

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 1983

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 Beddall, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cross, Mr Fife, Mr Hawker, Mr Hicks, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr Kent, Mr Keogh, Mr Lloyd, Mr Moore, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Porter, Mr West, Mr White and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Beddall, Mr Groom and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Burr, Mr Duffy and Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Drummond, Mr R. F. Edwards and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that certain infertility treatments be included on the Commonwealth Rebate List.

Mr Anthony and Mr Bilney—from certain citizens praying that the House not ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Goodluck and Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Committee of Review into the Impact of Radford College, A.C.T., not to be implemented and certain other action be taken in respect of education funding.

Mr Carlton—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Mackellar praying that early action be taken to install television translators in the Division to enable clear reception of Sydney television stations.

Mr Chynoweth—from certain citizens praying that pensioners be absolved from increases in telephone charges and be charged for calls only.

Mr Cross—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Cross—from certain residents of Mackay, Qld, praying that the Mackay Directory Assistance Centre not be closed.

Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that there be no requirement for tax to be deducted from payments to owner-drivers of trucks.

Mr Duffy—from certain citizens praying that Telecom Australia's proposed charges increase be stopped and that the future viability of the manual assistance telephone network be ensured.

Mr Duffy—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the Dubbo Directory Assistance Service, N.S.W., be halted.

Mr Duffy—from certain citizens praying that the current interpretation of sub-section 100 (10) of the Broadcasting and Television Act relating to

“accidental and incidental” advertising matter on sporting broadcasts be continued.

Mr Duffy—from certain citizens praying that a policy be developed to provide comprehensive and co-ordinated services for drug and alcohol problems and that financial support be provided for the Westernport, Vic., drug and alcohol service.

Mr Duffy—from certain citizens praying that the operator assisted overseas telephone, telegram and telex services currently provided by the Sydney Pay Station be continued.

Mr Gear—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment and in the provision of unemployment benefits, based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.

Mr Gear—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mr Groom—from certain residents of the north-west coast of Tasmania praying that Christian FM broadcasters be granted a permanent licence to broadcast in the north-west region of Tasmania.

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that holders of health care cards, and pensioner health benefit cards be provided with free dental care through private dentists and dental care be included in the formulation of Medicare.

Mr Humphreys—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 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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

Mr Keogh—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Bowman praying that a licence be granted to Associated Minerals Consolidated Limited to export minerals from Moreton Island, Qld.

Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that legislation introducing a means test for pensioners over 70 years of age be withdrawn.

Mr Simmons—from certain residents of Lithgow, N.S.W., praying that action be taken to improve A.B.C. television reception in certain areas of Lithgow.

Mr White—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Petitions received.

- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BAHA'IS—PERSECUTION IN IRAN:** Mr Simmons having given a notice of motion relating to the persecution of members of the Baha'i faith in Iran—

Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Simmons moving forthwith the motion of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

- 4 **BAHA'IS—PERSECUTION IN IRAN:** Mr Simmons moved—That this House—

- (1) expresses its grave concern over reports of continuing death sentences being imposed on Baha'is by the Government of Iran;
- (2) notes such persecutions breach all international conventions on human rights, and
- (3) requests the Australian Government to continue its efforts in international forums to dissuade the Iranian Government from such religious persecutions.

Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 **MEAT INSPECTION BILL 1983:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation), for Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act

relating to the inspection by the Commonwealth of meat that is intended for human consumption or for use as animal food.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**6 LIQUID FUEL EMERGENCY 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

**7 BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES 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 Lloyd, viz.*—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 deplores the action of the Government in extending the use of fees in the broadcasting area beyond cost recovery to a new source of taxation revenue”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

**8 TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES 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 Lloyd 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 deplores the action of the Government in extending the use of fees in the television area beyond cost recovery to a new source of taxation revenue”.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

**9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker made a statement concerning the number of questions without notice being asked in the House.

**10 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr McVeigh, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation)—

Mr Beazley laid upon the Table the following paper:

Air freight charter industry—Minister’s briefing notes.

Questions without notice concluded.

**11 DEPARTMENTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY, THE PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF AND JOINT HOUSE DEPARTMENT—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker presented the following papers:

**Public Service Act—**

Department of the Parliamentary Library—Report for period 1 January 1982 to 30 June 1983.

Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for year 1982-83.

Joint House Department—Report for year 1982-83.

Mr Speaker made a statement in connection with the reports.

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

Canberra Development Board—Third Annual Report for year 1981-82.

Department of Science and Technology—Report for year 1982-83.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Certain pigment dyestuffs and colour lakes (developing country preferences), dated 24 June 1983 (No. 324).

Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1982.

National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Documents relating to financial assistance to Queensland for the Burdekin Dam, dated 23 and 24 June 1983.

United Nations—General Assembly—37th Session, New York, 21 September to 21 December 1982—Report of Australian Delegation.

Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement in relation to the provision of financial assistance to New South Wales and Victoria for urban expansion and redevelopment (Albury-Wodonga) 1982-83, dated 28 June 1983.

**13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE GULF AND AUSTRALIA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence on the Gulf and Australia.

Mr MacKellar, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

**14 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON NAMIBIA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence on Namibia.

Mr Dobie, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

**15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LOCAL GOVERNMENT—TAX SHARING:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Braithwaite had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure by the Government to honour its commitment to provide real term increases from the tax sharing arrangements to local government in 1983-84".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Braithwaite addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 16 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 55

Mr Speaker,

The Senate, having considered Message No. 68 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following Resolution in connection therewith:

That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 68 of the House of Representatives relating to amendments of the Resolution of appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform.

D. MCCLELLAND  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 8 September 1983

- 17 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS:** Mr Fry (Chairman) presented the minutes of proceedings of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory's consideration of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs—  
75th Series—Item 2 and 79th Series.  
80th Series.
- 18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 12 AND 13 (1983) AND EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 4 TO 7 (1983):** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—  
Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 12 and 13 (1983), and Excise Tariff Proposals Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 (1983).  
Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 **DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, moved—That Customs Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1983), constituting part of order of the day No. 38, government business, be discharged.  
Question—put and passed.
- 20 **PUBLIC SERVICE 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 Dawkins (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters), the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 **LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) 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 McVeigh 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:  
(1) rural industries, which are struggling to emerge from the worst drought in history, are not at this time able to bear the burden of such massive increases in charges;  
(2) industries should not be expected to contribute 50% of the costs of Commonwealth inspection until the Export Inspection Service restructuring is completed and the Service is as efficient and cost-effective as possible;  
(3) there is inadequate industry participation in inspection procedures, and  
(4) there has regrettably not been full consultation with industry on all aspects of development of the Export Inspection Service and inspection charges".  
Mr Lindsay was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

22 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 6 to 8, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

23 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1983-84—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 Child addressing the House—

24 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

South Australian job creation scheme—Preference in employment to unionists—Copy of Telex addressed to Mr J. R. Porter, M.P.

Debate continued.

*Debate extended:* It being 10.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 10.34 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.

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**PAPER:** The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 8 September 1983:

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination— 1983/4—Deputy Chairman, Repatriation Commission and holders of public offices on other bodies.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Carlton, Mr Cowan, Mr Cunningham, Mr Fife\*, Mr Lusher, Mr Macphee and Mr Reeves.

\* On leave

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