

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 88

THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 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 Bilney, Mr Cadman, Mr Dawkins and Mr Rocher—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 Hawker, Mr McLeay and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Charles, Mr Fisher, Mr Hawker and Mr McGauran—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - Mr Cadman, Mr Fife, Mr MacKellar and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Charles and Mr Scott—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.
 - Dr Charlesworth and Mr Tuckey—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the customs regulation prohibiting the importation of obscene, indecent or blasphemous materials be restored.
 - Mrs Darling and Mr Maher—from certain residents of Queensland and New South Wales, respectively, praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
 - Mr Groom and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
 - Mr Humphreys and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.
 - 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 - Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be repealed.
 - Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the laws which banned the entry and sale of hard-core and violent pornography be re-enacted.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain elected representatives and officers of local governments praying that funds raised through indexation of the Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program levy be used for road construction work.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that amending legislation be drafted in respect of the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance

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

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the Government be responsible for financing and staffing cadet corps at government schools to enable all students to participate.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

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

Mr O'Neil—from certain electors of the Division of Grey praying that an operation for children suffering from Down's Syndrome be covered by Medicare and that travel costs incurred in obtaining this operation be fully recoverable.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the situation concerning the investigation of Dr Martinick by the Department of Health be clarified and the Health Insurance Act be amended if necessary to ensure medical practitioners receive a fair and just hearing.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the recurrent grant to tertiary residential colleges be maintained.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be reviewed.

Petitions received.

- 3 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, government business take precedence of general business on each day of sitting until the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1984-85, the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1984-85 and the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1984-85 have passed all stages in the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 4 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1984-85—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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 O'Keefe be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 104, as amended by sessional order, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 5 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation), Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) was acting as Minister for Aviation.

- 6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 7 **FEDERATED SHIP PAINTERS AND DOCKERS' UNION—ROYAL COMMISSION—TRANSITION TO NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:

Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union—Royal Commission—Transition to National Crime Authority—from—

Chairman and members, National Crime Authority, to—Mr F. X. Costigan, dated 1 and 16 August and 3 September 1984.

Mr F. X. Costigan, Q.C., Commissioner, Royal Commission on the Activities of the Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union, to—

Chairman and Members, National Crime Authority, dated 17 August and 5 September 1984.

Mr Justice Stewart, dated 15 August 1984.

The Prime Minister, dated 3, 10 and 24 July, 3 and 22 August and 3 September 1984.

Mr Justice Stewart, Chairman, National Crime Authority, to—

The Prime Minister, dated 4 September 1984.

Mr F. X. Costigan, dated 4 September 1984.

The Hon. Kim Beazley, MP, Acting Special Minister of State, dated 6 August 1984.

The Prime Minister, to—

Mr Justice Stewart, dated 31 August 1984.

Mr F. X. Costigan, dated 21 June, 9 July and 20 and 31 August 1984.

J. V. Townsend, Senior Private Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister to Mr R.

G. Webb, Secretary, Royal Commission on the Activities of the Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union, dated 4 September 1984.

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

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.

- 8 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for year 1983-84.
 Koalas—Conditions for export.
 Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—State of the fund—Copy of minute from I. Castles, Department of Finance, to the Minister for Finance, dated 5 September 1984.
- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH CARE SYSTEM—MEDICARE:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Carlton had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The progressive destruction of Australia’s excellent health care system caused by the introduction of Medicare”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Carlton addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 10 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—TAXIWAY SYSTEM, SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT:** 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: Augmentation of taxiway system, Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
 Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 11 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT:** 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: Construction of new Commonwealth offices at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
 Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 12 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SUBTRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT, TUGGERANONG, ACT:** 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: 132kV subtransmission development, Tuggeranong, ACT.
 Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 13 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1984-85—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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 White addressing the House—
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- 14 **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 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 September 1984:
Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Determination—1984—No. 3.
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 224.
Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 219.
Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 217.
International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—
Statutory Rules 1984, No. 216.
Loan (Income Equalization Deposits) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984,
No. 218.
Maternity Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory
Rules 1984, No. 220.
Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 221.
Radiocommunications Licence Fees Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No.
222.
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 223.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr
Beazley, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Hayden, Mr Katter, Mr Newman, Mr Reeves, Mr
Robinson, Mr Staples and Dr Theophanous.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives