

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

WEDNESDAY, 9 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 Burr, Mr Cadman, Mr Drummond, Mr Free, Mr Hawker, Mr Humphreys, Mrs Kelly, Mr Keogh, Mr Rocher, Mr Simmons and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
    - Mr Andrew, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Drummond, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Lusher—from certain elected representatives and officers of local governments praying that the Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act be amended to provide a real term minimum guarantee to local government general revenue sharing arrangements.
    - Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Gorman, Mr Hollis, Mr Snow and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that all foreign bases be removed from Australia.
    - Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fife, Mr Humphreys and Mr Keogh—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
    - 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 R. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women be rescinded and the Sex Discrimination Bill be abandoned.
    - Mr Burr—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 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.
    - Mr Drummond—from certain electors of the Division of Forrest praying that reference to God and The Queen in the oath and affirmation of allegiance be retained.
    - Mr Gorman—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
    - 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.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that there be an inquiry into the Australian Capital Territory rating system.

Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that mining and export of uranium, except for bio-medical purposes, be banned and that the Australian Atomic Energy Commission be transformed into an Australian energy commission.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Ukrainian famine of 1932-33 be denounced, a day to honour victims of genocidal acts and imperialistic aggression be set aside and a standing committee be established to monitor adherence to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Petitions received.

- 3 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker referred to the matter raised yesterday by Mr Hodgman concerning alleged intimidation of Members in the course of their duties, referred to authorities and views expressed in the United Kingdom House of Commons that arrangements made within political parties would be unlikely to raise questions of contempt or privilege and noted that no Member had raised in the House a claim that he considered himself to have been intimidated or obstructed in the discharge of his duty.

Mr Speaker also referred to a principle observed in the House of Commons in the consideration of matters of privilege and contempt and expressed his view that such sentiments should be followed when considering all such matters, whether or not involving possible breaches by Members or other persons.

Mr Speaker concluded that a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege or contempt had not been made out and that precedence could not be given to a motion in respect of the matter.

- 4 EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act 1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 5 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 6 BANK ACCOUNT DEBITS TAX LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the taxation of bank account debits.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 7 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1983:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1983:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1982*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901* and the *Excise Act 1901*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 **INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act 1976*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Dr H. R. Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 **POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Postal Services Act 1975* and the *Telecommunications Act 1975*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 **TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983 [NO. 3]:** The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, as a whole—

Debate resumed on the Bill and on the amendment moved by Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.: Clause 10, page 6, lines 34-44, omit paragraph (d) of proposed sub-section 19A (1).

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report.

Mr Hurford, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 60

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

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

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

14 **PAPERS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1982-83.

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Industries Assistance Commission—Report for year 1982-83, accompanied by a statement by the Minister pursuant to sub-section 45 (5).

Radioactive waste management—Letter to Minister for Home Affairs and Environment from the Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council, dated 9 September 1983.

Water 2000—A perspective on Australia's water resources to the year 2000—Report of the Steering Committee in conjunction with the Department of Resources and Energy, dated 21 March 1983, together with a statement by Senator Walsh (Minister for Resources and Energy).

Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—National Standards Commission—Report for year 1982-83.

Mr Connolly and Mr Jacobi, by leave, made statements in connection with the report on Australia's water resources to the year 2000.

15 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FOREIGN POLICY—ASEAN:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr MacKellar had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The confusion in Australian foreign policy particularly as demonstrated by the crisis with ASEAN".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr MacKellar addressed the House.

Ordered—That Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

- 16 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr White presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

210th Report—Finance Minute on Report 199—Financial statements for Commonwealth undertakings—

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

- 17 **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1983:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*, to repeal the *Public Service Arbitration Act 1920*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL LEGISLATION 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 Hall who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst approving the passage of this Bill to improve the efficiency of the electoral system, the House—

- (1) deplores those aspects of the legislation which attack individual freedoms, threaten the continuation of the preferential system of voting and introduce public funding, and
- (2) requests the Government to withdraw those clauses which require the registration of political parties, the introduction of the list system of voting, the public funding of political parties and the disclosure of political donations”.

Debate continued.

Mr Adermann addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived:* It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

Mr Cadman rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 61

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

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

\* 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 82, dated 3 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*

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

19 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 8.07 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPER:** The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 9 November 1983:  
States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedule to the subsidy  
scheme in relation to the State of Queensland, dated 28 October 1983.

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

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