

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 62

MONDAY, 2 APRIL 1984

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

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

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

Department of Science and Technology—Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee—Report for period 20 October 1982 to 30 June 1983.

Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—20th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83, and statement by Mr Kerin, Minister for Primary Industry.

Special employment-related programs—7th report by Senator Button, Leader of the Government in the Senate, on the operation of the Special Employment-related Programs Act.

Wheat Marketing Act—Australian Wheat Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 October 1982 to 30 September 1983, and statement by Mr Kerin, Minister for Primary Industry.

4 **PETITIONS:** The Acting Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Beddall, Mr Cadman, Mrs Child, Mr Drummond and Mr Rocher from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mrs Darling, Mr Keogh and Mr Wells—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Mr Carlton and Mr Kerin—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 Cadman—from certain citizens praying that a suitable alternative site for the proposed airport at Scheyville, NSW, be found.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.

Mr Carlton—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 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, when the redeveloped Brisbane airport becomes operative, no jet aircraft use the crosswind runway and the curfew be maintained from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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

Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that legislation introducing an income and means test for aged pensioners be withdrawn.

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 Hall—from certain citizens praying that parent clubs in government schools be granted exemption 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 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 Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the decision to proceed with the development of uranium mining at Roxby Downs be reversed and all uranium mining and export cease.

Petitions received.

- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL SECURITY—POLICY DIFFERENCES:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Spender had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The deep policy differences between the Ministers and the Departments of Defence and Defence Support and the adverse consequences of these for Australia's national security".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Spender addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 6 BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT TRUST FUND 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 124, dated 8 March 1984, 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 Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 7 BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

8 BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1984: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question That the Bill be now 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 Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

9 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP 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 Hodgman who moved, as an amendment That all 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) its shameful and disgraceful action in seeking to remove Her Majesty The Queen from the oath of allegiance and the affirmation of allegiance, against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of Australians, and without having first put such an important amendment to the people of Australia in a referendum;
- (2) its deliberate devaluation of the importance of the honour of Australian citizenship, and
- (3) its overall failure to consult properly with the people of Australia before bringing into this Parliament such radical republican legislative proposals".

Debate continued.

Mr Staples addressing the House—

10 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.10 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 April 1984:

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 44.

Copyright Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 43.

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 41, 42, 45.

Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 48.

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 49.

Loan (Income Equalization Deposits) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 51.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 46, 47.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 50.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Charles, Mr Coleman, Mr Connolly, Mr Jacobi, Dr Klugman and Mr O'Keefe.

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Representatives