

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

TUESDAY, 8 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moving forthwith a motion without notice.

Question—put and passed.

4 **IMMIGRATION POLICY:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That this House supports the Government's continued adherence to the long-standing non-discriminatory immigration policy.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

Mr Hodgman moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "this House calls on the Government to return to proper, balanced and rational immigration policies for Australia".

Ordered—That Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ordered—That Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Rocher
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Shipton
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1983-84—Special funds for Government programs—

Determination pursuant to clause (a) of Division 312 of Schedule 2, dated 26 April 1984.

Direction pursuant to section 7, dated 26 April 1984.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Technology and handicapped people, dated 14 March 1984.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Health Commission Ordinance—Capital Territory Health Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

6 NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) presented the following paper:

National technology strategy—Discussion draft—Department of Science and Technology, dated April 1984—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper.

Mr Shipton, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the paper.

7 W. M. HUGHES' BIBLE—ACQUISITION BY PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY—STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Deputy Speaker made a statement informing the House of the recent acquisition by the Parliamentary Library of a bible given to William Morris Hughes at the opening of the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901.

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

Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Dobie, Ms McHugh and Mr Ruddock—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 J. J. Brown, Mrs Child and Mr Coleman—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

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

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

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

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

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.

Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

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

Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that parent clubs in government schools be granted exemption from bank account debits tax.

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 Staples—from certain citizens praying that the establishment of nuclear power plants in Australia and the export of Australian uranium be prohibited and a moratorium on all mining and treatment of uranium be declared.

Petitions received.

9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—IMMIGRATION POLICIES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hodgman had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The rapidly rising community concern about the Hawke Government's divisive handling of Australia's immigration policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Hodgman rising to address the House—
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.
 Question—put and passed.

- 10 **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.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.
 On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

New clause—

Page 4, after clause 6 insert the following new clause:

Application for review

“6A. Section 151 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (1) (a) ‘131,’ before ‘154.’”.

Amendment—

Clause 7, page 5, at the end of proposed section 154A add the following sub-section:

“(6) An appeal lies to a prescribed court from a decision of the Commissioner under sub-section (1).”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Keogh reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Jones, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **STATES (TAX SHARING AND HEALTH GRANTS) 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. 143, dated 7 May 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) 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—
 Mr Braithwaite addressing the House—

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- 13 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
 And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.
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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 May 1984:

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for disclosure of list of names and addresses—1984—No. 1—List of Queensland non-government schools for Commonwealth Schools Commission.

Health Insurance Act—Statement of particulars of ministerial determination made pursuant to section 106AA relating to Dr Anthony Joseph, dated 30 March 1984.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—26th Annual Report, for year 1982-83—Erratum to paper presented on 7 December 1983.

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 Tuckey.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives