

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

WEDNESDAY, 30 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 Abel, Mr Baume, Mr Bowen, Dr Edwards, Mr Gillard, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Jones, Mr Lusher, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Martin, Mr Neil, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Ruddock, Mr Stewart, Mr Wentworth and Mr A. P. Whitlam—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, Mr Martyr, Mr Millar and Dr Richardson—from certain citizens praying that the Government's long-term policy be to provide 50 per cent of funds for roads.
- Mr Bouchier and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that the Government totally finance national highways and provide half the cost of all other public roads.
- Mr Howard and Mr MacKenzie—from certain citizens praying that a Citizens Radio Service be allowed to function legally.
- Mr Abel—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.
- Mr Anthony—from the Council of the Municipality of Casino, N.S.W., praying that the recommendations of the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads for the funding of local roads in New South Wales be adopted.
- 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 Haslem—from certain citizens praying that any legislation to extend the power to compulsorily retire Australian Government employees be rejected unless it has the approval of staff representatives.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be maintained and certain other action be taken in connection with the A.B.C. and broadcasting.
- Mr MacKenzie—from certain citizens praying that identity cards be issued to persons receiving unemployment relief and certain other action be taken in connection with unemployment relief.
- 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 not be re-introduced.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of guarantees and payments for year 1975–76 (Corrigendum).

Pursuant to statute:

Prices Justification Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—Report on price increases for period 1 July to 31 December 1976.

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

29 March 1977—Message—

No. 3—Apple and Pear Stabilization Amendment 1977.

No. 4—Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Amendment 1977 (*without requests*).

No. 5—Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Collection Amendment 1977.

6 PAPER—STATEMENT BY MINISTER: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to the United States of America, 26 June to 16 July 1976.

Ordered to be printed.

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

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—REPRESENTATION OF TERRITORIES: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Bowen and Mr Connolly had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Bowen, namely, “The threat to democracy caused by the challenges to the representation of the Territories in the Senate and the House of Representatives”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bowen addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bowen, viz.—* 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 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 Drummond	Mr Kelly	Dr Richardson
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Groom	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Hodges	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 2, line 7, omit “against the government of that country”, substitute “of a military or paramilitary nature”.

Page 2, lines 8 and 9, omit “against the government of that country”, substitute “of a military or paramilitary nature”.

Page 2, omit sub-clause (3).

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 4, lines 20–29, omit sub-clause (2).

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), the House adopted the report.
 Mr Ellicott, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 9 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—11TH REPORT: Mr Hodges (Chairman) presented the 11th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

11TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—15th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—20th Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1976.

Film and Television School Act—Council of the Film and Television School—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1974–75.

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

Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of guarantees and payments for year 1975–76.

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

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

Representation Act—

Certificate of the Chief Australian Electoral Officer of the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth and of the several States as at 21 March 1977.

Notification of determination by the Chief Australian Electoral Officer of the number of Members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the several States, dated 21 March 1977.

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

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Mr Hodges, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 EAST TIMORESE FAMILY REUNIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of an agreement reached between Australia and Indonesia concerning arrangements for the reunion in Australia or in East Timor of East Timorese evacuees and their families.

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

Mr Martin asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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

Occupational superannuation in Australia—Final Report of National Superannuation Committee of Inquiry—Part 2, dated March 1977.

12 LAW COURTS (SYDNEY) 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.

13 COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF ROADS (REPEAL) 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.

Dr Jenkins addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 March 1977, pursuant to statute:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1977—No. 1—Survey of interest, rent, royalties and dividends.

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

No. 3—Leases (Wreck Bay Aboriginal Housing Company Limited).

No. 4—Court of Petty Sessions (Amendment).

No. 5—Termination of Pregnancy (Temporary Provisions).

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

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