

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 43

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1983

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Acting Speaker (the Honourable L. R. Johnson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Bilney, Mr Burr, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cohen, Mr Dobie, Mr Drummond, Mr Groom, Mr Hollis, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kent, Mr Keogh, Mr McGauran, Ms McHugh, Mr Mildren and Mr P. F. Morris—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Andrew, Dr Blewett, Mr O'Neil and Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that parent clubs in government schools be granted exemption from bank account debits tax.

Mr Blanchard, Mr Dobie, Mr R. F. Edwards and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Brumby and Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

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 Goodluck and Mr Groom—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 Andrew—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 Baldwin—from certain citizens praying that all foreign bases be removed from Australia.

Mr Brumby—from certain citizens praying that the Government honour Australia's ratification of the United Nation's Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women by supporting the Sex Discrimination Bill.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Macedonian language be used in Government multi-lingual publications and be taught in secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

Mr Lindsay—from certain citizens praying that the North Queensland Army Band be maintained at its current strength and position and be encouraged to continue its work.

Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that the Alice Springs-Darwin railway project be re-addressed in light of the detrimental consequences to the iron triangle cities in terms of the economy, employment prospects, national defence and tourist opportunities.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that no further action be taken in respect of territorial or local government in the Australian Capital Territory until the findings of the inquiry into A.C.T. finances have been made public and a further referendum of electors has been held.

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 STATES GRANTS (EDUCATION ASSISTANCE—PARTICIPATION AND EQUITY) BILL 1983: Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for and in relation to the furthering of participation and equity in and in connection with schools and technical and further education institutions, and to other matters.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 4 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) BILL 1983: Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for and in relation to schools, and other matters.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 5 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1983: Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1981*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

6 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS) 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.

Closure: Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 103

Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Neil
Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Hurford	Mr Peacock
Mr Beazley	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Jacobi	Mr Porter
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Robinson
Dr Blewett	Mr Fife	Mr Keogh	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bowen	Mr Fisher	Dr Klugman	Mr Saunderson
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scholes
Mr Brumby	Mr Fry	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gayler	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Gear	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Carlton	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Charles	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Spender
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staples
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Mr Macphee	Mr Steedman
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hawke	Mr Maher	Mr Street
Mr Cohen	Mr Hawker	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Coleman	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Cowan	Mr Holding	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Howard	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilson
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr Morrison	Mr Young
Mr Dobie	Mr Humphreys*	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 4

Mr Andrew	Mr Burr*	Mr Goodluck	Mr Rocher*
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* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Acting Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

7 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PARLIAMENTARY TERMS) 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.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 104

Mr Adermann	Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Humphreys*	Mr O'Neil
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Hurford	Mr Porter
Mr Beazley	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Jacobi	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Reeves
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Robinson
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Ruddock
Dr Blewett	Mr Fife	Mr Keogh	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Fisher	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Brumby	Mr Fry	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Gayler	Mr Lusher	Mr Simmons
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Gear	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Carlton	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Mr Spender
Mr Charles	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Steedman
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Street
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hawke	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hawker	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Coleman	Mr Hayden	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Cowan	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilson
Mrs Darling	Mr Howard	Mr Morrison	Mr Young

NOES, 3

Mr Burr*	Mr Goodluck	Mr Rocher*
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* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Acting Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

- 8 **SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the sessional orders be suspended as would prevent consideration of the Constitution Alteration Bills being completed.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—RINGING OF BELLS:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the bells being rung for one minute only when dividing on the Constitution Alteration Bills.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 **CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INTER-CHANGE OF POWERS) 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.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 104

Mr Adermann	Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys*	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Neil
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Hurford	Mr Peacock
Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jacobi	Mr Porter
Mr Beazley	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mr Kent	Mr Robinson
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Ruddock
Dr Blewett	Mr Fife	Dr Klugman	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Fisher	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Brumby	Mr Fry	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Gayler	dMr MacKellar	Mr Simmons
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Gear	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Carlton	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Mr Spender
Mr Charles	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mr Macphee	Mr Steedman
Mrs Child	Mr Hawke	Mr Maher	Mr Street
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hawker	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Connolly	Mr Holding	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Cowan	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Howard	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilson
Mr Darling	Mr Howe	Mr Morrison	Mr Young

NOES, 3

Mr Burr

Mr Goodluck*

Mr Rocher*

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Acting Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

11 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ADVISORY JURISDICTION OF HIGH COURT) 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.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 99

Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Hurford	Mr O'Neil
Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jacobi	Mr Peacock
Mr Beazley	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Ruddock
Dr Blewett	Mr Fife	Mr Keogh	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Fisher	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Brumby	Mr Fry	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Gayler	Mr Lusher	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Carlton	Mr Gorman	Mr McGauran	Mr Snow
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Spender
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr Staples
Mrs Child	Mr Hawke	Mr McVeigh	Mr Steedman
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hawker	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
		Mr Maher	

Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Connolly	Mr Holding	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Cowan	Mr Hollis	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Cross	Mr Howard	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Darling	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilson
Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Morrison	Mr Young
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 8

Mr Adermann	Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck*	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Rocher*

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Acting Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

12 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (REMOVAL OF OUTMODED AND EXPENDED PROVISIONS) 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.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 104

Mr Adermann	Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys*	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Neil
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Hurford	Mr Peacock
Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jacobi	Mr Porter
Mr Beazley	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mr Kent	Mr Robinson
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Ruddock
Dr Blewett	Mr Fife	Dr Klugman	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Fisher	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Brumby	Mr Fry	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Gayler	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simmons
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Gear	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Carlton	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Mr Spender
Mr Charles	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mr Macphee	Mr Steedman
Mrs Child	Mr Hawke	Mr Maher	Mr Street
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hawker	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Connolly	Mr Holding	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Cowan	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Howard	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilson
Mrs Darling	Mr Howe	Mr Morrison	Mr Young

NOES, 3

Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck*	Mr Rocher*
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* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Acting Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

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

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

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—7th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Administrative Review Council—Review of pension decisions under repatriation legislation—Report to the Attorney-General, dated 16 September 1983 (No. 20), together with a statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.

Australian Capital Territory—

Gaming and Liquor Authority—Report for year 1981-82.

Poker Machine Licensing Board—Report for year 1980-81.

Totalizator Agency Board—Reports for years 1979-80 and 1980-81.

Department of Resources and Energy—Report for year 1982-83.

Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report for year 1982-83, including the report of the Commissioner for Community Relations for year 1982-83.

15 **REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—REPORTS AND DETERMINATIONS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—November 1983—

Determinations—

1983/7—Ministers of State.

1983/8—Office Holders of the Parliament.

1983/9—Members of Parliament.

1983/10—Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State.

1983/11—Travelling Allowance within Australia—Ministers and others.

1983/12—Entitlements of Members of Parliament.

1983/13—Holders of Offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and others.

1983/14—Members of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly.

Reports—

1983/1—Ministers of State.

1983/2—Judges.

Statement.

Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

16 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 29 November 1983, unless Mr Acting Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

17 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

16 November 1983—Message—

No. 115—Income Tax (Rates) Amendment (No. 2) 1983.

No. 116—Income Tax (Individuals) 1983 (*without requests*).

No. 117—Income Tax (Companies, Corporate Unit Trusts and Superannuation Funds) 1983 (*without requests*).

No. 118—Income Tax (Bearer Debentures) Amendment 1983 (*without requests*).

No. 119—Public Service and Statutory Authorities Amendment 1983.

No. 120—Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Amendment 1983.

- No. 121—Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Repeal 1983.
 No. 124—Transfer of Prisoners 1983.
 No. 125—Transfer of Prisoners (Consequential Amendments) 1983.
 No. 126—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment 1983.

- 18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PENSIONS—PROPOSED ASSETS TEST:** Mr Acting 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 alarm and confusion among Australia's aged over the proposed assets test on pensions".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Peacock addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 19 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Cowan presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Report relating to the Australian Wheat Board accommodation at Ceres House, 528 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, for Head Office and Victorian Branch (7th report of 1983), together with minutes of evidence.
- 20 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—4TH REPORT:** Mr Lindsay presented the 4th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

4TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—7th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Administrative Review Council—Reports to Attorney-General on—
Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1971—Amendments, dated 27 June 1983.

Review of pensions decision under Repatriation Legislation, dated 16 September 1983.

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

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report for period 3 June 1982 to 30 June 1982.

Australian Electoral Office Act—Australian Electoral Office—Report for year 1982-83.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for year 1982-83.

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—22nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

Dairying Research Act—Australian Dairy Research Committee—11th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

- Defence Report for 1982-83.
 Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Report for year 1982-83, including the report on the operation of the *States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) Act 1976*.
 Department of Primary Industry—Report for year 1982-83.
 Department of the Special Minister of State—Report for period 11 March 1983 to 30 June 1983.
 Department of the Treasury—5th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.
 Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report for 1982-83, including a report of the operations of the Commissioner for Community Relations.
 Industries Assistance Commission Act—
 Industries Assistance Commission—Report for year 1982-83.
 Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Certain air-conditioning machines, dated 3 June 1983 (No. 62).
 Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—9th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.
 Marine oil spill risk in Australia—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated March 1983.
 Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1982.
 Official Establishments Trust—4th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.
 Oilseeds Levy Collection and Research Act—Oilseeds Research Committee—Report for year 1982-83.
 Primary Industry Bank Act—6th Report on the operation of Part II of the Act, dated 15 November 1983.
 Special Prosecutors Act—Special Prosecutor R. V. Gyles, Q.C.—Report for period 22 September 1982 to 30 June 1983.
 Tobacco Industry Act—Report for year 1982-83.
 Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—National Standards Commission—Report for year 1982-83.

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Mr Lindsay, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 **PAPER—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Drummond, by leave, presented the following paper:
 Australia/Korea Parliamentary Group—Report of delegation led by Senator Jessop to the Republic of Korea, from 5 to 12 June 1983—
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 22 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS BILL 1983:** Message No. 122, dated 16 November 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to establish an Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and for related purposes*”.
 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.
- 23 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1983:** Message No. 123, dated 16 November 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend certain Acts in consequence of the enactment of the ‘Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983’*”.
 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.

- 24 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMPANIES AND SECURITIES LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1983:** Message No. 127, dated 16 November 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend laws relating to companies and securities*”.

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.

- 25 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1983:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 114

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the law relating to income tax*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. McCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 16 November 1983

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 2, clause 4, lines 9 to 27, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

Exemptions

“4. (1) Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after paragraph (kb) the following paragraph:

‘(kba) payments by way of an open employment incentive bonus under Part VIII A of the *Handicapped Persons Assistance Act 1974*;’

(b) by inserting in paragraph (s) ‘one-half of’ before ‘the pay and allowances’;

(c) by inserting in paragraph (sa) ‘one-half of’ before ‘the pay and allowances’;
and

(d) by inserting in paragraph (sa) ‘one-half of’ before ‘any gratuity’.

“(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) (a) applies to payments made on or after 1 October 1983.

“(3) The amendments made by paragraphs (1) (b), (c) and (d) apply to pay and allowances in respect of service, and a gratuity in respect of a calling out, on or after 1 December 1983.”

No. 2—Page 9, clause 19, sub-clause (1), line 36, leave out “a first instalment”, insert “no prescribed”.

On the motion of Mr Keating (Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Keating, the House adopted the report.

- 26 **PAPER:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented the following paper:
Crisis and youth accommodation—Review—Joint statement by the Ministers for Social Security, Housing and Construction, and Education and Youth Affairs, dated 17 November 1983, together with an attachment.
- 27 **AUSTRALIA TELESCOPE, N.S.W.—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of 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: Construction of the Australia Telescope, N.S.W.
Question—put and passed.
- 28 **TELECOM STATE HEAD OFFICE BUILDING, ADELAIDE—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of 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: Construction of the Telecom State Head Office building, Adelaide, S.A.
Question—put and passed.
- 29 **AUSTRALIAN FRIGATE PROJECT—WILLIAMSTOWN NAVAL DOCKYARD, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, and by reason of the urgent nature of the work, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work without it having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Australian frigate project, Williamstown Naval Dockyard, Vic.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 30 **BANK ACCOUNT DEBITS TAX 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.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 31 **TAXATION ADMINISTRATION 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.
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 Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Clause 3—

Page 4, line 43, omit "or (b), as the case requires".

Page 5, line 26, omit "sub-section 11 (2) or section", substitute "section 11 or".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

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

32 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

33 **POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hollis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

34 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL BUSINESS:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent (1) the consideration of general business being postponed to a later hour this day, and (2) the consideration of general business notices then being continued until 10 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

35 **POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 3 to 5, by leave, taken together.

Mr Lloyd, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 3—

Page 2, paragraph (a), lines 4 and 5, omit “, by courier service”.

Page 2, paragraph (b), line 10, omit paragraph (b) of the proposed definition of “postal article”.

Clause 5, page 2, lines 20-38, omit proposed section 10.

Amendments negatived.

Clauses agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 11—

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), the following amendment was made: Page 6, lines 7 and 8, omit “section 18 for the transmission of that”, substitute “paragraph 18 (1) (a) for the transmission of a”.

Mr Lloyd, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 6, after paragraph (ab) add the following paragraphs:

“(ac) the carriage or conveyance of a letter, regardless of the amount charged, in circumstances where the Minister determines that suspension of the monopoly is warranted because the Commission is unable to provide a service;

“(ad) the carriage or conveyance of a letter between branches of an organisation and between an organisation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries;

“(ae) the carriage or conveyance of a letter which forms the input to, or output from, electronic transmission facilities;”.

Page 6, at the end of the clause add the following paragraph:

“(b) by omitting from paragraph (2) (c) ‘the nearest’ and substituting ‘any’”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr Moore	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher 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.

36 **HEALTH LEGISLATION 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10 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.

Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 87, dated 15 November 1983, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Blewett, the Bill was read a third time.

37 **ADJOURNMENT:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) 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 10.46 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 29 November 1983, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 November 1983:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1983—No. 12—Survey of migrant status—March 1984.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Social Security—O. Taylor.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cunningham, Dr Jenkins, Mr Jones, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerin, Mr Millar, Mr Mountford, Mr Newman, Dr Theophanous and Mr Tuckey.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives