

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1985

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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.:
    - Mr Blunt, Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Connolly, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Free, Mr Rocher, Mr Ruddock and Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
    - Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Charles, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Fife, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Mildren, Mr Scholes, Mr Shipton, Dr Theophanous, Mr White and Mr Willis—from certain citizens in similar terms.
    - Mr Blunt, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Cohen, Mr Free, Mr Hunt, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Robinson, Mr Sharp, Mr Sinclair and Mr Snow—from certain citizens praying that the ordinance superseding the ACT Objectionable Publications Ordinance be disallowed and certain other action be taken in relation to censorship matters.
    - Mr Carlton, Mr Hall, Mr Hunt, Mr Ruddock, Mr Snow and Mr Spender—from certain citizens praying that the term of the Costigan Commission be extended, all necessary resources be provided to enable it to conclude its investigations and Parliament not be dissolved until its report has been fully debated by both Houses.
    - Mr Keating, Mrs Kelly, Mr Punch, Mr Scholes and Mr Young—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 Aldred, Mr Carlton, Mr Howard and Mr Spender—from certain citizens praying that the Government initiate policies to ensure continued access of Australians to safe and effective drugs.
    - Mr Aldred—from Miles Laboratories Australia Pty Ltd in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
    - Dr Blewett, Mr Jacobi, Mr Wilson and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that residents of rest homes be funded equally to those in other institutions.
    - Mr Cadman, Mr Fife, Mr T. A. Fischer and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that the laws which banned the entry and sale of hard-core and violent pornography be re-enacted.
    - Mr Shipton—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
    - Mr Conquest, Mr Gayler, Mr Katter and Mr Lindsay—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

- Mr Braithwaite, Mr Lloyd and Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials, and entitlements of de facto spouses of Parliamentarians and homosexual partners of ABC employees.
- Mr Cadman and Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
- Mrs Child—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Fife and Mr Snow—from certain citizens praying that the present Australian flag be retained.
- Mr Hodges and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be repealed.
- Mr Scholes and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that there be no increase in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be re-affirmed.
- Mr Uren and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying for the continuation of, and support for, existing Workers' Health Centres.
- Mr Beazley—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 Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the House of Representatives Expenditure Committee concerning Telecom's zonal charging policies be implemented.
- Dr Blewett—from certain residents of Victoria praying that persons with chronic conditions be entitled to necessary medications, dietary supplements and appliances without added financial burden.
- Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that osteopathic services be included in Medicare.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that those laws which automatically increase the price of petrol, following an increase in the consumer price index, be repealed.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that those laws which automatically increase the excise on beer, following an increase in the consumer price index, be repealed.
- Mr Burr—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that heroin be made available to terminally ill patients for the relief of pain.
- Mr Carlton—from certain citizens praying that the motor vessel *Krait* remain in the care and maintenance of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and not be removed to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.
- Mr Cohen—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to protect the unborn child and pregnant women.
- Mr Cohen—from certain citizens praying that the views of ex-service groups and individuals be considered during the drafting of amendments to the Repatriation Act.
- Mr Cohen—from certain residents of the Central Coast of New South Wales praying that consideration be given to their views concerning war caused or service related disability provisions in future legislation.
- Mr Duffy—from certain citizens praying that the Government give urgent consideration to the plight of the Young Women's Resource Centre at Dandenong, Vic.
- Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain residents of the Division of Farrer praying that young Australians who have undertaken employment while at school be eligible for Tertiary Education Assistance allowances.
- Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken with respect to the classification and restriction of films, video tapes and printed material.

Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying that certain measures be taken towards the abolition of violent pornography.

Mr Keating—from certain citizens praying that the Government negotiate with the ACTU for taxation relief for lower and middle income earners and improvements to the social wage.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that all aspects of the Handicapped Child's Allowance be reviewed.

Mr Langmore—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that any application for a change in the lease purpose clause of the Hackett Service Station site be disallowed.

Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the decision to alter the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be abandoned.

Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to implement those recommendations of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that will further undermine and weaken marriage, child-care or the family.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Government legislate for a health care system in which efficiency and innovation are not repressed and humane medical practice is again possible without harassment.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the decision to suspend Dr Hood from participation in Medicare be rescinded.

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

Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.

Mr West—from certain citizens praying that women and men be given the same entitlements to social services on attaining the age of 60 years.

Petitions received.

**3 APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORTERS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that, consequent upon the retirement of Mr J. W. Roberts, Mr J. M. Campbell had been appointed Principal Parliamentary Reporter as from 2 January 1985 and Mr R. T. Martin had been appointed Assistant Principal Parliamentary Reporter.

**4 REGISTRAR OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 9 October 1984 a.m., he had appointed Mr L. M. Barlin, Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives, as Registrar of Members' Interests.

**5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT:**

Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Government of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Young informed the House that he accepted the notice of motion as a motion of censure of the Government for the purposes of standing order 110.

**6 MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT:** Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House—

(1) censures the Government and condemns the Prime Minister for—

- (a) undermining ANZUS and the defence relationship between Australia and the United States;
- (b) breaking a firm commitment to our United States ally to provide limited logistical support for monitoring MX missile tests;
- (c) refusing to respond constructively to the ANZUS crisis;

- (d) pursuit of contradictory policies, setting back international security and disarmament, and
- (e) making vital decisions affecting national security not on the basis of the national interest, but according to the dictates of the ALP's factions, and
- (2) reaffirms the obligations and principles of ANZUS, and the alliance with the United States, as the cornerstone of our defence and a fundamental basis of Australia's positive contribution to peace and disarmament.

Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) moved, as an amendment—That all words after "House" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "reaffirms the Government's firm commitment to the ANZUS alliance and in particular the strength of relationship between the US and Australia arising from that alliance".

Debate continued.

*Closure:* Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 81

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beppard	Mr Duncan	Mr Keating	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keogh	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mrs Child	Mr Hawke	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hayden	Mr Maher	Mr West
Mr Cleeland	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wright
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milton	
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr P. F. Morris	

NOES, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Everingham	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipper
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Dr Watson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges	Mr Porter	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith	
Mr Conquest	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Everingham	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipper
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Dr Watson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges	Mr Porter	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith	
Mr Conquest	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson	

NOES, 81

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mr Keating	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keogh	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mrs Child	Mr Hawke	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hayden	Mr Maher	Mr West
Mr Cleeland	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wright
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milton	
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr P. F. Morris	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz.: That this House reaffirms the Government's firm commitment to the ANZUS alliance and in particular the strength of relationship between the US and Australia arising from that alliance—be agreed to—put and passed.

7 DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES: The following warrant nominating Deputy Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid upon the Table by Mr Speaker:

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate—

Cecil Allen Blanchard,  
Elaine Elizabeth Darling,  
Peter Hertford Drummond,  
Leonard Joseph Keogh,  
John Barry Mildren,  
Percival Clarence Millar,

John Graham Mountford, and  
Allan Charles Rocher  
to act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of  
Committees.  
Given under my hand on 22 February 1985.

H. A. JENKINS  
Speaker

**8 EFFICIENCY AUDITS—REPORTS OF AUDITOR-GENERAL—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:**

Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Efficiency Audits—Reports of the Auditor-General, dated 7 December 1984—

Controls over processing of income tax assessments;

Processing and assessment of income tax returns;

Checking of dividends and interest disclosed in income tax returns, and

Processing of income tax instalment declarations.

Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Reports of the Auditor-General on efficiency audits, dated 7 December 1984, and

(2) That the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

**9 ELECTION PETITION:** The Clerk laid upon the Table a copy of an election petition, dated 11 February 1985, which he had received from the Registrar of the High Court, sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns, under section 369 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, viz.: Petition of Hamish George Linacre in the matter of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and in the matter of the election of one Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral Division of Forde in the State of Queensland.

**10 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC SERVICE DISPUTE:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Shack had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The extraordinary conduct of the Government in its handling of the public service dispute”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Shack rising to address the House—

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mr Keating	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keogh	Mr Saunderson
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Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
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## NOES, 61

Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
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Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Hodges	Mr Reith	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Robinson	
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 11 **JUSTICES (LONG LEAVE PAYMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *High Court Justices (Long Leave Payments) Act 1979* and the *Judges (Long Leave Payments) Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 12 **TRUST RECOUPMENT TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the assessment and collection of a tax in respect of income of certain trusts.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Keating moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 13 **TRUST RECOUPMENT TAX BILL 1985:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax in respect of income of certain trusts.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Keating moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 14 **TRUST RECOUPMENT TAX (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make certain amendments consequent upon the enactment of the *Trust Recoupment Tax Assessment Act 1985*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Keating moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 15 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hurford moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 16 **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Porter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **BOUNTY (COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles) Act 1978*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 And then the House, at 3.49 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 February 1985:

Acts Interpretation Act—

Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic reports—

Commissioner for Superannuation, report for year 1983-84.

Superannuation Fund Investment Trust, report for year 1983-84.

Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic report within specified period—Legal Aid Commission (ACT), report for year 1983-84.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Tuckey.

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**D. M. BLAKE**  
 Clerk of the House of Representatives