

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 1983

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- 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 Adermann, Mr Beddall, Dr Blewett, Mr Braithwaite, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Carlton, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Cross, Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Keating, Mr MacKellar, Mr Milton, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr O'Neil, Mr Porter, Mr Punch, Mr Robinson, Mr Wells and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mrs Darling—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
 - Mr J. J. Brown and Mr Porter—from certain residents of New South Wales and South Australia, respectively, in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Duffy and Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that pensioners be absolved from increases in telephone charges and be charged for calls only.
 - Mr Macphee and Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that a more restrictive immigration policy be maintained.
 - 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 - Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the excise on grape spirit used in fortifying wine be either withdrawn or modified in its method of application and collection.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 Fry—from certain citizens praying that the Canberra City Blood Bank not be moved to the Woden Valley Hospital.
 - 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 Keating—from certain citizens praying that a select committee be established to investigate the creation of a Ministry of Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.
 - Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Government support peaceful space exploration, encourage industrial support for space technology programs and support Australian proposals for biomedical space experiments.

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 McVeigh—from certain electors of the Division of Darling Downs praying that the current national flag be retained.

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

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

Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that Australia raise in the United Nations a request that the Polish Government honor its obligations under the Helsinki Agreement.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) presented the following paper:

Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Proposed reference on asbestos mining at Baryulgil—Copy of letter from Mr Holding to Mr Hand, Chairman of the Committee, dated 19 September 1983.

Questions without notice concluded.

4 PAPER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

5 DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Department of the House of Representatives—Report for period 1 January 1982 to 30 June 1983.

Mr Speaker made a statement in connection with the report.

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.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Development Assistance Bureau—Annual Review, for year 1981-82.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Videotex in Australia: Interactive information services, dated 17 August 1983.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—URANIUM INDUSTRY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The disastrous effects of the Government's confusion and inconsistency on the uranium industry".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Anthony addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 SALARIES AND WAGES PAUSE ACT REPEAL 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 Macphee 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—

- (1) wage increases ought to be granted in accordance with the capacity of Australian industry to pay those wages;
- (2) price increases of themselves do not indicate that capacity;
- (3) wages ought not to be automatically indexed following movements in the consumer price index; and
- (4) in view of the continuing economic recession, the forecasts made at the National Economic Summit and recent analyses of the economy, the Government should have used its self-proclaimed special relationship with the trade union movement to have the wage pause extended in the interests of economic recovery and job creation and the Government should be condemned for its failure to do so”.

Debate continued.

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)—

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 37

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| Mr Aldred | Mr Dobie | Mr MacKellar | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Andrew | Mr Drummond | Mr McGauran | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Fisher | Mr McVeigh | Mr Spender |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Goodluck | Mr Macphee | Mr Street |
| Mr E. C. Cameron* | Mr Groom | Mr Millar | Mr Tuckey |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hall | Mr Moore | Mr White |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Hicks* | Mr Newman | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Coleman | Mr Hodgman | Mr O'Keefe | |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Howard | Mr Porter | |
| Mr Cowan | Mr Lloyd | 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 Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the Bill was read a third time.

9 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) 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 Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

10 OVERSEAS STUDENTS 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 Hodgman 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—

- (1) the increased charges will cause personal hardship by preventing a large number of private overseas students from obtaining the benefits of secondary and tertiary education in Australia, and
- (2) the substantially reduced overseas student intake for 1984 is not in the interests of Australia and its relations with our Asian and Pacific neighbours in that it is elitist, isolationist, selfish and mean”.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 68

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

NOES, 39

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| Mr Aldred | Mr Connolly | Mr Lloyd | Mr Rocher |
| Mr Andrew | Mr Dobie | Mr MacKellar | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Fisher | Mr McGauran | Mr Shipton |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Goodluck | Mr McVeigh | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Burr | Mr Hall | Mr Millar | Mr Spender |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hawker | Mr Moore | Mr Street |
| Mr E. C. Cameron* | Mr Hicks* | Mr Newman | Mr Tuckey |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hodgman | Mr O’Keefe | Mr White |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Howard | Mr Porter | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Coleman | Mr Katter | 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 West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

11 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.

Mr Hodgman addressing the House—
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12 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 September 1983:

Australian Federal Police Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 158.

Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 159.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 31 August 1983.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (2) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Administrative Services—S. G. Murphy.

Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 161.

Salaries and Wages Pause Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 160.

War Graves Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 162.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Cohen, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fife*, Mr Hunt, Mr Lusher and Mr Wells.

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