

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 83

WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 1984

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- 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:
 - Mrs Darling, Mr Gear, Mr Hand, Mr Lloyd, Mr Saunderson, Mr Scott and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that there be no increases in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be re-affirmed.
 - Mr Burr, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Dobie and Mr Porter—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 taken in relation to censorship matters.
 - Mr Blunt and Mr Moore—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Burr and Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - Mr Lloyd, Mr Lusher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to discontinue the mining and supply of uranium.
 - Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
 - Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that moves to change the Australian flag be resisted.
 - Mr Braithwaite—from certain electors of the Division of Dawson praying that legislation allowing the import and sale of X-rated video films be withdrawn.
 - Mr Burr—from certain citizens praying that the present Australian flag, and The Queen, as head of state, be retained.
 - Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.
 - Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
 - Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that funding for the Personal Care Workers Study in Northcote, Vic., be continued without interruption.
 - Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken in funding tertiary education.
 - Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying that the decision to alter the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be abandoned.

Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying for the continuation of, and support for, existing Workers' Health Centres.

Mr MacKellar—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 Porter—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.

Mr Scott—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Parliament require General Motors-Holden to continue its operations at the Woodville plant, SA.

Petitions received.

3 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

4 **ALIENS ACT REPEAL 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.

Ordered—That Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) be granted an extension of time.

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, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr West, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

6 **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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 by Mr Macphee who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House is of the opinion that the Government should extend the objects of the Bill to take account of all of its proposed amendments in the field of industrial legislation".

Paper: Mr Macphee, by leave, presented the following paper:

Trade Practices Act—Section 45D—List of cases.

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.

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

8 **PAPER:** Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Tax cuts and budget programs—Transcript of an interview of Mr Howard by Steve Sailah on the AM radio program on 19 March 1984.

9 CUSTOMS DECLARATION BY HON. M. J. YOUNG—REPORT OF INQUIRY—PAPER

NOTED: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report by Mr M. E. J. Black, QC, dated 17 August 1984, of an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the making of a customs declaration by the Hon. M. J. Young, MP, on 5 July 1984, presented to the House on 21 August 1984.

Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House deploras—

- (1) the failure of the Prime Minister to observe required standards in not immediately dismissing the Special Minister of State;
- (2) the failure of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to conduct a competent inquiry into the Special Minister of State’s breach of the law;
- (3) the failure of the Special Minister of State to resign his office after breaking the law;
- (4) the attempt by the Prime Minister to delay any investigation into this matter, and
- (5) the failure by the Prime Minister to set up an inquiry into the Special Minister of State’s conduct which would have the necessary powers and brief to fully investigate the conduct of the Minister and that of the Prime Minister, and the Minister for Industry and Commerce in their attempts to cover up the matter”.

Debate continued.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Newman	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

10 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Council of the Australian National University, report for 1983 (statement by Minister only).

- Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1983-84*—Special funds for Government programs—
 Determination pursuant to clause (a) of Division 312, dated 6 June 1984.
 Direction pursuant to section 7, dated 6 June 1984.
- Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation—9th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1983.
- Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1983—Part 1—Report.
- Australian Postal Commission—Service and business outlook for year 1984-85.
- Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Australia's broad-spectrum bilateral science and technology agreements, dated 25 June 1984.
- Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and business outlook for year 1984-85.
- Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1983.
- Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Commonwealth Teaching Service Commissioner—Report for 1983.
- Department of Education and Youth Affairs—Report for 1983.
- Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statements for March and April, 1984.
- Fisheries Act—Copy of agreement, together with 4 attachments, between the Commonwealth and KKFC Pty Ltd, dated 2 July 1984.
- Legal services in Australia—Report to the Attorney-General by Dr Jeremy Cooper, dated 15 November 1983, together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.
- National Women's Advisory Council—5th Annual Report, for year 1982-83, together with statement by Senator Ryan, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women.
- Poultry Research Advisory Committee—Report for period 1 July 1981 to 30 June 1983.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1984 Review—
 Determinations—
 1984/13—Ministers of State.
 1984/14—Office Holders of the Parliament.
 1984/15—Members of the Parliament.
 1984/16—Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State.
 1984/17—Travelling Allowance within Australia—Ministers, Office Holders and Members of the Parliament.
 1984/18—Entitlements of Members of the Parliament.
 1984/19—Holders of Offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and others.
 1984/20—Members of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly.
- Reports—
 1984/4—Ministers of State.
 1984/5—Judges.
 1984/6—President and Members, Inter-State Commission.
- Statement.
- Services Trust Fund Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—36th Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1983.
- Student Assistance Act—Report by Minister on operation of Act for 1983.
- Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1983.

- 11 **COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—PROGRAM GUIDELINES 1984—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) presented the following paper:
Commonwealth Schools Commission—Program guidelines 1984.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—FINANCING THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following papers:
Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report 1984 on financing the Australian Capital Territory, dated 16 July 1984, together with statement by Mr Uren, Minister for Territories and Local Government.
Mr Keating (Treasurer) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX CUTS:** 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, “The calculated and deceitful attempt by the Government to fool the Australian people that real tax cuts have been granted”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Peacock addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 14 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Fife (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the construction of Commonwealth Government Centre, Currie Street, Adelaide (15th report of 1984), together with the minutes of evidence.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
- 15 **BOUNTY (AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 3 and 7 of the *Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act 1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr J. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fisher), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **BOUNTY (TRACTOR CABS) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 3 of the *Bounty (Tractor Cabs) Act 1983*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr J. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fisher), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RAAF BASE, DARWIN—ON-BASE HOUSING:** 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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Improvements to on-base housing, RAAF Base, Darwin.
Mr Scholes presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 18 **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Macphee, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House is of the opinion that the Government should extend the objects of the Bill to take account of all of its proposed amendments in the field of industrial legislation”—

Mr Macphee resumed his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr Cadman addressing the House—

- 19 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 8 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 8.10 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cunningham and Dr Everingham.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives