

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 32

TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 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 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE SIR HOWARD BEALE):** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable Sir Howard Beale, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death, on 17 October 1983, of the Honourable Sir (Oliver) Howard Beale, K.B.E., Q.C., a Member of this House for the Division of Parramatta from 1946 to 1958, a Minister of the Crown, and Ambassador to the United States of America from 1958 to 1964, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.
- And Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
- Question—passed.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Bilney, Mr Cadman, Dr Charlesworth, Dr Klugman, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr O'Neil and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
  - Mr Baldwin, Ms McHugh, Mr Milton and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that all foreign bases be removed from Australia.
  - Mr Bilney and Mr O'Neil—from certain residents of South Australia praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
  - Mrs Darling—from certain residents of Queensland in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
  - Mr Bilney and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the House not ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
  - Mr Fry and Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
  - Mr Hodgman and Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be amended to prevent inconsistencies with the principles of justice and equality and that a conscience vote on the Bill be permitted to all Members of Parliament.

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 Carlton—from certain citizens praying that the motor vessel *Krait* remain in the care and maintenance of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and not be removed to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be passed.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that funding for pharmacy services at the Collingwood Community Health Centre, Vic., be restored.

Mrs Kelly—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.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that a moratorium on uranium mining and treatment be declared, that certain other action be taken in relation to the mining, processing and export of Australia's uranium and that the Roxby Uranium Mine development be discontinued.

Mr West—from certain citizens praying that neither abortion nor abortion funding be covered by the Sex Discrimination Bill.

Petitions received.

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

5 **LIVING AWAY FROM HOME FACILITIES FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN—STUDY—REPORT OF COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) presented the following paper:

Living away from home facilities for isolated children—Study—Report of Commonwealth Schools Commission, dated 30 November 1982.

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 **COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1982-84 TRIENNIUM—VOLUME 4—RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1984 AND STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) presented the following papers:

Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Act—Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Report for 1982-84 triennium—Volume 4—Recommendations for 1984 together with statement by Senator Ryan (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs).

Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) 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.

7 **COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1984—RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) presented the following papers:

Commonwealth Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—Report for 1984—Response to Government guidelines, dated 15

September 1983, together with statement by Senator Ryan (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs).

Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) 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.

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

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—The wheat industry, dated 29 September 1983 (No. 329).

Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act—Local Government Grants Commission—Report—New South Wales (1982-83).

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—13th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

**9 PAPER:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

East Timor—Red Cross access—Comments of International Red Cross Committee representative to Indonesia—Cablegram, dated 27 September 1983.

**10 PECUNIARY INTERESTS—ALLEGED COMPANY ACTIVITIES OF MINISTER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), by leave, made a statement concerning questions previously raised in the House regarding the alleged activities of a family company and further explained his affairs.

Mr Tuckey, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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

13 October 1983—Message No. 90—Overseas Students Charge Amendment 1983.

**12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT:** Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Wells had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Peacock, namely, "The Hawke Government's endorsement of high and rising unemployment as inevitable".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS) BILL 1983:** Message No. 87, dated 13 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution so as to ensure that Senate elections and House of Representatives elections are held at the same time*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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.

**14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PARLIAMENTARY TERMS) BILL 1983:** Message No. 88, dated 13 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution to extend the duration of the House of Representatives and the terms of service of senators*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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.

- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INTER-CHANGE OF POWERS) BILL 1983:** Message No. 89, dated 13 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to alter the Constitution with respect to the inter-change of powers between the Commonwealth Parliament and the State Parliaments*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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.

- 16 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (REMOVAL OF OUTMODED AND EXPENDED PROVISIONS) BILL 1983:** Message No. 92, dated 13 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to alter the Constitution by removing certain outmoded and expended provisions*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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.

- 17 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL 1983:** Message No. 91, dated 13 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to alter the Constitution so that the number of members of the House of Representatives may be increased without necessarily increasing the number of senators*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That notice No. 1 and orders of the day Nos. 1 to 12, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 19 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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.

- 20 **ARCHIVES BILL 1983:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 21 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 22 **MAIN INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING, SCHOOLS OF TRANSPORT AND CATERING, PUCKAPUNYAL, VIC.—PROVISION OF AIR CONDITIONING—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice,

moved—That, in accordance with the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Provision of air conditioning to main instructional building, Schools of Transport and Catering, Puckapunyal, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 23 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1983-84:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

- 24 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1983-84:** 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.

Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 25 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS 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.

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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Clause 8—

Page 11, lines 20 and 21, omit “nothing in the prescribed provisions of this Act renders unlawful”, substitute “the prescribed provisions of this Act do not apply in relation to”.

Page 11, line 30, omit “Nothing in this Act renders unlawful”, substitute “This Act does not apply in relation to”.

Page 11, line 36, omit “Nothing in this Act renders unlawful”, substitute “This Act does not apply in relation to”.

Page 12, line 4, omit “Nothing in this Act renders unlawful”, substitute “This Act does not apply in relation to”.

Clause 65, page 50, line 18, after “receivers” insert “to persons intending to operate them”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

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

- 26 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), the following amendment was made: Schedule, pages 3 and 4, that part of the Schedule relating to the *Crimes Act 1914*, omit all the words after “Repeal the section”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

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

- 27 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS TAXES COLLECTION 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

- 28 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (FREQUENCY RESERVATION CERTIFICATE TAX) 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

- 29 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVER LICENCE TAX) 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

- 30 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TEMPORARY PERMIT TAX) 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

- 31 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TEST PERMIT TAX) 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 32 **RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSMITTER LICENCE TAX) 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 33 **FAMILY LAW 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—  
Mr Spender addressing the House—
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- 34 **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 Duffy (Minister for Communications) required the debate to be extended.  
The debate continuing until 11.10 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mrs Child, Mr Connolly, Mrs Darling, Mr Fife\*, Mr Fry, Mr Groom, Mr Jacobi, Mr Kent, Mr McLeay, Mr Morrison and Mr Rocher.

\* On leave

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