houses of the Parliament and their committees including the continuous and simultaneous broadcasting of both Houses.
- (2) That the committee, for any purposes related to this inquiry, have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (3) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER—ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE:** Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade), pursuant to notice, moved—That the sessional order of 4 May 1983 amending standing order 48A, relating to the adjournment of the House, be suspended for the sitting of the House on 23 August 1983.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 OMBUDSMAN AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Willis (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ombudsman Act 1976*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 OMBUDSMAN (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1983:** Mr Willis (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act 1981* and certain other Acts in consequence of the enactment of the *Ombudsman Amendment Act 1983*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1983:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve and provide for carrying out an agreement entered into between the Commonwealth, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia with regard to the River Murray, the Menindee Lakes and other waters, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 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 Saunderson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after order of the day No. 8, government business.
- 13 **AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INQUIRY—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 25 May 1983*), viz.:  
 Aircraft accident inquiry—Accident to Beech Super King Air 200 Aircraft VH-AAV at Mascot, N.S.W., on 21 February 1980—  
 Report of Chairman of Board of Accident Inquiry.  
 Ministerial statement, 25 May 1983.  
 Mr Spender addressing the House—  
 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.
- 14 **MINISTERIAL CHANGE:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction) had been appointed also Minister Assisting the Treasurer.
- 15 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 16 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
 Aboriginal Development Commission Act—Aboriginal Development Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.  
 Aborigines of the Northern Territory—Social impact of uranium mining—Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report for period 1 April to 5 November 1982.  
 Airlines Agreement Act—Airline activities—  
 Ansett Transport Industries Limited—Financial statements, together with auditor's report, for year 1981-82.  
 Australian National Airlines Commission—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.  
 Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Regulations—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board—Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for period 28 July 1981 to 25 January 1982.  
 Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.  
 Australian National Airlines Act—Australian Airlines Commission (T.A.A.)—37th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.  
 British nuclear tests in Australia—A review of operational safety measures and of possible after-effects—  
 Report of Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council, dated 14 January 1983.  
 Statement by Mr Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment).  
 Commonwealth Employment Service Act—Commonwealth Employment Service—Report of the National Director on the operations of the Service, for year 1981-82.  
 Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for April 1983.  
 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park—Cairns section and the Cormorant Pass section—  
 Zoning plans, dated May 1983.  
 Statement by Mr Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment).  
 Nominal Defendant, Australian Capital Territory—Report for 1982.  
 Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth Ombudsman—5th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.  
 United Nations—3rd Conference on the Law of the Sea—11th Session—New York, 9 March to 30 April 1982—Report of Australian Delegation—Volumes 1 and 2.

- 17 **AIRLINES AGREEMENT—REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN T.A.A. AND ANSETT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation) presented the following papers:

Airlines Agreement Act—Joint Reports by the Australian National Airlines Commission (T.A.A.) and Ansett Transport Industries Limited on the scope and effectiveness of consultations held during 1982 on—

Air fares.

Passenger revenue load factors and aircraft utilisation.

Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STATEMENT 1982-83—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) presented the following papers:

Science and Technology Statement 1982-83—

Report, dated 29 April 1983.

Statement by Mr Jones.

Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate adjourned (Dr H. R. Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 19 **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES BOARD—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) presented the following paper:

Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board—Report for year 1981-82—

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

Dr H. R. Edwards, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the paper.

- 20 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SECRETARY AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF DEPARTMENT—ALLEGATIONS BY SENATOR—STATEMENT BY MINISTER:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a statement concerning allegations made by Senator Primmer in the Senate on 25 May 1983 against the Secretary, Mr Henderson, and other officers of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

- 21 **AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INQUIRY—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 25 May 1983*), viz.:

Aircraft accident inquiry—Accident to Beech Super King Air 200 Aircraft VH-AAV at Mascot, N.S.W., on 21 February 1980—

Report of Chairman of Board of Accident Inquiry.

Ministerial statement, 25 May 1983.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 22 **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.

Question—put and passed.

*Presentation of Address in Reply:* Mr Speaker informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor-General would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply at Government House at 5 p.m. this day.

Mr Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

23 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

24 **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION 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 Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

25 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION LEGISLATION 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 by Mr Carlton who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that it disadvantages one of the most vulnerable sections of our community and fails to address the vital question of equity for all social security beneficiaries”.

Debate continued.

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*Presentation of Address in Reply:* At 4.43 p.m., the sitting was suspended until 8 p.m. Mr Speaker, after resuming the Chair, reported that, accompanied by Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency’s speech on the Opening of the 1st Session of the 33rd Parliament, agreed to by the House this day, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:

Mr Speaker,

Thank you for your Address in Reply which you have just presented to me.

It will be my pleasure and my duty to convey to Her Majesty The Queen the message of loyalty from the House of Representatives, to which the Address gives expression.

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Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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. 26, dated 25 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 representing the Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

26 **EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 1 (1983) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 2 (1983):** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) moved:

Excise Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1983), and  
Customs Tariff Proposals No. 2 (1983).

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

27 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:

Occupational superannuation—Final report of Commonwealth Task Force, dated January 1983.

28 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—1ST REPORT:** Dr Theophanous (Chairman) presented the 1st Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

#### 1ST 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, recommends that the following be printed:

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—6th Annual Report, for year ended 31 August 1982.

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—30th Annual report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Australia-China Council—Report for year 1981-82.

Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations—Text of Trade Agreement, dated 28 March 1983.

Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee—Report for year 1981-82.

Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—6th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

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.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1981.

Australian Overseas Projects Corporation Act—Australian Overseas Projects Corporation—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Australian Safeguards Office—Report, for year 1981-82.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Reports—

Australian National Animal Health Laboratory and Use of Live Exotic Animal Pathogens, dated 16 December 1982.

Biotechnology in Australia—Supplementary report, dated 15 December 1982.

- Australia's demographic trends 1983—Review by Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1981.
- Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—13th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—35th Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- Committee on Overseas Professional Qualifications—14th Report, dated December 1982.
- Commonwealth Legal Aid Act—Commonwealth Legal Aid Council—Report for year 1981-82.
- Commonwealth Schools Commission—Recommendations for 1984—Report, dated 6 January 1983.
- Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Commonwealth Teaching Service Commissioner—Report for 1982.
- Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—26th Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1982.
- Curriculum Development Centre Act—Curriculum Development Centre Council—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980-81.
- Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—7th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—10th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- Department of Defence Support—Report for year 1981-82.
- Department of Education—Report for 1982.
- Department of Employment and Industrial Relations—Report for year 1981-82.
- Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Review of activities to 30 June 1982, including report by the Minister, pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act, on the operation of the Act.
- Department of Industry and Commerce—Report for year 1981-82.
- Department of Primary Industry—Report for year 1981-82.
- Department of Transport and Construction—Report for year 1981-82.
- Dried Fruits Research Act—Dried Fruits Research Committee—11th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—35th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- Fishing Industry Act—26th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- Fishing Industry Research Act—Fishing Industry Research Committee—13th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—19th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Interim report—Certain Iron and Steel Products, dated 14 January 1983 (No. 312).
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Certain high alloy steel products, dated 23 December 1982 (No. 57).
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—6th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—37th Annual Report, for 1982.



- Marine Sciences and Technologies Grants Scheme and Queen's Fellowships Scheme—Report by Queen's Fellowships and Marine Research Allocations Advisory Committee of grants approved and fellowships awarded for 1982-83.
- National Gallery Act—Council of the Australian National Gallery—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- National Health Act—Annual Report on the operations of the registered medical and hospital benefits organizations, for year 1981-82.
- National Training Council—8th Annual Report, for 1981-82.
- Non-government Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Report for 1982.
- Official Establishments Trust—3rd Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—9th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- Recognition of Overseas Qualifications in Australia—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated December 1982—Volume 1—Report.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Review Tribunal—Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1981-82.
- Science and Industry Endowment Act—Accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1981-82—Report of Auditor-General.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Australian Capital Territory—Statement of receipts and expenditure for year 1981-82.
- Student Assistance Act—Report by Minister on operation of Act for 1982.
- Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—National Standards Commission—Report for year 1981-82.
- Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

A. C. THEOPHANOUS

Chairman

25 May 1983

Dr Theophanous, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

**29 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION BILL 1983: The following message from the Senate was reported:**

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 20

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate  
Canberra, 26 May 1983

D. MCCLELLAND  
President

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

*In the committee*

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 7, clause 11, sub-clause (3), lines 12 to 15, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

“(3) The functions of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Advisory Council are—

- (a) either on its own initiative or at the request of the Board, to furnish advice to the Board on matters relating to broadcasting programs and television programs of the Corporation; and
- (b) either on its own initiative or at the request of the Managing Director, to make recommendations to the Managing Director in accordance with sub-section 82 (3).”.

No. 2—Page 7, clause 11, sub-clause (4), lines 16 to 21, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

“(4) The functions of an Advisory Council established under sub-section (2) are—

- (a) in the case of an Advisory Council established in relation to a State, Territory or region—either on its own initiative or at the request of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Advisory Council, to furnish advice to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Advisory Council on matters relating to broadcasting programs and television programs of the Corporation in that State, Territory or region, as the case may be; and
- (b) in the case of an Advisory Council established in relation to a State or Territory—either on its own initiative or at the request of the Managing Director, to make recommendations to the Managing Director with respect to the appointment of Community Affairs Officers in relation to that State or Territory.”.

No. 3—Page 16, clause 27, before sub-clause (1), insert the following new sub-clause:

“(1A) The Corporation shall develop and maintain an independent service for the broadcasting and televising of news and information by the Corporation pursuant to this section.”.

No. 4—Page 52, clause 82, sub-clause (3), lines 1 to 8, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

“(3) The Managing Director shall—

- (a) on the recommendation of—
  - (i) the Advisory Council established in relation to the State or Territory concerned; or
  - (ii) if no such Advisory Council has been established—the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Advisory Council, appoint, in each State, in the Northern Territory and in the Australian Capital Territory, a person or persons, to be known as Community Affairs Officers, to consider complaints mentioned in sub-section (1); and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Advisory Council, appoint an officer of the Corporation, to be known as the Principal Community Affairs Officer, whose duties will consist of or include the co-ordination of the activities of the Community Affairs Officers.”.

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Duffy, the House adopted the report.

30 TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 2, lines 1 and 2, omit sub-clause (3).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Dawkins, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 10, page 13, line 23, after “will be paid” insert “or would, but for the operation of section 265 of the Assessment Act, be paid”.

Clause 19, page 22, lines 4 and 5, omit the clause, substitute the following clauses:

**Arrangements for payment of company tax**

“19. Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting in paragraphs (1) (a) and (c) ‘ordinary’ before ‘company tax’;
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (1) ‘and undistributed profits tax’ (wherever occurring); and
- (c) by inserting in sub-section (2) ‘ordinary’ before ‘company tax’ (wherever occurring).

**Instalment arrangements in relation to payment of company tax**

“19A. Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting in paragraphs (1) (a), (c), (d), (f), (g) and (h) ‘ordinary’ before ‘company tax’;
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (1) ‘and undistributed profits tax’ (wherever occurring); and
- (c) by omitting from sub-section (1) ‘or such longer period as the Commissioner, in special circumstances, determines’.

“19B. After section 21 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

**Instalment arrangements in relation to payment of income tax or dividend recoupment tax**

“21A. (1) Where—

- (a) an assessment has been made under which income tax is payable by a person;
- (b) the whole or a part of the income tax payable under the assessment (which whole or part is in this sub-section referred to as the “relevant tax”) is attributable to the inclusion of an amount in the assessable income of the person by virtue of the operation of section 6C or 6D;
- (c) no objection has been lodged against the assessment on a ground relating to the inclusion of that amount in the assessable income of the person; and
- (d) the person has, within 30 days after service of the notice of the assessment, made an application in writing to the Commissioner for an arrangement under this section in relation to the payment of the relevant tax by instalments,

the Commissioner may enter into an arrangement with the person in relation to the payment by instalments, over a period of 12 months commencing on the date of service of the notice of assessment, of the relevant tax and, where such an arrangement is entered into, all payments made in accordance with the arrangement shall, for the purposes of the Assessment Act, be deemed to have been made at the time when the first payment was made in accordance with the arrangement.

'(2) Where—

- (a) an assessment has been made under which dividend recoupment tax is payable by a person;
- (b) no objection has been lodged against the assessment; and
- (c) the person has, within 30 days after service of the notice of the assessment, made an application in writing to the Commissioner for an arrangement under this section in relation to the payment of the dividend recoupment tax by instalments,

the Commissioner may enter into an arrangement with the person in relation to the payment by instalments, over a period of 12 months commencing on the date of service of the notice of assessment, of the dividend recoupment tax and, where such an arrangement is entered into, all payments made in accordance with the arrangement shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have been made at the time when the first payment was made in accordance with the arrangement.

'(3) Where, after an arrangement referred to in sub-section (1) or (2) is entered into, an objection is lodged against the assessment referred to in paragraph (1) (a) on a ground referred to in paragraph (1) (c) or an objection is lodged against the assessment referred to in paragraph (2) (a), as the case may be, the arrangement shall be deemed never to have been entered into.' "

Debate continued.

*Paper:* Mr Dawkins, by leave, presented the following paper:

Tax avoidance—Cost under the coalition Government 1975-82, together with tables (3).

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and passed.

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed: Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Dawkins, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 31 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade), 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.

- 32 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958* and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 33 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate, dated 26 May 1983, were reported—

- (a) returning the following Bill without amendment: Message No. 21—Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) 1983.
- (b) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 22—Taxation (Interest on Overpayments) 1983.

- 34 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 23

The Senate, having considered Message No. 51 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following Resolution in connection therewith, viz.:

That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 51 of the House of Representatives relating to a variation in the Resolution of Appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26 May 1983

D. McCLELLAND  
President

- 35 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REFERENCE:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 24

The Senate, having considered Message No. 50 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following Resolution in connection therewith, viz.:

That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 50 of the House of Representatives relating to a reference to the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26 May 1983

D. McCLELLAND  
President

- 36 **PROTECTION OF THE SEA (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS) 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 P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 37 **NAVIGATION (PROTECTION OF THE SEA) 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 P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 38 **STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 1) 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Schedule 1—

Page 29, before—

“*Honey Levy Collection Act* 1962 Sub-section 8 (1)  
Omit ‘ten per centum’, substitute ‘20%.’”

Insert:

*Honey Industry Act* 1962 Paragraph 18 (1) (c)  
Omit ‘on the security of the honey’,  
substitute ‘on such security as the Board  
considers adequate’”.

Page 55, at the end of the Schedule add:

“*World Heritage Properties* Paragraph 17 (9) (a)  
*Conservation Act* 1983 After ‘State’, insert ‘or in the Northern  
Territory’.

Paragraph 17 (9) (b)  
After ‘State’, insert ‘or the Chief Minister  
of the Northern Territory, as the case  
may be.’”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 39 MAJOR CITY EARTH STATION BUILDINGS, SYDNEY AND PERTH—CONSTRUCTION FOR AUSSAT PTY LTD—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, and by reason of the urgent nature of the work, it is expedient that the following proposed work be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Construction of major city earth station buildings at Sydney and Perth for Aussat Proprietary Limited.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 40 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MAIN INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING, SCHOOLS OF TRANSPORT AND CATERING, PUCKAPUNYAL, VIC.—PROVISION OF AIR CONDITIONING: Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Provision of air conditioning to main instructional building, Schools of Transport and Catering, Puckapunyal, Vic.

Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 41 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—GARDEN ISLAND, N.S.W.—MODERNISATION STAGE 2: Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Garden Island, N.S.W., modernisation stage 2—surface preparation and preservation facility and oily bilge waste treatment plant.

Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 42 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—R.A.A.F. BASE, WILLIAMTOWN, N.S.W.—F/A 18 HORNET FACILITIES:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: R.A.A.F. Base Williamtown, N.S.W.—F/A 18 Hornet facilities development.

Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 43 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—GENERAL REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Cowan presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—46th General Report.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Cowan and Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 44 **INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—LAGOS MEETINGS AND ROME CONFERENCE, 1982—PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Robinson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—Spring meetings, Lagos, Nigeria, 12 to 17 April 1982, and 69th Conference, Rome, Italy, 12 to 23 September 1982—Report of Australian Delegation.

Mr Robinson and Dr Klugman, by leave, made statements in connection with the paper.

- 45 **PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Robinson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of delegation led by the Honourable I. L. Robinson, M.P., to Hungary and Bulgaria, from 26 September to 6 October 1982.

Mr Robinson and Dr Klugman, by leave, made statements in connection with the paper.

- 46 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 23 August 1983, unless otherwise called together by Mr Speaker or, in the event of Mr Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees.

Question—put and passed.

- 47 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 48 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr Braithwaite rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.  
And then the House, at 12.08 a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 23 August 1983, at 2.15 p.m., in  
accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 May 1983:

Defence Act—Determinations—1983—

No. 7—Sinai Allowance.

No. 8—Advance and Rear Parties Allowance.

No. 9—Ceremonial Duties Allowance.

No. 10—Recreation Leave.

Public Service Act—Determination—1983—No. 7.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs  
Child, Mr Fisher, Mr McLeay and Mr Wilson.

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**D. M. BLAKE**

Clerk of the House of Representatives