

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 37

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1983

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Mr Chynoweth addressing the House—

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The House continuing to sit until 10.30 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.

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

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Question—put and negatived.

- 26 **HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND THE ECONOMY:** Dr H. R. Edwards, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House, noting that the Minister for Science and Technology was prevented by the Government from delivering a speech dealing with high technology and the Australian economy to the recent Economic Summit—

(1) deplores the fact that as a result the Summit, among other shortcomings, did not systematically address the great challenge, opportunities as well as problems, which high/new technology presents for the future of Australia, and

(2) calls upon the Minister to make a statement on his being precluded from addressing the Summit, and to table the speech in the Parliament.

*Paper:* Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), by leave, presented the following paper:

Technology and Australia's future—Submission by Mr Jones, Minister for Science and Technology, to the National Economic Summit Conference, April 1983.

Debate continued.

Mr Chynoweth addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 10.30 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.

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

\* On leave

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