

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 6

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 1977

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- 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Right Honourable R. D. Muldoon, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister for Finance of New Zealand, was within the precincts. With the concurrence of honourable Members, the distinguished visitor was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
 - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Braithwaite, Mr Carige, Mr Corbett, Mr Giles, Mr McVeigh and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the Government's long-term policy be to provide 50 per cent of funds for roads.
 - Mr Bonnett—from certain citizens of Townsville, Qld, in the same terms.
 - Mr Bradfield and Mr W. McMahon—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.
 - Dr Edwards and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that the continuation and growth of symphony orchestras throughout Australia be ensured.
 - Dr Klugman and Mr I. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying that increases in the Consumer Price Index be applied to pensions and that future pensions be not reduced as a result of any revision of the Index.
 - Mr Simon and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that the Government totally finance national highways and provide half the cost of all other public roads.
 - Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that an Australian Broadcasting Commission television service be established at Moranbah, Qld.
 - Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the zone allowance provisions in the Income Tax Assessment Act be varied.
 - Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens praying that the means test on aged pensions be abolished.
 - Mr Jones—from certain citizens praying that a Citizens Radio Service be allowed to function legally.
 - Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the petrol price equalisation scheme be restored.
 - Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.
 - Mr Neil—from certain members of the Service Station Association of N.S.W. Ltd and others praying that in implementing the findings of the Royal Commission on Petroleum the needs of the motoring public and retail petroleum industry be given every consideration.
 - Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries be implemented.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

United Nations—5th Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Geneva 1–12 September 1975—Report of Australian Delegation.

6 COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN—APPOINTMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the appointment of Professor J. E. Richardson as Commonwealth Ombudsman.

7 UNITED NATIONS—CONGRESSES ON PREVENTION OF CRIME AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the 5th United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders held in Geneva in 1975 and the 6th Congress to be held in Sydney in 1980.

Mr Bowen, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Ellicott and Mr Bowen made further statements on the matter.

8 IMMIGRATION POLICIES AND AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Immigration policies and Australia's population—Report by the Australian Population and Immigration Council.

Mr MacKellar, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Immigration policies and Australia's population—Report—Ministerial statement, 17 March 1977.

Mr Staley (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate adjourned (Mr Innes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ELECTORATE BOUNDARIES: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Young had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The continuing gerrymandering of electorates by Australian conservative coalition parties".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCY (REPEAL) BILL 1977: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Australian Development Assistance Agency Act 1974*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Peacock moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 COMPANIES AND THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY—PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH-STATE REGULATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the agreement reached between Commonwealth and State Ministers for the regulation of companies and the securities industry.

Mr Bowen, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Howard, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Companies and the securities industry—Proposed Commonwealth-State regulation—Ministerial statement, 17 March 1977—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 6 TO 9 (1977): Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 (1977). Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the establishment of a National Aboriginal Education Committee.

Mr L. R. Johnson, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 14 DEFENCE AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1977: Mr McLeay (Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence), for Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 80b and 83 of the *Defence Act* 1903.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McLeay moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 CRIMES (FOREIGN INCURSIONS AND RECRUITMENT) BILL 1977: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Incursions into Foreign Countries and Recruitment for Service in Armed Forces in Foreign Countries. Bill read a first time.

Mr Ellicott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION) BILL 1977: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize Australia to Subscribe for Shares of the Capital Stock of the Asian Development Bank.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Keating, viz.—* That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn and re-drafted with a view to bringing forward a Bill which (a) increases the rate of stabilization payments to \$3 per box of apples and \$1.20 per box of pears and/or (b) provides supplementary assistance measures to facilitate adjustments in the fruit growing industry and to provide assistance directly to individual fruit growers until such times as a coherent planned policy, by which the Australian fruit growing industry can prosper, is determined”.—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Abel	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Dr Richardson
Mr Anthony	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Macphee	Mr Sullivan
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	
Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Nixon	
Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 1, dated 10 March 1977, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

20 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Majesty The Queen be agreed to:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to thank Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

The presence in Australia of Your Majesty and of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh has once again brought the greatest pleasure to Your Australian people. We, their representatives in this House, are grateful for the opportunity to re-affirm our allegiance to you as our Queen—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr D. M. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr Jacobi be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Hyde addressing the House—

21 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 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 Nixon (Minister for Transport) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.02 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

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

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 24, 25, 29.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 28.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 26.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 31.

Pig Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 30.

Telecommunications Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 27.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Bonnett, Mr Chapman, Mr Falconer, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Keating and Mr Nicholls.

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