

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 70

MONDAY, 7 MAY 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 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Senator Button (Minister for Industry and Commerce), Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) was acting as Minister for Industry and Commerce.
- 3 **UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker made a statement concerning the use in the House of language considered unparliamentary.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **MARALINGA WEAPONS TESTS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented the following paper:
Maralinga weapons tests—Statement by Senator Walsh, Minister for Resources and Energy.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Shipton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
Museum of Australia Act—Museum of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.
- 7 **MIDDLE EAST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's views on Australia's participation in the Multinational Force and Observer Group, and his impressions of the tensions in the Middle East, and presented the following paper:
Middle East—Ministerial statement, 7 May 1984.
Mr Young (Leader of the house) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Young, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr MacKellar speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Jacobi), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

8 ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF ADVERTISING STANDARDS ON ROAD SAFETY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Standing Committee on Road Safety on the impact of advertising standards on road safety, and presented the following paper:

Road Safety—Standing Committee—Report on the impact of advertising standards on road safety—Government response—Ministerial statement, 7 May 1984.

Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Mr Burr, Mr Groom and Mr Newman—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 Cowan, Mr Dobie and Mr Morrison—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 Drummond, Mr Hawker and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Dobie 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 Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that legislation be formulated to make pharmaceutical companies automatically liable for damage or death caused by their products and that certain other legislative action be taken in relation to medical incompetence or negligence.

Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that prescribed pre-death medication be recorded on all death certificates and that certain other action be taken in relation to the collection, publication and reporting of relative statistics.

Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that the House urge the Government to intervene in the Australian Swimming Union decision not to include Michelle Ford in the Australian team for the Los Angeles Olympics and to take whatever steps may be necessary to have her included.

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

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

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

Petitions received.

- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM:** The Deputy 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, "Mounting public concern over the harmful effects upon all sectors of the community of the Government's election-inspired inaction in the implementation of a legislative program".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Peacock addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1984**
[NO. 2]: Message No. 208, dated 4 May 1984, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to income tax*".
Statement by Mr Speaker—Income Tax Assessment Bill—Senate Bill: Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House that Income Tax Assessment Bills were not considered to be Bills imposing taxation and, therefore, there was no cause for objection to this Bill being introduced in the House.
Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1984-85:** 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 Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1984-85:** 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 Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 SUPPLY (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1984-85:** 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 Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 AUDIT 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 PATENTS 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Snow), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

17 **MIDDLE EAST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Young (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:

Middle East—Ministerial statement, 7 May 1984—

Ordered—That Mr Jacobi be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 May 1984:

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules—1984—Nos. 70, 71, 72.

Homeless Persons Assistance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 69.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act — Regulations — 1984 — No. 7 (Health Commission Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr Bowen, Mr Dobie, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fisher and Mr Reeves.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives