

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 1983

1 The House met, at 2 p.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, Dr Blewett, Mr Braithwaite, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cohen, Mr Cross, Mr Dobie, Mr Fry, Mr Hand, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr McGauran, Mr MacKellar, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr O'Neil, Mr Porter, Mr Shipton, Mr Staples and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Coleman, Mr Cross and Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Cross, Mr Hunt and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the excise on grape spirit used in fortifying wine be either withdrawn or modified in its method of application and collection.

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

Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that certain infertility treatments be included on the Commonwealth Rebate List.

Mr Fry—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that no further approvals be given for the staging of rodeos in the A.C.T.

Mr Fry—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that Havelock House be made available to the community for use as low-cost accommodation.

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 citizens praying that the guidelines for determining fees at subsidised child care centres be reviewed.

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying the 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 Hollis—from certain citizens praying that the decision to disband the fixed wing element of the Naval Fleet Air Arm be reconsidered.

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

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

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

Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to close the Rutherford Textiles Mill, N.S.W., and the Bradmill Spinners Carding Mill, at Kotara, N.S.W., be rejected.

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 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 the commercial exploitation of kangaroo by-products be banned.

Dr Theophanous—from Arthur Edward Houston, an elector of the Electoral Division of Scullin, praying that certain alleged actions of a senior officer of the Australian Taxation Office be investigated.

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

Mr West—from certain citizens praying that a select committee be established to investigate the creation of a Ministry of Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.

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

Petitions received.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PAPERS:** Mr Burr, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Copy of statement of expenditure for National Economic Summit Conference, 11 to 16 April 1983.

Parliamentary Refreshment Rooms—Copies of—

Invoice Nos. 4388, 5425, 5912, 5913, 6823, 11931, 11936 and 12893.

Summit Conference account—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Statement for period ended 30 April 1983.

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

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for year 1981-82.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for year 1982-83.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for year 1982-83.

Australian Marine Sciences and Technologies Advisory Committee—Report for period 1 May 1981 to 31 December 1982.

Department of Finance—Report for year 1982-83.

Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for year 1981-82.

6 **LOBBYISTS AND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT—DISCUSSION PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:

Lobbyists and the Australian Government and Parliament—Discussion paper, dated September 1983.

Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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.

- 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RETIREMENT INCOMES:** 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 insecurity and confusion caused to Australian families by the lack of a coherent and co-ordinated policy on retirement incomes”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 **ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Dr Klugman (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform:

Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform—1st Report, dated September 1983, incorporating dissenting reports, together with copies of the minutes of evidence.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Dr Klugman, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Hall 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.

- 9 **ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Hunt, by leave, made a statement in connection with the 1st report of the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform.

- 10 **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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McVeigh, viz.*—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”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 63

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter	
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson	

* 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **GRAIN (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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **EGGS (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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 **EDIBLE OILS, (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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

14 **FIRST HOME OWNERS 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 43, dated 8 September 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 Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

15 **HOME DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 44, dated 8 September 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 Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

16 **HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE 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.

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

AYES, 65

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter	
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 **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—

- 18 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

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

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

Politics is for People by Shirley Williams—Copy of book review by Senator S. M. Ryan, dated September 1981.

The debate continuing until 11.10 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 September 1983:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1983—No. 11—New topics to be included in population survey, October 1983.

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Determination—1983—No. 7.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1983/3—Holders of offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and holders of public offices on other bodies.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Child, Mr Cowan, Mrs Darling, Mr Fife*, Mr Katter, Mr Lusher, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Punch and Mr Reeves.

* On leave

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives