

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 1977

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 Braithwaite, Mr Burr, Mr Carige and Mr Giles—from certain citizens praying that the Government's long-term policy be to provide 50 per cent of funds for roads.

Dr Klugman, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that increases in the Consumer Price Index be applied to pensions and that future pensions not be reduced as a result of any revision of the Index.

Dr Klugman and Mr Lusher—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 the retail petroleum industry be given every consideration.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the zone allowance provisions in the Income Tax Assessment Act be varied.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that an Australian Broadcasting Commission television service be established at Moranbah, Qld.

Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that the Government totally finance national highways and provide half the cost of all other public roads.

Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the petrol price equalisation scheme be restored.

Mr McVeigh—from certain Commonwealth public servants praying that there be no interference with holiday pay loading, maternity leave and staff ceiling provisions in the Commonwealth Public Service.

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:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Sacks, bags and certain polyolefin fabrics, dated 26 November 1976.

Pursuant to statute:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—20th Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1976. States Grants (Nature Conservation) Act—Agreement, dated 18 February 1977, relating to financial assistance to Tasmania for a resources survey for nature conservation purposes (South West Tasmania).

5 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Hodges (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation:
 3rd Report—Off-road vehicles—Impact on the Australian environment.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr Hodges and Mr Wilson, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—URANIUM DEBATE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Fraser Government’s efforts to pre-empt and distort the uranium debate”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.

7 ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION) 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. 2, dated 17 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 Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

8 REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) MODIFICATION 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.
 On the motion of Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

9 CRIMES (FOREIGN INCURSIONS AND RECRUITMENT) 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 by Mr Bowen who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to prevent—
 (a) hostile incursions by Australians into foreign countries;
 (b) preparations for such incursions, and
 (c) recruitment in Australia of Australian citizens for these purposes”.
 Debate continued.
 Mr Neil addressing the House—

10 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
 And then the House, at 10.31 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 March 1977, pursuant to statute:
 Acoustic Laboratories Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 40.

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 38.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 36.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 41.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

- Telecommunications purposes—Buff Point, N.S.W.
- Television translator purposes—Table Cape, Tas.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 39.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 37.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1977—No. 8—Police and Police Offences.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1977—

- No. 5—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.†
- No. 80—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 81—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.†
- No. 82—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- Nos 132 and 133—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 134—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 135—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.
- No. 136—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 137—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 138—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 139—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- Nos 140 and 141—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 142—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 143—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.
- No. 144—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 145—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.
- No. 146—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- Nos. 147 to 157—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 158—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 159—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.†
- No. 160—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and another.
- No. 162—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 163—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 164—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 165—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 166—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 167—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.
- No. 168—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division and another.
- No. 169—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 170—Australian Telecommunications Employees Association.
- No. 172—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 173—Australian Workers' Union.†
- No. 174—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 175—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

(† Not accompanied by statement).

Telecommunications Act—By-laws—Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 9.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Drummond, Mr Garland, Dr Klugman, Mr Nicholls and Mr Peacock.

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