

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 36

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 1983

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- 1 The House met, at 10.30 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 Drummond, Dr Everingham, Mr Free, Mr Goodluck, Mr Keogh, Mr Simmons, Mr Spender, Mr West and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Burr, Mr Free and Mr Goodluck—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 Burr and Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be delayed and a joint parliamentary committee be established to examine the Bill and related matters.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr Steedman—from certain residents of Victoria praying that Victorian parent clubs be recognised as education auxiliaries and be exempted from bank account debits tax.
 - 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.
 - Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
 - Dr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that the decision to reorganise the Australian Cadet Corps be reconsidered.
 - Mr Free—from certain residents of Mount Riverview, N.S.W., praying that a Post Office Agency be situated in the Mount Riverview Shopping Centre.
 Petitions received.
 - 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Sydney moving forthwith the motion of which he has given notice for the next sitting.
 - Mr MacKellar (seconded) addressing the House—
 - Closure of Member:* Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.
 - Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62

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| Mr Baldwin | Mr R. F. Edwards | Mr Johnson | Mr Punch |
| Mr Beazley | Ms Fatin | Mr Jones | Mr Reeves |
| Mr Beddall | Mr Free | Mr Keating | Mr Saunderson |
| Mr Bilney | Mr Gayler | Mr Keogh | Mr Scholes |
| Mr Blanchard | Mr Gear | Mr Kerin | Mr Simmons |
| Dr Blewett | Mr Gorman | Dr Klugman | Mr Snow |
| Mr Brumby | Mr Griffiths | Mr Lindsay | Mr Staples |
| Mr Campbell | Mr Hand | Ms McHugh | Mr Steedman |
| Mr Charles | Mr Hawke | Mr McLeay | Dr Theophanous |
| Mrs Child | Mr Hayden | Mr Maher | Mr Uren |
| Mr Chynoweth | Mr Holding | Mrs Mayer | Mr Wells |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Hollis | Mr Mildren | Mr West |
| Mr Cross | Mr Howe | Mr Milton | Mr Willis |
| Mr Cunningham* | Mr Humphreys* | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr Young |
| Mr Dawkins | Mr Hurford | Mr P. F. Morris | |
| Mr Duffy | Mr Jacobi | Mr Morrison | |

NOES, 40

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Cowan | Mr Hodgman | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Dobie | Mr Hunt | Mr Peacock |
| Mr Andrew | Mr Drummond | Mr Katter | Mr Porter |
| Mr Anthony | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr Lloyd | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Fisher | Mr Lusher | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Burr | Mr Goodluck | Mr MacKellar | Mr Shipton |
| Mr E. C. Cameron* | Mr Groom | Mr McGauran | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Hall | Mr McVeigh | Mr Spender |
| Mr Coleman | Mr Hawker | Mr Macphee | Mr Street |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Hicks* | Mr Moore | Mr Wilson |

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

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| Mr Baldwin | Mr R. F. Edwards | Mr Jacobi | Mr Morrison |
| Mr Beazley | Dr Everingham | Mr Johnson | Mr Punch |
| Mr Beddall | Ms Fatin | Mr Jones | Mr Reeves |
| Mr Bilney | Mr Free | Mr Keating | Mr Saunderson |
| Mr Blanchard | Mr Gayler | Mr Keogh | Mr Scholes |
| Dr Blewett | Mr Gear | Mr Kerin | Mr Simmons |
| Mr Brumby | Mr Gorman | Dr Klugman | Mr Snow |
| Mr Campbell | Mr Griffiths | Mr Lindsay | Mr Staples |
| Mr Charles | Mr Hand | Ms McHugh | Mr Steedman |
| Mrs Child | Mr Hawke | Mr McLeay | Dr Theophanous |
| Mr Chynoweth | Mr Hayden | Mr Maher | Mr Uren |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Holding | Mrs Mayer | Mr Wells |
| Mr Cross | Mr Hollis | Mr Mildren | Mr West |
| Mr Cunningham* | Mr Howe | Mr Milton | Mr Willis |
| Mr Dawkins | Mr Humphreys* | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr Young |
| Mr Duffy | Mr Hurford | Mr P. F. Morris | |

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Cowan | Mr Hodgman | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Dobie | Mr Hunt | Mr Peacock |
| Mr Andrew | Mr Drummond | Mr Katter | Mr Porter |
| Mr Anthony | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr Lloyd | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Fisher | Mr Lusher | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Burr | Mr Goodluck | Mr MacKellar | Mr Shipton |
| Mr E. C. Cameron* | Mr Groom | Mr McGauran | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Hall | Mr McVeigh | Mr Spender |
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| Mr Connolly | Mr Hicks* | Mr Moore | Mr Wilson |

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Cowan | Mr Hodgman | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Dobie | Mr Hunt | Mr Peacock |
| Mr Andrew | Mr Drummond | Mr Katter | Mr Porter |
| Mr Anthony | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr Lloyd | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Fisher | Mr Lusher | Mr Ruddock |
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| Mr Baldwin | Mr R. F. Edwards | Mr Jacobi | Mr Morrison |
| Mr Beazley | Dr Everingham | Mr Johnson | Mr Punch |
| Mr Beddall | Ms Fatin | Mr Jones | Mr Reeves |
| Mr Bilney | Mr Free | Mr Keating | Mr Saunderson |
| Mr Blanchard | Mr Gayler | Mr Keogh | Mr Scholes |
| Dr Blewett | Mr Gear | Mr Kerin | Mr Simmons |
| Mr Brumby | Mr Gorman | Dr Klugman | Mr Snow |
| Mr Campbell | Mr Griffiths | Mr Lindsay | Mr Staples |
| Mr Charles | Mr Hand | Ms McHugh | Mr Steedman |
| Mrs Child | Mr Hawke | Mr McLeay | Dr Theophanous |
| Mr Chynoweth | Mr Hayden | Mr Maher | Mr Uren |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Holding | Mrs Mayer | Mr Wells |
| Mr Cross | Mr Hollis | Mr Mildren | Mr West |
| Mr Cunningham* | Mr Howe | Mr Milton | Mr Willis |
| Mr Dawkins | Mr Humphreys* | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr Young |
| Mr Duffy | Mr Hurford | Mr P. F. Morris | |

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And so it was negatived.

- 4 **INTER-STATE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Inter-State Commission Act 1975*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris 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.

- 5 **BOUNTY (ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS) AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Duffy (Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bounty (Room Air Conditioners) Act 1983*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 6 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 7 **AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION 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.
 It being 12.45 p.m., 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.
- 8 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SMALL BUSINESS SECTOR:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Shipton had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The growing concern and alarm in the community at the continuing Government attacks on, and neglect of, the small business sector”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Shipton addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 10 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr O’Keefe presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
 207th Report—Finance Minute on Report 192—The collection and dissemination of statistics—
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 11 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Cowan presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Report relating to R.A.A.F. Base Williamtown, N.S.W.—F/A-18 Hornet facilities development (3rd report of 1983).
 Report relating to the construction of the Australia Telescope, N.S.W. (5th report of 1983).
 Mr Lindsay and Mr Drummond, by leave, made statements in connection with the report relating to the construction of the Australia Telescope.
- 12 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 **REPRESENTATION BILL 1983:** Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to increase the number of senators, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hall), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to representation in the Parliament, Parliamentary elections and related matters.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hall), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Lusher moved the following amendment: Clause 8, page 13, at the end of proposed section 19B add the following sub-section:

“(6) The Minister shall cause a copy of every report furnished to him by the Commission under sub-section (3) to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the report is received by him.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Drummond, in the Chair)—

AYES, 35

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Dobie | Mr Hunt | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Aldred | Dr H. R. Edwards | Mr Katter | Mr Rocher |
| Mr Andrew | Mr Fisher | Mr Lloyd | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Goodluck | Mr Lusher | Mr Shipton |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Groom | Mr MacKellar | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Burr | Mr Hall | Mr McGauran | Mr Spender |
| Mr E. C. Cameron* | Mr Hawker | Mr Macphee | Mr Street |
| Mr Coleman | Mr Hicks* | Mr O'Keefe | Mr Wilson |
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| Mr Blanchard | Mr Free | Mr Keogh | Mr Scholes |
| Dr Blewett | Mr Gayler | Mr Kerin | Mr Simmons |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Gear | Dr Klugman | Mr Snow |
| Mr Brumby | Mr Gorman | Mr Lindsay | Mr Staples |
| Mr Campbell | Mr Griffiths | Ms McHugh | Mr Steedman |
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| Mr Cunningham* | Mr Humphreys* | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr Young |
| Mr Dawkins | Mr Hurford | Mr P. F. Morris | |

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And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 LIVING AWAY FROM HOME FACILITIES FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN—STUDY—REPORT OF COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—PAPER NOTED:
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bowen (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 18 October 1983*), viz.:

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

And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Moore, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House calls on the Government to implement, without delay, the recommendations of the

Commonwealth Schools Commission to provide necessary additional funding for boarding schools, and for hostels to meet the needs of isolated students”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

- 17 COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1982-84 TRIENNIUM—VOLUME 4—RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1984 AND STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bowen (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 18 October 1983*), viz.:

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)—

Question—put and passed.

- 18 COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1984—RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bowen (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 18 October 1983*), viz.:

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)—

Question—put and passed.

- 19 COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION COMMISSIONS—FUNDING GUIDELINES—PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 25 August 1983*), viz.:

Commonwealth Education Commissions—Funding guidelines for 1984—Report—Participation and equity.

Statement by Senator Ryan (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs)—

Question—put and passed.

- 20 COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—REPORT—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bowen (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 23 August 1983*), viz.:

Commonwealth Schools Commission—Report for 1982—

Question—put and passed.

- 21 ADJOURNMENT: It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 8 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 8.05 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 November 1983:

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 236, 237, 238, 239.

- Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 233.
- Defence Act—Determinations—1983—
- No. 18—Separation Allowance and other allowances.
 - No. 19—Settling In and Settling Out Allowance and another allowance.
 - No. 20—Higher Duties Allowance, other allowances and Additional Compensation for Members of the Reserve.
 - No. 21—Flying Allowance, Language Proficiency Allowance and Recreation Leave.
 - No. 22—Service Allowance.
 - No. 23—Recreation Leave and War Service Leave.
- Departure Tax Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 245.
- Family Law Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 243.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 232.
- Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 230, 231.
- Life Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 240.
- Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 244.
- Public Service Act—Determination—1983—No. 19.
- Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 234.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
- Ordinance—1983—No. 52—Mental Health.
 - Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 2 November 1983.
- Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 241.
- Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 229, 242.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Cadman, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Mrs Darling, Mr Fife*, Mr Fry, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kent, Mr Millar, Mr Mountford, Mr Newman, Mr O'Neil, Mr Scott, Mr Tuckey and Mr White.

*On leave

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives