

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 38

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 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 **PRIVILEGE:** Mr Hodgman, proceeding to give a notice of motion, raised as a matter of privilege the alleged intimidation of Members in connection with the Parliamentary Labor Party's consideration of uranium policy on 7 November 1983. Mr Hodgman produced a copy of an article in *The Sydney Morning Herald* of 5 November 1983, entitled "PM bullying, minister says"; a Media Summary by the Federal Secretariat of the Liberal Party of Australia, dated 8 November 1983; a Liberal Party of Australia Federal Secretariat transcript of an interview with Mr Dolan, President of the A.C.T.U., on the A.B.C. program "AM" of 8 November 1983, and a National Party of Australia transcript of a 7 November broadcast by the A.B.C. program "PM" of a news conference of the Prime Minister.
- Mr Speaker stated that he would consider the matter.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—117th meeting, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 1 August 1983.
 Department of the Special Minister of State—Report for year 1982-83.
 Finance—Advance to Minister for Finance—Statement for September 1983.
 Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1982.
- 5 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Andrew, Dr Blewett, Mr Carlton, Mr Connolly, Mr Cowan, Mr Drummond, Mrs Kelly, Ms McHugh, Mr McVeigh, Mr Mildren, Mr Millar, Mr Simmons and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
- Mr Aldred, Mr Brumby, Mrs Child, Mr Dobie, Mr Free, Mr Howard, Ms McHugh and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
- Mr Andrew and Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the excise on grape spirit used in fortifying wine be either withdrawn or modified in its method of application and collection.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 Andrew and Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that parent clubs in government schools be granted exemption from bank account debits tax.
- Mr Adermann—from certain residents of Caloundra, Qld, and surrounding districts, praying that extra funds be granted to the Caloundra Community Youth Support Scheme.

- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the decision to reorganise the Australian Cadet Corps be reconsidered.
- 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.
- Ms Fatin—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- Mr Groom—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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
- Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that all foreign bases be removed from Australia.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
- Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to relieve the grain growing industry of the tariff duty on imported grain harvesters.
- Mr Punch—from certain citizens praying that the unemployment benefit for minors be immediately increased.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the establishment of nuclear power plants in Australia and the export of Australian uranium be prohibited and a moratorium on all mining and treatment of uranium be declared.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be passed.

Petitions received.

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

3 November 1983—Message No. 108—River Murray Waters 1983.

7 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

3 November 1983—Message—

No. 76—

Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment 1983.

Industries Assistance Commission Amendment (No. 2) 1983.

No. 77—

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Amendment 1983.

Bounty (Injection-moulding Equipment) Amendment 1983.

Bounty (Tractor Cabs) 1983.

No. 78—Archives 1983.

No. 79—Copyright Amendment 1983.

No. 80—Freedom of Information Amendment 1983.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—URANIUM—GOVERNMENT DECISION: 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 serious national implications of the Government's uranium decision".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mrs Mayer presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

209th Report—Reports of the Auditor-General—1980-81—

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

10 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all the 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—

- (1) condemns the Government for consistently breaking its election undertakings in relation to tax, and
- (2) is of the opinion that the withdrawal of—
 - (a) the tax rebate on the first \$1000 of dividend income, and
 - (b) the tax concession available to part-time members of the reserve defence forces,
 is not in the nation’s interests”.

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)—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hodgman	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Hunt	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hawker	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **INCOME TAX (RATES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 third time.
- 12 **INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUALS) 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.
- 13 **INCOME TAX (COMPANIES, CORPORATE UNIT TRUSTS AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) 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.
- 14 **INCOME TAX (BEARER DEBENTURES) 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983 [NO. 3]:**
 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. 81, dated 8 November 1983, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment:

Clause 10, page 6, lines 34-44, omit paragraph (d) of proposed sub-section 19A (1).

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Mildren reported accordingly.

- 16 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.
 Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) required the debate to be extended.

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 8 November 1983:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 249.

Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 248.

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 258, 259, 260, 261.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 253, 254, 255, 256.

Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 257.

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

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 247.

Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 246.

Papua New Guinea (Members of the Forces Benefits) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 250.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 252.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 251

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

National Memorials Ordinance—Determination naming Divisions of the Australian Capital Territory, dated 27 September 1983.

Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 2 November 1983.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Katter, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerin, Mr McVeigh, Mr Millar, Mr Mountford, Mr Newman and Mr Tuckey.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives