

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

FRIDAY, 10 MAY 1985

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mrs Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY LEVY AMENDMENT 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 Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the Bill was read a third time.
 - 3 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
9 May 1985—Message No. 32—First Home Owners Amendment 1985.
 - 4 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 22, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 23—

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Page 11, omit proposed sub-section (2B), substitute the following sub-section:

“(2B) Where the Minister becomes satisfied that, because of an amendment of a Customs Tariff or otherwise, a concession order was not, on and after a particular date (which may be the date on which the concession order came into effect) a concession order in respect of the particular goods in respect of which it was intended to make the concession order, the Minister may, by order in writing, revoke the concession order.”

Page 11, line 14, omit “or (2A)”, substitute “, (2A) or (2B)”.

Page 11, omit paragraph (c).

Page 11, line 24, omit “or (2A)”, substitute “, (2A) or (2B)”.

Page 11, line 27, omit “in respect of particular goods”.

Page 11, lines 33 and 34, omit “date on which the revocation of the revoked concession order came into effect”, substitute “earliest date on which the revoked concession order was not a concession order in respect of the particular goods in respect of which it was intended to make the revoked concession order”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Connolly moved the following amendment: Clause 37, pages 14 and 15, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Indexation of rate of rebate

“37. (1) Section 78A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (5) and substituting the following sub-section:

‘(5) Where a rebate is payable under sub-section (1) to a person in respect of any diesel fuel, the amount of the rebate payable to that person is equal to the amount of duty paid by that person upon that diesel fuel.’

“(2) Sub-section 78A (5) of the Principal Act as amended by this Act applies in respect of diesel fuel purchased after the commencement of this Act.”.

Debate continued.

It being 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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

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

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Chynoweth, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Hawker, Mr Scholes and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Beddall, Mr Cross and Mr Keogh—from certain citizens praying that the Government reconsider its legislation relating to increased visa charges for overseas students and that certain other action be taken in support of overseas students.

Mr Beddall and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that post secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and certain other action be taken in regard to post secondary education.

Mr Cadman and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.

Mr Kent and Mr Scott—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 Andrew—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene publications.

- Mr Cobb—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 Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the Social Security and Repatriation Assets Test Abolition Bill be passed.
- Mr R. F. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.
- 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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.
- Mr Langmore—from certain citizens praying that the National Capital Development Commission be directed not to proceed with the proposed 10 bedroom house or hostel in Hackett, ACT.
- Mr Langmore—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that traffic design in the suburb of Bruce be improved.
- Mr Lindsay—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Slipper—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be restored to their former level.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the Government reconsider the assets test.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying for the formation of one or more working parties committed to the development of an equitable and efficient taxation system.

Petitions received.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO QUEENSLAND: The Acting 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 continuing failure of the Hawke Labor Government to ensure the provision of essential services to Queensland”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Shack addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 10 May 1985, were reported—

- (a) concurring in the resolution of the House relating to a reference to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Message No. 33.
- (b) returning the National Welfare Fund Repeal Bill 1985 without amendment—Message No. 34.

9 CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Remainder of Bill as a whole—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr Connolly, viz.: Clause 37, pages 14 and 15, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Indexation of rate of rebate

“37. (1) Section 78A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (5) and substituting the following sub-section:

‘(5) Where a rebate is payable under sub-section (1) to a person in respect of any diesel fuel, the amount of the rebate payable to that person is equal to the amount of duty paid by that person upon that diesel fuel.’

“(2) Sub-section 78A (5) of the Principal Act as amended by this Act applies in respect of diesel fuel purchased after the commencement of this Act.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Mountford, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Conquest	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Burr	Mr Everingham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Dr Watson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Goodluck	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	
Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Reith	

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Remainder of Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** It being 3.45 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Jones (Minister for Science) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

- 11 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mrs Mayer presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
227th Report—Finance Minute on 223rd Report—HMAS Tobruk—Response—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 14 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Debate extended: It being 4.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted.
Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) required the debate to be extended.
The debate continuing until 4.35 p.m., the Acting Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 May 1985:
Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which sub-sections of the following Acts shall come into operation—
Live-stock Export Charge Amendment Act 1984—Sub-section 4 (2)—10 May 1985.
Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Act 1984—Sub-section 4 (2)—10 May 1985.
Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—
Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 55.
Telecommunications (Telex Charging Areas)—Amendment No. 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Charlesworth, Mrs Darling, Mr Hayden, Mr Hodges, Mr Holding, Mr Hunt, Mr Hurford, Dr Jenkins, Mr Mildren, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Tickner and Mr White.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives