

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 45

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 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 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER: Mr Speaker announced that on 30 September 1977 he had received a letter from Mr Martin Henry Nicholls resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral Division of Bonython.

3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Cadman, Dr Edwards, Mr Hunt, Mr Keating, Mr Sainsbury, Mr Stewart and Mr Wentworth—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.

Mr Bowen, Mr Martyr and Mr Sullivan—from certain citizens praying for the reversal of the decision withdrawing financial assistance from students of non-State tertiary institutions.

Mr Hamer—from certain students in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr L. R. Johnson, Dr Klugman, Mr MacKenzie and Mr Sullivan—from certain citizens praying that private nursing homes be subsidised to allow pensioner patients to retain \$6 per week for personal use and that certain other action be taken in connection with pensioner benefits.

Mr Burr—from certain citizens praying for an indefinite ban on the mining of uranium.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that public debate on a replacement constitution be encouraged, a directly elected constitutional convention be convened and a referendum be conducted on any of its resolutions.

Mr Keating—from certain citizens praying that the part of a deceased person's estate which passes to the surviving spouse be free from federal estate duty.

Dr Klugman—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 Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that photographs and blood groupings be included on driving licences.

Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain residents of Sydney praying that the interest rate on loans to State housing organisations not be increased.

Mr Wilson—from certain electors of the Division of Sturt praying that recipients of unemployment benefits be required to be available for a period of community service.

Petitions received.

4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House of the following ministerial arrangements during the respective absences abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction) and Mr Howard (Minister for Special Trade Negotiations):

Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Mr Staley (Minister for the Capital Territory) was acting as Minister for Construction;

Senator Cotton (Minister for Industry and Commerce) was acting as Minister for Special Trade Negotiations and Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) was representing the Acting Minister for Special Trade Negotiations in this House;

Mr Anthony (Minister for Overseas Trade) would act as Minister for Special Trade Negotiations on his return from abroad, and

Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) was representing the Minister for Industry and Commerce and Mr Macphee was representing the Attorney-General in this House.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF MEMBER FOR OXLEY: Mr Hodgman having given a notice of motion of censure of the honourable Member for Oxley—

Mr Scholes, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Denison proceeding with his motion forthwith.

Mr Hayden addressing the House—

*Closure:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

6 MEMBER FOR OXLEY (MR HAYDEN)—RESOLUTION OF CENSURE: Mr Hodgman moved—That this House censures the honourable Member for Oxley for his recent economically subversive public statements which, contrary to the accepted traditions of the Parliament, speculated upon the standing and strength of the Australian dollar, upon which the economy of this nation is based; encouraged the likelihood of a major capital outflow from Australia as the direct result of his persistent predictions of an impending devaluation; and as a result sought to damage Australia's economic and financial credibility in the eyes of the world at a time when the honourable Member for Oxley knew or ought to have known that Australia was in the process of negotiating for overseas loans.

Debate ensued.

Mr Scholes moved—That Mr Hayden be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 29

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr E. G. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Jones	Mr Wentworth	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

## NOES, 74

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Neil	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 67

Mr Abel	Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Katter	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Sir William McMahon	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	Mr James
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## 7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Egg Board—Interim statement for year 1976–77.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Assistance to the performing arts, dated 30 November 1976.

Insurance Commissioner—Selected statistics on the general insurance industry in Australia for 1976.

Pursuant to statute:

Cities Commission (Repeal) Act—Cities Commission—Final Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July 1975 to 18 January 1976.

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—  
Reports—

Brandy, whisky, gin and vodka, dated 24 March 1977.

Manually operated chain hoists, chain pulley tackle and chain winches, dated  
24 June 1977.

Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—3rd Annual Report, for year 1976–77.

Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—29th Annual Report by  
the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1976.

Wheat Industry Stabilization Act—Australian Wheat Board—Report and financial  
statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 30  
November 1976.

8 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His  
Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His  
Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

30 September 1977—Message—

No. 55—National Health Amendment 1977.

No. 56—

Appropriation (Urban Public Transport) 1977.

National Health Acts Amendment 1977.

States Grants (Roads) 1977.

9 ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that the  
Leader of the Opposition had nominated Mr Morris to be a member of the Standing  
Committee on Road Safety in place of Mr Cohen.

10 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY: Mr  
Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hayden had proposed that a definite  
matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The  
economic uncertainty caused by the comments of the Prime Minister and senior  
Ministers about the economy and an early election".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hayden rising to address the House—

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.  
Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Abel	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr Shipton
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr Short
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahan	Mr Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphree	Mr Viner
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr Neil	
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Newman	
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 11 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) BILL 1977: Mr Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), for Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize advances to the States of financial assistance in connexion with housing and to authorize the borrowing of certain moneys by the Commonwealth.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1977-78: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$14,922,000—debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 13 LOAN 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 Hurford rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 62

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Bungey	Mr Gillard	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Neil	
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 57, dated 7 September 1977, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together.

Mr Hurford rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 63

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Simon
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 24

Mr Armitage	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr James
Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That clauses 1 to 4 be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

14 CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr L. R. Johnson addressing the House—

*Adjournment negatived:* It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr James rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Bouchier 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, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Shipton
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Short
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Simon
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Macphee	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Newman	
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Porter	
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr E. L. Robinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Sainsbury	Mr Corbett

NOES, 24

Mr Armitage	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	
Mr Cohen	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr James
Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

15 EXCISE TARIFF 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 Macphee (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) moved—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 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 October 1977:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaty—Text of—Exchange of Notes, dated 8 June and 20 September 1977, between Australia and the United States of America constituting an Agreement to establish an OMEGA Navigation Facility in Australia.

Pursuant to statute:

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 171.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—J. C. Bell.

Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 172.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired for—

Airport extension purposes—Brisbane, Qld.

Defence purposes—Singleton, N.S.W.

Telecommunications purposes—Wyong, N.S.W.

Telephone service purposes—Darke Peak, S.A.

Statements (2) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 173.

Papua New Guinea (Members of the Forces Benefits) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 166.

Remuneration and Allowances Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 164.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 167.

Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 168.

Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 169.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 170.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 16.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 165.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Chipp, Mr Drummond, Mr Fry, Mr Garrick\*, Mr Holten\*, Mr Howard, Dr Jenkins, Mr Kelly\*, Mr Lusher, Mr Lynch, Mr McLean, Mr McLeay, Mr Peacock, Dr Richardson, Mr Wallis and Mr Yates.

\* On leave

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