

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

No. 57

THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 1984

1 The House met, at 10 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 Braithwaite, Mr Cross, Mr Hawker, Mr Lusher, Mr Porter, Mr Reeves and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Blunt, Mr Keating, Mr Lusher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the nation's total dependence on God the Creator in accordance with the Constitution and the standing orders of the House of Representatives be reaffirmed.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Fife and Mr Lusher—from certain residents of the Divisions of Indi, Farrer and Hume, respectively, praying that biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Blunt and Mr Braithwaite—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 Carlton and Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

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 Aldred—from certain citizens praying that funding to all non-government schools be maintained at least at 1983 levels, pending a full review in consultation with the parents of students of non-government schools.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain electors of the Division of Dawson praying that the oath of allegiance remain unchanged.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to avoid discrimination against Queenslanders, in terms of hospital bed charges.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that recurrent funding for government schools be increased and funding for special programs to assist primary school children with learning difficulties be provided, as promised.

Mrs Darling—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to hand over control of the Uluru National Park, NT, to any one group of Australian citizens be rejected.

Mr Hawker—from certain residents of Victoria praying that Victorian parent clubs be recognised as education auxiliaries and be exempted from bank account debits tax.

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 Lusher—from certain parents representing government schools in New South Wales praying that an adequate general recurrent resource base for government schools be created and a planned program of improvements in government schools throughout the coming decade be ensured.

Mr MacKellar—from certain members of the Vietnamese community of Australia praying that all Australian aid to the Vietnamese Government cease, and that the Government demand the release of prisoners of conscience in Vietnamese prisons and support United Nations' efforts to achieve a just solution to the Kampuchean problem.

Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that the doctor's surgery at Sinnamon Retirement Village, Qld, be regarded as a private surgery and the doctor be permitted to charge the pensioner consultation fee.

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 ACT finances have been made public and a further referendum of electors has been held.

Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying that the proposed closure of Telecom Australia's Manual Assistance Centre at Parkes, NSW, be halted, pending a full and open inquiry into the needs of affected subscribers and certain other matters.

Petitions received.

3 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

4 **SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS BILL 1984:** 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 Reeves addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 **VIETNAMESE ACTIONS AND AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONS WITH ASEAN:** Mr MacKellar, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House, in condemning the continued occupation of Laos and Cambodia by Vietnam—

(1) deplores the repeated incursions by Vietnamese armed forces into Thailand, and

(2) expresses—

(a) its support for the Thai nation and the Cambodian refugees suffering from the disastrous consequences of the Vietnamese military action;

(b) its strong support for the efforts of ASEAN in the United Nations to bring Vietnam to the conference table, and specifically, confirms its support for Resolution Number 37/6 of 28 October 1982 of the United Nations, and

(c) concern at the uncertainty created within ASEAN by the Government's determination to attach a high priority to bilateral relations with Vietnam.

Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "this House—

(1) notes the active support the Australian Government has provided for initiatives, including those of the ASEAN countries, designed to bring about a peaceful political solution to the situation in Cambodia in which the sovereign independence and right of self determination of Cambodia is recognised as a central feature, and

- (2) urges the Government to pursue these initiatives in forthcoming discussions at Canberra with the Foreign Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Co Thach and the Thai Foreign Minister, Air-Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila”.

Debate continued.

Mr Morrison addressing the House—

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109, as amended by sessional order.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until 2 p.m.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Cross was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Government of which he gave notice earlier today for the next sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT:** Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Government for—

- (1) its cover-up and its failure to hold an open, impartial and independent inquiry into the material related to the Federal Judge named in the transcripts of the New South Wales corruption tapes;
- (2) its failure to bring before the Parliament the material necessary for Parliament to determine its responsibility under section 72 (ii) of the Constitution in relation to the Federal Judge named in the transcripts of the New South Wales corruption tapes;
- (3) its failure to ask the Chief Justice of the High Court to ask the Federal Judge named in the transcripts of the New South Wales corruption tapes to stand aside while these inquiries are carried out;
- (4) its condoning of a clear and indefensible conflict of interest by the Attorney-General in his handling of the matter;
- (5) its support of the action of the Wran Government in rushing to the polls before the Jackson Inquiry has been completed, and
- (6) its blatant political conspiracy in attempting to conceal the magnitude of the issues involved and shield prominent members, former members and associates of the Labor Party from examination for complicity in corruption and misconduct.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Mr Hawke moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House censures the Opposition for—

- (1) the use of the Federal Parliament to attempt to give credence to illegal material and legitimacy to the illegal interception of telephones;
- (2) the use of the Federal Parliament to undertake one of the greatest invasions of privacy and abuses of civil liberties in this nation’s history against citizens;
- (3) its continued use of the Federal Parliament to smear and defame members of the Federal and New South Wales judiciary;
- (4) its attempts to impugn the character of the Solicitor-General of Australia, the Director of Public Prosecutions-designate and the management of the Australian Federal Police;
- (5) its attempt to politically interfere in the operations of the High Court of Australia, the independence of which is a cornerstone of our democracy;

- (6) its involvement in a political conspiracy with the Government of Queensland, and
 (7) above all, its failure to address its political responsibility to debate the economic and social welfare of the nation”.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Keating (Treasurer) 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, 73

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

NOES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Peacock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Beddall	Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
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Mr Charles	Mr Hawke	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Peacock	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

Australian Defence Force Academy—Interim Council—1st report, dated 8 August 1983.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for year 1982-83.

9 LEGISLATION PROGRAM—AUTUMN SITTINGS, 1984—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, made a ministerial statement announcing the Government's legislation program for the 1984 Autumn period of sittings.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

10 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) VALIDATION BILL 1983—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement to clarify the object and effect of the clauses of the Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Validation Bill 1983.

Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

11 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DEFICIT FORECASTS AND EPAC: The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The double standards of the Government regarding deficit forecasts and EPAC".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard rising to address the House—

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
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Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wells
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Morrison	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Hurford	Mr Mountford	

NOES, 41

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Fisher*	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr O'Keefe presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

219th Report—Finance Minute on Report 189—Airport fire tenders—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

13 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—5TH REPORT: Dr Theophanous (Chairman) presented the 5th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

5TH 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, and papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Development Commission Act—Aboriginal Development Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Annual Report (9th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Seven Years On—Report by Mr Justice Toohey, dated 2 December 1983.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Australian Children's Television Foundation—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation—Annual Report (4th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Australian Film and Television School Act—Australian Film and Television School—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Annual Report (7th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Australian Research Grants Scheme—Report on Grants approved for 1984.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Guidelines for the Operation of National Research Facilities, dated 4 January 1984.

Barley Research Act—Barley Industry Research Council—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Commonwealth Legal Aid Act—Commonwealth Legal Aid Council—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Curriculum Development Centre Act—Curriculum Development Centre—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1981-82.

Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—Annual Report (10th), for year 1982-83.

Education Research Act—Education Research and Development Committee—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Annual Report (36th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

- Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Annual Report (9th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.
- Honey Research Act—Honey Research Committee—Annual report on the operation of the Act, for year 1982-83.
- Housing Industry—Indicative Planning Council for the Housing Industry—Annual Report for year 1982-83.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Annual Report (19th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.
- Immigration and ethnic affairs policies—Immigration program for 1983-84—Migrant settlement—Budget allocations, Temporary entry.
- Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of particulars of guarantees and payments made under the Act, for year 1982-83.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
- Copper and Certain Copper Products (including Removal of Export Control), dated 25 February 1983 (No. 315).
 - Dairy Industry, dated 23 November 1983 (No. 333).
 - Dried Vine Fruits Industry—Short Term Assistance during the 1984 Season, dated 13 December 1983 (No. 334).
 - Fatty Acids and Certain Aliphatic Acids, their Salts and Esters; Glycerol; Tall Oil, dated 17 June 1983 (No. 323).
 - Lawnmowers, Certain Engines and Parts, dated 6 July 1983 (No. 326).
 - Passenger and Light Commercial Vehicles—Substitution, dated 14 December 1983 (No. 335).
 - Polyvinyl Chloride Homopolymer (Anti-dumping), dated 4 October 1983 (No. 330).
- Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.
- Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Annual Report (34th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.
- Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.
- Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.
- Water 2000—A perspective on water resources to year 2000—Department of Resources and Energy—Report dated 21 March 1983.
- Wheat Research Act—Annual Report by the Minister for Primary Industry on the Operation of the Act, for year 1982-83.

A. THEOPHANOUS

Chairman

8 March 1984

Dr Theophanous, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

14 INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—HELSINKI MEETINGS AND SEOUL CONFERENCE, 1983—PAPERS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Jacobi, by leave, presented the following papers:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—Spring meetings, Helsinki, Finland, 24 to 29 April 1983, and 70th Conference, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2 to 13 October 1983—Report of Australian Delegation, together with minutes of Inter-Parliamentary Council (33rd Session), Results Of Sessions and Summary Records of 70th Conference.

Mr Jacobi, Mr Coleman, Mr Keogh and Mr Goodluck, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 15 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, CONCORD, NSW—REDEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Redevelopment of surgical and diagnostic facilities at Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, NSW.

Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **REGISTRATION OF DEATHS ABROAD BILL 1984:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the registration of the deaths of Australian citizens who have died abroad and of certain other persons. Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 **BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT TRUST FUND BILL 1984:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Trust Fund for the purpose of making payments to certain refiners of oil, and for related purposes. Bill read a first time.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 **BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT LEVY BILL 1984:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy upon certain crude oil. Bill read a first time.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 19 **BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1984:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the collection of levy under the *Bass Strait Freight Adjustment Levy Act 1984*. Bill read a first time.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 20 **LIQUID FUEL EMERGENCY BILL 1983—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendments made by the Senate.

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In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 3, clause 3, sub-clause (1), line 40, leave out “of a”, insert “of”.

No. 2—Page 16, clause 16, after sub-clause (2), insert the following new sub-clause:

“(2A) Without limiting the generality of the matters to which the Governor-General is to have regard for the purposes of paragraph (2) (a), he shall

have regard to the question whether the shortage, or the likelihood of a shortage, of the liquid fuel concerned is likely to be averted by the voluntary augmenting of supplies of the liquid fuel by relevant fuel industry corporations.”.

No. 3—Page 34, clause 41, paragraph (3) (a), line 19, leave out “fifth”, insert “fifteenth”.

No. 4—Page 34, clause 41, paragraph (3) (b), line 22, leave out “fifth”, insert “fifteenth”.

No. 5—Page 34, clause 41, paragraph (3) (b), line 24, leave out “fifth”, insert “fifteenth”.

No. 6—Page 34, clause 41, sub-clause (4), line 25, leave out “5”, insert “15”.

No. 7—Page 34, clause 41, sub-clause (5), line 29, leave out “5”, insert “15”.

No. 8—Page 35, clause 41, sub-clause (5), line 1, leave out “this section”, insert “sub-sections (3) and (4)”.

No. 9—Page 35, clause 41, at end of clause, add the following new sub-clauses:

“(6) Where an instrument to which this section applies is made during a period of national liquid fuel emergency—

- (a) the instrument comes into force forthwith;
- (b) sub-sections (3), (4) and (5) do not apply to the instrument; and
- (c) sub-section (8) applies to the instrument.

“(7) Where—

- (a) an instrument to which this section applies is made otherwise than during a period of national liquid fuel emergency;
- (b) a period of national liquid fuel emergency is declared to exist; and
- (c) on the commencement of that period the instrument had neither come into force under sub-section (3) nor been disallowed under sub-section (4),

then, on the commencement of that period—

- (d) the instrument comes into force;
- (e) sub-sections (3), (4) and (5) cease to apply to the instrument; and
- (f) sub-section (8) applies to the instrument.

“(8) If either House of the Parliament, in pursuance of a motion of which notice has been given within 15 sitting days after a copy of an instrument to which this sub-section applies has been laid before that House, (whether the notice was given for the purposes of sub-section (4) or of this sub-section), passes a resolution disallowing that instrument, the instrument so disallowed shall thereupon cease to have effect.

“(9) If, at the expiration of 15 sitting days after notice of a motion to disallow an instrument to which sub-section (8) applies has been given in a House of the Parliament, being notice given within 15 sitting days after a copy of the instrument has been laid before that House—

- (a) the notice has not been withdrawn and the motion has not been called on; or
- (b) the motion has been called on, moved and seconded and has not been withdrawn or otherwise disposed of,

the instrument specified in the motion shall thereupon be deemed to have been disallowed.

“(10) If, before the expiration of 15 sitting days after notice of a motion to disallow any instrument to which sub-section (8) applies has been given in a House of the Parliament—

- (a) the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires, or the Parliament is prorogued; and
- (b) at the time of the dissolution, expiry or prorogation, as the case may be—
 - (i) the notice has not been withdrawn and the motion has not been called on; or
 - (ii) the motion has been called on, moved and seconded and has not been withdrawn or otherwise disposed of,

the instrument shall, for the purposes of sub-sections (8) and (9), be deemed to have been laid before that first-mentioned House on the first sitting day of that

first-mentioned House after the dissolution, expiry or prorogation, as the case may be.

“(11) Where an instrument to which sub-section (8) applies is disallowed, or is deemed to have been disallowed, under this section, the disallowance of the instrument has the same effect as a revocation of the instrument.

“(12) Where—

- (a) an instrument to which sub-section (8) applies (in this sub-section referred to as the ‘relevant instrument’) is disallowed, or is deemed to have been disallowed, under this section; and
- (b) the relevant instrument revoked, in whole or in part, another instrument to which this section applies that was in force immediately before the relevant instrument came into operation,

the disallowance of the relevant instrument has the effect of reviving that other instrument from and including the date of the disallowance as if the relevant instrument had not been made.

“(13) Where an instrument to which this section applies comes into force, the Minister shall cause a notice to that effect to be published in the *Gazette*.

“(14) The Minister shall, before 1 July 1984, make at least one instrument to which this section applies under each of the sub-sections referred to in sub-section (1) of this section.”

No. 10—Page 35, clause 43, sub-clause (3), lines 28 and 29, leave out “, being an instrument that is in force,”.

No. 11—Page 37, clause 45, sub-clause (2), lines 7 to 10, leave out the sub-clause.

No. 12—Page 37, clause 45, sub-clause (3), line 12, leave out “Act”, insert “section”.

No. 13—Page 37, after clause 45, insert the following new clause:

Compensation for compliance with directions under Part II or III

“45A. (1) Subject to this section, where a person suffers loss, injury or damage by reason of the compliance by the person with a direction under Part II or III, there is payable to the person by the Commonwealth such amount of compensation in respect of that loss, injury or damage as is agreed between the Commonwealth and the person or, failing agreement, as is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

“(2) In assessing the amount of compensation payable under sub-section (1) in respect of loss, injury or damage suffered by a person, account shall be taken only of so much of the loss, injury or damage—

- (a) as is greater than the loss, injury or damage suffered by the community at large, or a substantial part of the community at large, in connection with dealing with, or in preparation for dealing with, a shortage or likely shortage of liquid fuel during a period of national liquid fuel emergency; and
- (b) as the person is not, and is not likely to be, in a position to make good from the market supplied by the person.

“(3) Compensation is not payable under sub-section (1) in respect of loss, injury or damage suffered by a person unless the person lodges a claim for compensation with the Minister within 12 months, or such longer period (if any) as is prescribed, after the loss, injury or damage was suffered.

“(4) Any damages or compensation recovered or other remedy given in proceedings that are instituted otherwise than by virtue of this section shall be taken into account in assessing compensation payable in proceedings that are instituted under this section and that arise out of the same event or transaction.”

No. 14—Page 37, clause 47, sub-clause (3), line 42, leave out “section 45”, insert “section 45 or 45A”.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

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

- 21 **SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS BILL 1984:** 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 Humphreys), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Young 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 10.23 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 27 March 1984, at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 March 1984:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1984—

No. 2—Survey of foreign ownership and control of agriculture.

No. 3—Exploratory collection of lending commitments by financial institutions.

Health Insurance Act—Principles formulated under sub-section 23H (1), dated 25 January 1984.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Newman.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives