

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 68

THURSDAY, 3 MAY 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 Dobie, Mr Free, Mr Hicks, Dr Klugman, Mr Lusher and Mr MacKellar—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 Burr, Mr Groom, Mr MacKellar and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens praying that regulations amending the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations and Customs (Cinematograph Films) Regulations and the ordinance superseding the ACT Objectionable Publications Ordinance be disallowed and certain other action be taken in relation to censorship matters.

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

Mr Shipton—from certain residents of Victoria in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr Cadman, Mr Cross and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

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

Mr Bilney—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that all drugs be prescribed and supplied by their generic names only and that information concerning possible side-effects be made freely available.

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, NSW, be rejected.

Mr Coleman—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.

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 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.

Mr R. F. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that certain infertility treatments be included on the Commonwealth Rebate List.

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 Hawker—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 Lusher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that proposed assets test legislation be abandoned and that action be taken to institute a retirement income policy which is fair and equitable.

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 Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be reviewed.

Petitions received.

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

2 May 1984—Message—

No. 206—Fishing Legislation Amendment 1983.

No. 207—Customs Tariff Amendment 1984 (*without requests*).

4 CHICKEN MEAT RESEARCH AMENDMENT 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. 140, dated 1 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

5 PIG MEAT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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 Cadman 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 is of the opinion that the marketing of all meat products is interconnected and calls on the Government to support aggressively the marketing of Australian meats”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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. 141, dated 3 April 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 6 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 7 **ACTS INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT 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 Wells 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.
- 8 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, as amended by sessional order, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106, as amended by sessional order.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 9 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 10 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE HORN OF AFRICA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence on the provision of development assistance and humanitarian aid to the Horn of Africa.
Mr MacKellar, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 11 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL SECURITY—ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and Mr McLeay had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, Mr Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Sinclair, namely, "The consequences for national security of the run down in the Australian Defence Force particularly the Royal Australian Navy".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Sinclair addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 12 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Fry (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:
Reports on proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs, together with copies of the minutes of proceedings—
81A series.
82nd series—1st Report.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

Mr Fry and Mr Ruddock, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

- 13 **ACTS INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT 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.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (NATIONAL STANDARDS) AMENDMENT 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.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **BOUNTY (TWO-STROKE ENGINES) 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. 142, dated 7 April 1984, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

Clause 15—

Page 8, line 11, after “reasonable times” insert “with the consent of the occupier or in pursuance of a warrant issued under sub-section (1B)”.

Page 8, after sub-clause (1) insert the following sub-clauses:

“(1A) An authorized officer may make application to a Justice for a warrant authorizing the authorized officer to enter the premises to which the application relates.

“(1B) If, on application under sub-section (1A), the Justice is satisfied, by information on oath or affirmation, that it is reasonably necessary that the authorized officer should have access to the premises to which the application relates, the Justice may grant a warrant authorizing the authorized officer to enter the premises for the purpose of exercising the functions of an authorized officer under this section.

“(1C) A warrant granted under sub-section (1B) shall include—

- (a) a statement of the purpose for which the warrant is issued;
- (b) a description of the kind of things authorized to be inspected or copied or from which extracts may be taken; and
- (c) a date, not being later than one month after the date of issue of the warrant, upon which the warrant ceases to have effect.”

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That notice No. 1 and orders of the day Nos. 7 and 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 COASTAL SURVEILLANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 30 March 1984*), viz.:

Australia's peacetime coastal surveillance and protection arrangements—

Review by Mr Beazley, Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence.

Ministerial statement, 30 March 1984—

Debate resumed.

Paper: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), by leave, presented the following paper:

Coastal surveillance—Previous aerial charter arrangements.

Debate continued.

Mr Reeves addressing the House—

18 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 West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.08 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 May 1984:

Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 67.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 63, 64.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 66.

Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 65.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1984—Nos. 7, 12, 13.

Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 68.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Charlesworth, Mr Connolly, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fisher, Mr Keating and Mr McArthur.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives