

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 84

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 1977

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- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.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 Beazley, Mr Burr, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr Hyde, Mr Kelly, Mr McVeigh, Mr Porter, Mr Thomson and Mr Wallis—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 Anthony (Minister for National Resources), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Sainsbury—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 Sinclair, Mr Abel, Mr MacKenzie and Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that increases in the Consumer Price Index be applied to age and invalid pensions and that any revision of the Consumer Price Index will not result in reductions in the value of future pensions.
 - Mr Sinclair, Mr Baillieu and Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the continuation and growth of symphony orchestras throughout Australia be ensured.
 - Mr Lynch (Treasurer) and Mr Short—from certain citizens praying that the Government totally finance national highways and finance half the cost of all other public roads.
 - Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—from certain citizens praying that Mr Ignazio Salemi be permitted to remain in Australia.
 - Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that all restrictions on unemployment relief for the genuinely unemployed be removed and employment opportunities be created, especially for youth, in the Bunbury area, W.A.
 - Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that an organisation concerned with better quality television for Australian children be created.
 - Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Karmel Committee on post-secondary education in Tasmania be not implemented.
 - 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 Haslem—from certain citizens praying that the Molonglo Arterial—Western Distributor be deferred until a public inquiry into Canberra's transport needs has been conducted.
 - Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Eyre Peninsula, S.A., praying that television services be provided to the area.
- Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Film Commission Act and Australian Film Development Corporation Act—Australian Film Development Corporation—Fifth and Final Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July 1974 to 7 July 1975.

Compensation (Australian Government Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—Report for year 1975–76.

5 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY—APPOINTMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the appointment of Mr J. Mollison as Director of the Australian National Gallery and the proposed appointment of a Secretary/Manager of that body.

Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

6 DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Defence arrangements between Australia and Papua New Guinea—

Agreement between Australia and Papua New Guinea regarding the status of forces of each State in the territory of the other State—

Agreement, dated 26 January 1977.

Annex to agreement—Special provisions relating to Australian loan personnel in Papua New Guinea.

Exchange of letters (2), dated 21 January 1977, between Mr Killen (Minister for Defence) and Sir Maori Kiki, K.B.E., M.P., Papua New Guinea Minister for Defence, together with attachments—

Arrangement for the supply support of the Papua New Guinea Department of Defence by the Department of Defence, Australia.

Consultations regarding the use of Australian loan personnel in politically sensitive situations.

Joint statement by Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) and Mr M. Somare, M.P., Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, dated 11 February 1977.

Mr Killen, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers.

7 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

22 February 1977—Message—

No. 205—Crimes (Biological Weapons) 1976.

No. 206—Public Service Amendment (First Division Officers) 1976.

8 TOURISM—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT (UNFINISHED INQUIRY)—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Bonnett (Chairman) presented the following report from the Select Committee on Tourism:

Report that the Committee had been unable to complete its inquiry.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Bonnett, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Willis had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The record high level of unemployment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Willis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 10 MODERNISATION OF H.M.A. NAVAL DOCKYARD (STAGE 2), WILLIAMSTOWN, VIC.—
APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), pursuant to notice,
moved—That, in accordance with the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is
expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has
duly reported to Parliament: H.M.A. Naval Dockyard, Williamstown, Vic.—Modern-
isation of facilities, stage 2.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 11 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1977: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Con-
sumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of certain
Collections of Duties of Customs.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
Mr Young was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a
later hour this day.
- 12 ROYAL VISIT AND THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser
(Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the forth-
coming visit to Australia by Her Majesty The Queen and plans for the commemoration
of Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee.
- 13 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION 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 P. F. Johnson be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill
was read a third time.
- 14 DEFENCE FORCE (RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AMENDMENTS) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 156, dated 18 February 1977, from
His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation
of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.
- *In the committee*
- Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.
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- The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), the House adopted the report,
and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT 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.
Mr Yates addressing the House—
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Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) asked leave to move a motion without notice.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

17 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House moving a motion to suspend standing order 103 for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Mr Martin rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Sinclair moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

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| Mr Abel | Dr Edwards | Mr Kelly | Mr Sainsbury |
| Mr Adermann | Mr Ellicott | Mr King | Mr Shipton |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Falconer | Mr Lloyd | Mr Short |
| Mr Baume | Mr Fife | Mr Lusher | Mr Simon |
| Mr Birney | Mr Fisher | Mr MacKenzie | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Garland | Mr McLean | Mr Staley |
| Mr Bouchier | Mr Giles | Mr McLeay | Mr Street |
| Mr Bradfield | Mr Goodluck | Mr McVeigh | Mr Sullivan |
| Mr Brown | Mr Graham | Mr Macphee | Mr Thomson |
| Mr Burr | Mr Groom | Mr Martyr | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Haslem | Mr Moore | Mr Wilson |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hodges | Mr Neil | Mr Yates |
| Mr Calder | Mr Howard | Mr Newman | |
| Mr Carige | Mr Hunt | Mr O'Keefe | |
| Mr Chapman | Mr Hyde | Mr Peacock | |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Jarman | Mr Porter | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cotter | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr E. L. Robinson | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr Dobie | Mr Jull | Mr Ruddock | Mr Corbett |

NOES, 26

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| Mr Armitage | Mr Garrick | Dr Klugman | Mr A. P. Whitlam |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Hayden | Mr Martin | Mr Willis |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Hurford | Mr Morris | Mr Young |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Dr Jenkins | Mr Scholes | |
| Mr Crean | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Stewart | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Jones | Mr Uren | Mr James |
| Mr Fry | Mr Keating | Mr Wallis | Mr L. R. Johnson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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| Mr Abel | Dr Edwards | Mr Kelly | Mr Ruddock |
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| Mr Cadman | Mr Haslem | Mr Moore | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hodges | Mr Neil | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Calder | Mr Howard | Mr Newman | Mr Yates |
| Mr Carige | Mr Hunt | Mr O'Keefe | |
| Mr Chapman | Mr Hyde | Mr Peacock | |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Jarman | Mr Porter | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cotter | Mr P. F. Johnson | Dr Richardson | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr Dobie | Mr Jull | Mr E. L. Robinson | Mr Corbett |

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| Mr Bowen | Mr Hayden | Mr Martin | Mr Willis |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Hurford | Mr Morris | Mr Young |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Dr Jenkins | Mr Scholes | |
| Mr Crean | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Stewart | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Jones | Mr Uren | Mr James |
| Mr Fry | Mr Keating | Mr Wallis | Mr L. R. Johnson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That standing order 103 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Mr Bryant rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Sinclair moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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| Mr Baume | Mr Fife | Mr MacKenzie | Mr Simon |
| Mr Birney | Mr Fisher | Mr McLean | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Garland | Mr McLeay | Mr Staley |
| Mr Bouchier | Mr Giles | Mr McVeigh | Mr Street |
| Mr Bradfield | Mr Goodluck | Mr Macphee | Mr Sullivan |
| Mr Brown | Mr Groom | Mr Martyr | Mr Thomson |
| Mr Burr | Mr Haslem | Mr Moore | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hodges | Mr Neil | Mr Wilson |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Howard | Mr Newman | Mr Yates |
| Mr Calder | Mr Hunt | Mr O'Keefe | |
| Mr Carige | Mr Hyde | Mr Peacock | |
| Mr Chapman | Mr Jarman | Mr Porter | |
| Mr Connolly | Mr P. F. Johnson | Dr Richardson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cotter | Mr Jull | Mr E. L. Robinson | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr Dobie | Mr Kelly | Mr Ruddock | Mr Corbett |

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| Mr C. R. Cameron | Dr Jenkins | Mr Scholes | |
| Mr Crean | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Stewart | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Jones | Mr Uren | Mr James |
| Mr Fry | Mr Keating | Mr Wallis | Mr L. R. Johnson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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| Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Jones | Mr Uren | Mr James |
| Mr Fry | Mr Keating | Mr Wallis | Mr L. R. Johnson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Message No. 207, dated 23 February 1977, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend Part III of the ‘Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918’*”.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr E. G. Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CENSUS AND STATISTICS AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Message No. 208, dated 23 February 1977, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act relating to the Census and to Statistics*”.

Bill read a first time.

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

Question—put, by leave, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ellicott, the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—REPRESENTATION AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Message No. 209, dated 23 February 1977, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Representation Act 1905’*”.

Bill read a first time.

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

Question—put, by leave, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ellicott, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.51 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baillieu, Mr Connor, Mr Hodgman, Mr Innes, Mr MacKellar, Mr Millar, Mr Nicholls and Mr Viner.

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