

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1977

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- 1 The House met, at 11.20 a.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 L. R. Johnson, Mr Jones, Mr Lusher, Mr Morris and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that that part of a deceased person's estate which passes to the surviving spouse be free from federal estate duty.
- Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for a guarantee of interim funding for, and a review of the position of, non-State business colleges and the reversal of the decision withdrawing financial assistance from students of such colleges.
- Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that education funding be restored to the level advocated in the 1975 Schools Commission report.
- Mr Wentworth—from certain electors praying that financial discrimination against New South Wales by the Commonwealth be investigated and ventilated without delay.
- Mr E. G. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that attention be given to the inadequate provision of English classes for migrants.

Petitions received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:
 Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Parliaments of Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa—Report of 7th Conference, Rarotonga, 28 June to 1 July 1976 (*in substitution for the paper presented on 16 February 1977*).
- Ordered—That the report be printed in substitution for the paper ordered by the House to be printed on 16 March 1977.
- The following papers were presented:
- By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Review of activities to 30 June 1977.
- Department of Industry and Commerce—Report for year 1976–77 (including some subsequent developments).
- Department of Science—Report for year 1976–77.
- Geostationary Meteorological Satellite program—Agreement between Australia and Japan—
 Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science).
- Treaty—Text of—Exchange of Notes, dated 7 July 1977, between Australia and Japan constituting an Agreement concerning co-operation on the project for the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite System.

Industries Assistance Commission—Temporary Assistance Authority—3rd Annual Report, for period 5 October 1976 to 17 October 1977.

Port Pirie bogie exchange—Study by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated February 1977.

Urban Transport: Capital requirements 1977–78 to 1979–80—4th Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated April 1977.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Shipping Commission Act—Australian Shipping Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Dairying Research Act—Dairying Research Committee—5th Annual Report, for year 1976–77.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—29th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Consumer Affairs Ordinance—Consumer Affairs Council—4th Annual Report of the operations of the Council and of the Consumer Affairs Bureau, for year 1976–77 (*in substitution for the paper presented on 27 October 1977*).

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the substitute report of the Australian Capital Territory Consumer Affairs Council and the Australian Capital Territory Consumer Affairs Bureau, for year 1976–77.
- (2) That the Report be printed in substitution for the paper ordered to be printed by the House on 27 October 1977.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

5 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House:

2nd Report, dated 1 November 1977, together with the minutes of proceedings of the 5th to 12th meetings of the Committee.

Mr Speaker made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

6 TOURISM—SELECT COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Bonnett (Chairman) presented the following report from the Select Committee on Tourism:

Interim report, dated November 1977, together with the minutes of proceedings of the Committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Bonnett and Mr Young, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—URANIUM PRODUCTION AND NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Wentworth, Mr Connolly, Mr Hodgman, Mr Neil and Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had each 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 Wentworth, namely, "The implications for Australia's policy on uranium production and nuclear safeguards of the views of Mr Justice Fox released yesterday".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Wentworth addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Keating addressing the House—

Mr Cotter moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 66

Mr Abel	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Neil
Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simon
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	Mr Cotter

NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Wentworth	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 8 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (REDISTRIBUTION) BILL 1977: Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), for Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the redistribution of the States into Electoral Divisions.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 3) 1977: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the validation of certain collections of duties of Customs.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fife 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.

- 11 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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 by Mr Jones who moved, as an amendment—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 redrafted because (a) it greatly increases the power of the Minister in relation to licensing of broadcasting and television services and is contrary to the stated intention of the Government to ‘take broadcasting out of politics’, (b) the functions of the proposed Special Broadcasting

Service are vague and imprecise and do not provide adequate machinery for the provision of ethnic broadcasting services, and (c) there is inadequate provision for public participation and involvement in the process of broadcasting regulation”.

Debate continued.

Mr L. K. Johnson rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 61

Mr Abel	Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil
Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr King	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Wilson
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Cotter

NOES, 23

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr West
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 62

Mr Abel	Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore
Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simon
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lusher	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Corbett
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Cotter

NOES, 23

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr West
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Wentworth moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“2A. After section 6 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

‘6A. (1) There shall be a Broadcasting Council consisting of 20 ^{Broadcasting Council} persons nominated by the Minister, of whom not more than half shall be connected with the broadcasting-television industry.

‘(2) In selecting members connected with the broadcasting-television industry, the Minister shall have regard to the views of the industry as a whole.

‘(3) In selecting members not connected with the broadcasting-television industry, the Minister shall have regard to the views of socially concerned and religious bodies, as well as to the general views of the public.

‘(4) Members shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, but may be removed sooner from office by regulation.

‘(5) The Minister may prescribe procedures for the sittings and operations of the Broadcasting Council.’”.

Debate ensued.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6—

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

Page 3, proposed section 16, after paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) insert the following paragraph:

“(da) to determine what standards should be observed in regard to programs which are likely to be viewed by children, having regard to the fact that radio and television sets are usually located in family rooms, where it is difficult for parents to maintain continuous supervision;”.

Page 3, lines 23 and 24, omit “or, if there is no Broadcasting Council, it shall consult representatives of those stations”.

Page 3, after sub-section (2) of proposed section 16 insert the following sub-section:

“(2A) In performing its functions under paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) in relation to broadcasting or television stations, the Tribunal shall adopt the standards currently in force at the time of the commencement of this Act, and shall maintain them unless and until other standards have been approved by regulation under this Act.”.

Debate continued.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the amendments be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 12, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

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

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

And the question—That clauses 10 to 12 be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Clauses 13 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clause 18—

On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), the following amendment was made: Page 18, after proposed section 80, insert the following section:

“80A. In the performance of its functions under this Part, the Tribunal shall act fairly and impartially and shall observe the rules of ^{Tribunal to act impartially, &c.} natural justice.”

MR E. L. ROBINSON, by leave, moved the following further amendments together:

Page 18, after sub-section (1) of proposed section 81, insert the following sub-section:

“(1A) In deciding whether to grant or renew a licence and in determining the conditions upon which or the form in accordance with which a licence is to be granted or renewed, the Tribunal shall have due regard to the need for the commercial viability of the commercial broadcasting and television stations in the area served or to be served in pursuance of the licence.”

Page 20, after sub-section (1) of proposed section 85, insert the following sub-section:

“(1A) In deciding whether to vary or revoke any of the conditions of a licence or to impose further conditions in respect of a licence, the Tribunal shall have due regard to the need for the commercial viability of the commercial broadcasting and television stations in the area served in pursuance of the licence.”

Debate continued.

Mr Bryant addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 59

Mr Abel	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Millar
Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Martyr	Mr Cotter

NOES, 16

Mr Armitage	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	
Mr Bowen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	
Mr Bryant	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr West	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jones	Mr Willis	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating		Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question proposed—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to.

Mr Innes addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Cotter

NOES, 18

Mr Armitage	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	
Mr Bryant	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jones	Mr Wentworth	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Clauses 19 to 27, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 28—

On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson, the following amendment was made: Page 28, lines 3 and 4, omit “, where no inquiry was held in relation to the renewal of the licence”.

On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson, the following further amendment was made: Page 28, after sub-section (2) of proposed section 119A, insert the following sub-section:

“(2A) For the purposes of a review by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in pursuance of an application referred to in sub-section (1), the Tribunal shall be constituted by a presidential member alone.”.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson, by leave, the House adopted the report.

Mr E. L. Robinson, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Wentworth addressing the House—

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

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

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

12 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

Clause 3, page 1, omit sub-clause (2).

Clause 4, page 2, omit the clause.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 17

Mr Armitage	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	
Mr Bowen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	
Mr Bryant	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr West	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jones	Mr Willis	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Young	Mr L. R. Johnson

NOES, 63

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fife	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Cotter

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), the House adopted the report.

Mr Street, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

13 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (REDISTRIBUTION) 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.

Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services) moved—

That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

3 November 1977—Message—

No. 96—Judiciary (Diplomatic Representation) 1977.

No. 97—Governor-General Amendment 1977.

No. 98—Stevedoring Industry Acts (Termination) 1977.

No. 99—Stevedoring Industry Charge (Termination) 1977.

No. 100—Stevedoring Industry Levy 1977 (*without requests*).

No. 101—Stevedoring Industry Levy Collection 1977.

- No. 102—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee 1977.
 No. 103—Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment (No. 2) 1977.
 No. 104—Port Statistics 1977.
 No. 105—Income Tax (Rates) Amendment (No. 2) 1977.
 No. 106—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 2) 1977.
 No. 107—Income Tax (Individuals) 1977 (*without requests*).
 No. 108—Income Tax (Companies and Superannuation Funds) 1977 (*without requests*).
 No. 109—Health Insurance Levy 1977 (*without requests*).
 No. 110—Income Tax (Film Royalties) 1977 (*without requests*).
 No. 111—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 3) 1977.
 No. 112—Income Tax (International Agreements) Amendment 1977.

15 COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION 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 Wentworth addressing the House—

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

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

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Wentworth moved—That the following new clause be added to the Bill:

“ 4. This Act shall cease to have effect on 31 March 1978.”.

Act ceases to
have effect

Chairman's ruling: The Chairman ruled that the proposed new clause was out of order as it was not within the title or relevant to the subject matter of the Bill.

Dissent from ruling: Mr Wentworth moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Wentworth continuing the debate on the question—That the Bill be agreed to—

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

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

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services) moved—
That the report be adopted.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the report be adopted—was put accordingly, and passed.

Mr Street, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the House—

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

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

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

16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 4 and 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 HOMELESS PERSONS ASSISTANCE 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 76, dated 1 November 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 Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hunt (Minister for Health) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.38 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 November 1977, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 203.

Apple and Pear Stabilization Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 202.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 196.

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 193.

Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 205.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 206.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 6 October 1977.

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

Naval Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 204.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 197, 198.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 194, 195.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 17.

Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 15.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 199, 200.

Whaling Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 201.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baillieu, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Chipp, Mr Cohen, Mr Garrick, Mr Giles, Mr Gillard, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr Kelly, Mr Lynch, Mr McLean, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Martin, Mr Newman, Dr Richardson, Mr Short, Mr Stewart, Mr Sullivan, Mr Thomson, Mr Viner, Mr Wallis, Mr A. P. Whitlam and Mr Yates.

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