

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 69

FRIDAY, 4 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 Cadman, Mr Coleman, Mr Fife and 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 Cohen, Mr Dobie, Mr Fife and Mr Gorman—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, Mr Drummond and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Connolly, Mr Fife and Mr Tickner—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 Blanchard and Mr Carlton—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Burr and Mr Goodluck—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 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 Goodluck and Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken with respect to the classification and restriction of films, video tapes and printed material.

Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.

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.

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 electors of the Division of Forrest praying that reference to God and The Queen in the oath and affirmation of allegiance be retained.

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

Mr Free—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the decision to disallow provision for child care facilities in the extensions to the National Library of Australia be reversed.

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

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 Medicare be reviewed.

Mr Saunderson—from certain citizens praying that ex-servicewomen who volunteered for service in the 1939-45 war but were not sent to war zones be considered eligible for defence service home loans.

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.

3 PRICES AND INCOMES POLICY—REPORT BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented the following paper:

Prices and incomes policy—Second progress report on Government initiatives—Report by the Advisory Committee on Prices and Income, dated March 1984.

Mr Willis, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report and presented and following paper:

Prices and incomes policy—Second progress report on Government initiatives—Ministerial statement, 4 May 1984.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Macphee speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Mr Saunderson addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade) and Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), Senator Walsh (Minister for Resources and Energy) was acting as Minister for Trade and Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) was acting as Minister for Health and was representing the Minister for Social Security in this House. Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) was representing the Acting Minister for Trade and Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) was representing the Attorney-General in this House.

5 **QUESTIONS:** Question without notice were asked.

6 **COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following paper:

Committee on Overseas Professional Qualifications—15th Report, dated December 1983.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COAL EXPORT TRADE:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's inept and provocative handling of Australia's coal export trade".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hunt addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 **PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Cunningham, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of delegation led by Mr B. T. Cunningham, MP, to Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea, from 24 July to 12 August 1983.

Mr Cunningham, Mr Cadman and Mr Maher, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

9 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain legislation concerning the Defence Force and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Scholes 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.

10 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** It being 4 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

11 **WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT, NSW—UPGRADING OF FACILITIES—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), for 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: Upgrading of facilities for introduction of F28 aircraft, Wagga Wagga Airport, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

12 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 4.30 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr Bowen, Mr Braithwaite, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Connolly, Mr Dawkins, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fisher, Mr Katter, Mr Keating, Mr Moore, Mr Sinclair and Mr Uren.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives