

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

## No. 1

## SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 1977

1 Members of the House assembled at 3 p.m., pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 28 February 1977. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair.

2 PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL: The Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 28 February 1977, was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows:

## PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of  
Australia  
JOHN R. KERR  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Governor-General of the  
Commonwealth of Australia

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things provided that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and may also, from time to time, by Proclamation or otherwise, prorogue the Parliament:

Now therefore, I, Sir John Robert Kerr, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the Parliament until Tuesday, 8 March 1977 or (in the event of circumstances arising, at present unforeseen, which render it expedient that the Parliament should be summoned to assemble on a day earlier than that day) to such earlier day as is fixed by a Proclamation summoning the Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business:

Furthermore I do appoint the said Tuesday, 8 March 1977, or such earlier day (if any) as is fixed by Proclamation, as the day for the Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business:

And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly in the building known as Parliament House, Canberra, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, on Tuesday, 8 March 1977 or, in the event of an earlier day being fixed by Proclamation, at the time fixed by that Proclamation on the day so fixed.

Given under my hand on 28 February 1977.

By His Excellency's Command,  
MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

3 Mr Speaker read Prayers.

4 MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr Speaker,

Her Majesty The Queen desires the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend Her Majesty: And having returned—

5 ACTS INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 23 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S SPEECH: Mr Speaker reported that the House had that day attended Her Majesty The Queen in the Senate Chamber, when Her Majesty was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, and that he had received a copy.

Mr Speaker presented the copy of the Speech. (*Text of the Speech appears in Hansard*)

7 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) moved—That a committee, consisting of Mr Groom, Mr MacKenzie and the mover be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by Her Majesty The Queen to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the committee do report at the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 3.28 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 March 1977, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—O. J. Adcroft.

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 23.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 22.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Navigation Act—Report by the Minister of cases in which the power of the Governor-General has been exercised under section 422A during 1976.

Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—1976—No. 9 (Business Names Ordinance).

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—M. Muscat.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1977—

No. 4 (Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance).

No. 5 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

Telecommunications Act—By-laws—Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 11.

Trade Practices Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 21.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cass, Mr Connor, Mr Innes, Mr Lucock and Mr Nicholls.

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