

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 82

THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1977

1 The House met, at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Drummond, Mr McVeigh and Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Australian Council of Local Government Associations for the allocation of funds for roads be adopted and the Government's long-term policy be to provide 50 per cent of all funds for roads.

Mr Connolly, Mr Dobie, Mr Jarman and Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying that the continuation and growth of symphony orchestras throughout Australia be ensured.

Mr Connolly and Mr Lucock—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads for the funding of local roads in New South Wales be adopted.

Mr Baume—from certain citizens praying that public telephones be provided in the Minto Housing Commission Estate, N.S.W.

Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that the House voice its disapproval of the arrest and detention of certain Czech citizens, contrary to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that superannuation pensions be tax free.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—Third Annual Report and financial statements, for year 1975-76.

5 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

6 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Interim reports—

Certain man-made fibres, yarns and fabrics, dated 30 November 1976.

Review inquiry No. 12—Clothing: Tariff quotas as from 1 March 1977, dated 1 December 1976.

- 8 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 1 TO 5 (1977): Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (1977). Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That the following Tariff proposals, constituting part of order of the day No. 34, government business, be discharged:  
Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 7 to 22 (1976), and  
Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Proposals (1976).  
Question—put and passed.
- 10 DEFENCE FORCE (RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1977: Mr McLeay (Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence), for Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Retirement and Death Benefits for Members of the Defence Force.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr McLeay moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS) BILL 1977: 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 E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Fry), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 12 WELFARE AND HEALTH—REPORTS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:  
Aged and infirm—Report of the Committee on Care of the Aged and the Infirm, dated 26 January 1977.  
Welfare and health—Task Force on Co-ordination in Welfare and Health—First report—Proposals for change in the administration and delivery of programs and services, dated 14 December 1976.  
Mr Fraser, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the reports, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Welfare and health—Reports—Ministerial statement, 17 February 1977.  
Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Bouchier), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 COMMONWEALTH-STATE HOUSING AGREEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning existing and proposed Commonwealth-State Housing Agreements, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Commonwealth-State Housing Agreements—Ministerial statement, 17 February 1977.  
Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr D. M. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS) BILL 1977: 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.

Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and declared in favour of the “Ayes”.

No division being called for and there being no dissentient voice, Mr Speaker drew attention to the constitutional requirement that the Bill must be passed by an absolute majority and directed that the bells be rung.

The bells having ceased ringing, Mr Speaker again stated the question. No division being called for, and there being no dissentient voice Mr Speaker directed that the names of those Members present agreeing to the third reading be recorded, and appointed tellers.

#### Members agreeing to the Third Reading

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Mr Abel	Mr Garland	Mr Macphee
Mr Adermann	Mr Giles	Mr Martin
Mr Aldred	Mr Gillard	Mr Martyr
Mr Armitage	Mr Goodluck	Mr Millar
Mr Baillieu	Mr Groom	Mr Moore
Mr Baume	Mr Hamer	Mr Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil
Mr Birney	Mr Hayden	Mr Newman
Mr Bonnett	Mr Hodges	Mr Nixon
Mr Bourchier	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bowen	Mr Holten	Mr Peacock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hunt	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Brown	Mr Hurford	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bryant	Mr Hyde	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Burr	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Cadman	Mr Jarman	Mr Shipton
Mr K. M. Cairns	Dr Jenkins	Mr Simon
Mr Calder	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sinclair
Mr Carige	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Staley
Mr Chapman	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Chipp	Mr Jones	Mr Street
Mr Cohen	Mr Jull	Mr Sullivan
Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr Thomson
Mr Connor	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Corbett	Mr Kelly	Mr Viner
Mr Cotter	Mr King	Mr Wallis
Mr Crean	Dr Klugman	Mr Wentworth
Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Drummond	Mr Lucock	Mr E. G. Whitlam
Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Willis
Mr Ellicott	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr Falconer	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Yates
Mr Fife	Mr McLean	
Mr Fisher	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Fraser	Mr W. McMahon	Mr James
Mr Fry	Mr McVeigh	

Mr Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

- 15 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATE CASUAL VACANCIES) BILL 1977. 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.

Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and declared in favour of the “Ayes”.

No division being called for and there being no dissentient voice, Mr Speaker drew attention to the constitutional requirement that the Bill must be passed by an absolute majority and directed that the bells be rung. The bells having ceased ringing—

*Suspension of sitting:* At 9.35 p.m, Mr Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 10.18 p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Speaker again stated the question. No division being called for and there being no dissentient voice, Mr Speaker directed that the names of those Members present agreeing to the third reading be recorded, and appointed tellers.

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Mr Baillieu	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore
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Mr Beazley	Mr Hamer	Mr Newman
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Bill accordingly read a third time.

16 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED: It being past 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

17 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RETIREMENT OF JUDGES) BILL 1977: 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.

Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and declared in favour of the “Ayes”.

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Bill accordingly read a third time.

18 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (REFERENDUMS) BILL 1977: 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.

Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and declared in favour of the “Ayes”.

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Bill accordingly read a third time.

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.53 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 February 1977, pursuant to statute:

Telecommunications Act — Australian Telecommunications Commission —  
By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment  
No. 8.

Telecommunications (Consultative Council)—Amendment No. 1.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Innes, Mr Killen, Mr MacKellar, Mr Nicholls, Dr Richardson and Mr Young.

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J. A. PETTIFER,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives