

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

MONDAY, 22 APRIL 1985

- 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 absences abroad of Mr Keating (Treasurer) and Senator Gietzelt (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), Senator Walsh (Minister for Finance) was acting as Treasurer, Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade) was representing the Acting Treasurer in this House and Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories) was acting as Minister for Veterans' Affairs. Mr Hawke also informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), Senator Ryan (Minister for Education) would act as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) would represent the Acting Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in this House.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES COUNCIL—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Cohen (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) presented the following papers:
  - Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, report for year 1983-84.
  - Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers. Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN AFRICA AND ADJACENT INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND STATES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence on Australia's diplomatic representation in Africa and adjacent Indian Ocean island states. Mr MacKellar, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 6 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
  - Mr Hawker, Mr Lamb, Mr McArthur and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

- Mr Drummond—from certain citizens in similar terms.
- Mr Gorman, Mr Lindsay and Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.
- Mr Cadman and Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the Social Security and Repatriation Assets Test Abolition Bill be passed.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that qualified private psychologists' services be included in Medicare.
- Mr Cadman—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 Charles—from certain citizens praying that the Government support the stand taken by the New Zealand Government on nuclear vessels and that the policy of developing zones of peace and nuclear free zones in the Indian and Pacific Oceans be implemented.
- Mr Cross—from certain citizens praying that the "user pays" system of education be rejected and certain other action be taken in relation to post secondary education.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—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 Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that reference to God and The Queen in the oath and affirmation of allegiance be retained.
- Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that a national park be set aside for wild horses and action be taken to ensure that killing of feral animals be undertaken in a humane manner.
- Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that measures be taken to reduce the burden of imposed costs and regulation on Australian farmers.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying for Commonwealth and State co-operation and financial commitment in making certain aircraft available for fighting bushfires in New South Wales.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the Government reconsider the assets test.

Petitions received.

**7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COST-PRICE CRISIS IN AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The effect on the family farm and all Australian farmers of the failure of the Government to contain the cost-price crisis facing agricultural industries".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hunt addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Millar (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the construction of new Commonwealth Offices, Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (1st report of 1985).

- 9 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AMENDMENT BILL 1985—SENATE'S AMENDMENT:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment made by the Senate.

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*In the committee*

**SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE**

Page 2, clause 4, proposed new sub-paragraph 6 (1) (c) (iii), line 32, after "trade unions", insert ", tertiary education institutions, research institutes".

On the motion of Mr Young (Acting Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Mildren reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Young, the House adopted the report.

- 10 NATIONAL WELFARE FUND REPEAL BILL 1985:** 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 Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 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.

Mrs Sullivan addressing the House—

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- 12 ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.15 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 J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) required the debate to be extended.

*Paper:* Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation), by leave, presented the following paper:

East-West's proposal for international flights—News release by Minister for Aviation, dated 21 April 1985.

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

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

First Home Owners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 39.

Fisheries Act—Notices, Nos. 139, 140.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 38.

Public Service Act—Determination—1985—No. 26.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1985—

No. 12—Mental Health (Amendment).

No. 13—Medical Practitioners Registration (Amendment).

No. 16—Crimes (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 17—Court of Petty Sessions (Amendment).

No. 18—Court of Petty Sessions (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 19—Evidence (Amendment).

*States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984*—Statements of particulars of directions given under—

Sub-sections 37 (1) and 41 (2), dated 20 February 1985.

Sub-section 41 (1), dated 27 February 1985.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Carlton, Mr Coleman, Mr Hodges, Mr Holding, Mr Hurford, Mr Jones, Mr Keating and Mr Macphee.

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**D. M. BLAKE**

Clerk of the House of Representatives