

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 1978

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of February, in the twenty-seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

- 1 On which day, being the first day of the meeting of the Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), John Athol Pettifer, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Douglas Maurice Blake, v.r.d., Deputy Clerk and Ian Charles Cochran, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk:

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia
ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency the Governor-General
of the Commonwealth of Australia

WHEREAS by section 5 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided, amongst other things, that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Zelman Cowen, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, by this Proclamation appoint Tuesday, 21 February 1978 as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble for the despatch of business:

And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Parliament House, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory, at 11 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, 21 February 1978.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 16 January 1978.

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER
Prime Minister

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

- 2 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTY BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

HONOURABLE MEMBERS,

The Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to appoint me as his Deputy to do in his name all that is necessary to be done to declare this Parliament open, as will appear from the Commission which will now be read.

The Commission was read as follows:

HIS EXCELLENCY Sir Zelman Cowen, Knight of the Order of Australia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Force

To the Right Honourable Sir GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of Australia

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by section 126 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia and of Clause VI of the Letters Patent dated 29 October 1900 constituting the office of Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General is authorized and empowered to appoint any person, or persons jointly or severally, to be his deputy or deputies within any part of the Commonwealth of Australia, and in that capacity to exercise during the pleasure of the Governor-General such powers and functions of the Governor-General as he thinks fit to assign to such deputy or deputies, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by the Queen:

AND WHEREAS, by Proclamation dated 16 January 1978 and published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on 17 January 1978, I appointed Tuesday, 21 February 1978 as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble for the despatch of business; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Parliament House, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory, at 11 o'clock in the morning on that day:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of that authority, hereby appoint you, SIR GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, to be my deputy within the Australian Capital Territory to declare open the Parliament of the Commonwealth at the time and place appointed by that Proclamation.

GIVEN under my Hand on 20 February 1978

ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,
MALCOLM FRASER
Prime Minister

The Deputy then said:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have it under command from the Governor-General to inform you that after certain Members of the Senate and the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place later this day. It being necessary that the Speaker of the House of Representatives should first have been chosen, you, the Members of the House of Representatives, will now retire to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to choose a proper person to be your Speaker; and later this day you will present to His Excellency the Governor-General the person whom you shall have chosen as your Speaker.

Meantime I will attend in the House of Representatives to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Members of that House.

And thereupon Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

- 3 DEPUTY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS: The Right Honourable Sir Garfield Edward John Barwick, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows:

HIS EXCELLENCY Sir Zelman Cowen, Knight of the Order of Australia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Force

To the Right Honourable SIR GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of Australia

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided, amongst other things, that every Member of the House of Representatives shall before taking his seat make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereby authorize you to attend at the Chamber of the House of Representatives at Parliament House, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory, on Tuesday, 21 February 1978, forthwith after the opening of the Parliament of the Commonwealth at 11 o'clock in the morning of that day, and there and then to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

GIVEN under my Hand on 20 February 1978

By His Excellency's Command,
MALCOLM FRASER
Prime Minister

ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

- 4 RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION: The Clerk laid on the Table returns to the 124 writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 10 December 1977 which showed that for the several Electoral Divisions the following had been elected:

Division	State or Territory	Name
Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. Christopher John Hurford
Balaclava	.. Victoria ..	.. Ian Malcolm Macphee
Ballarat	.. Victoria ..	.. James Robert Short
Banks	.. New South Wales	.. Vincent Joseph Martin
Barker	.. South Australia	.. James Robert Porter
Barton	.. New South Wales	.. James Mark Bradfield
Bass ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Kevin Eugene Newman
Batman	.. Victoria ..	.. Brian Leslie Howe
Bendigo	.. Victoria ..	.. John William Bourchier
Bennelong	.. New South Wales	.. John Winston Howard
Berowra	.. New South Wales	.. Harold Raymond Edwards
Blaxland	.. New South Wales	.. Paul John Keating
Bonython	.. South Australia	.. Neal Blewett
Boothby	.. South Australia	.. John Elden McLeay
Bowman	.. Queensland	.. David Francis Jull

Division	State or Territory	Name
Braddon	.. Tasmania ..	Ray Groom
Bradfield	.. New South Wales ..	David Miles Connolly
Brisbane	.. Queensland ..	Peter Francis Johnson
Bruce ..	.. Victoria ..	Billy Mackie Snedden
Burke ..	.. Victoria ..	Leonard Keith Johnson
Calare	.. New South Wales ..	Alexander John MacKenzie
Canberra	.. Australian Capital Territory	John Whitton Haslem
Canning	.. Western Australia ..	Melville Harold Bungey
Capricornia	.. Queensland ..	Douglas Nixon Everingham
Casey ..	.. Victoria ..	Peter David Falconer
Chifley ..	.. New South Wales ..	John Lindsay Armitage
Chisholm	.. Victoria ..	Anthony Allan Staley
Cook ..	.. New South Wales ..	James Donald Mathieson Dobie
Corangamite	.. Victoria ..	Anthony Austin Street
Corio ..	.. Victoria ..	Gordon Glen Denton Scholes
Cowper	.. New South Wales ..	Ian Louis Robinson
Cunningham	.. New South Wales ..	Stewart John West
Curtin	.. Western Australia ..	Ransley Victor Garland
Darling Downs	.. Queensland ..	Daniel Thomas McVeigh
Dawson	.. Queensland ..	Raymond Allen Braithwaite
Deakin	.. Victoria ..	Alan William Jarman
Denison	.. Tasmania ..	Michael Hodgman
Diamond Valley ..	.. Victoria ..	Neil Anthony Brown
Dundas	.. New South Wales ..	Philip Maxwell Ruddock
Eden-Monaro	.. New South Wales ..	Murray Evan Sainsbury
Fadden	.. Queensland ..	Donald Milner Cameron
Farrer ..	.. New South Wales ..	Wallace Clyde Fife
Fisher ..	.. Queensland ..	Albert Evan Adermann
Flinders	.. Victoria ..	Phillip Reginald Lynch
Forrest	.. Western Australia ..	Peter Hertford Drummond
Franklin	.. Tasmania ..	Bruce John Goodluck
Fraser ..	.. Australian Capital Territory	Kenneth Lionel Fry
Fremantle	.. Western Australia ..	John Sydney Dawkins
Gellibrand	.. Victoria ..	Ralph Willis
Gippsland	.. Victoria ..	Peter James Nixon
Grayndler	.. New South Wales ..	Francis Eugene Stewart
Grey ..	.. South Australia ..	Laurie George Wallis
Griffith	.. Queensland ..	Benjamin Charles Humphreys
Gwydir	.. New South Wales ..	Ralph James Dunnet Hunt
Hawker	.. South Australia ..	Ralph Jacobi
Henty ..	.. Victoria ..	Kenneth James Aldred
Herbert	.. Queensland ..	Arthur Gordon Dean
Higgins	.. Victoria ..	Roger Francis Shipton
Hindmarsh	.. South Australia ..	Clyde Robert Cameron
Holt ..	.. Victoria ..	William Yates
Hotham	.. Victoria ..	James Roger Johnston
Hughes	.. New South Wales ..	Leslie Royston Johnson
Hume ..	.. New South Wales ..	Stephen Augustus Lusher
Hunter	.. New South Wales ..	Albert William James
Indi ..	.. Victoria ..	Ewen Colin Cameron
Isaacs ..	.. Victoria ..	William George Burns
Kalgoorlie	.. Western Australia ..	John Francis Cotter
Kennedy	.. Queensland ..	Robert Cummin Katter
Kingsford-Smith	.. New South Wales ..	Lionel Frost Bowen
Kingston	.. South Australia ..	Hedley Grant Pearson Chapman

Division	State or Territory	Name
Kooyong	.. Victoria ..	.. Andrew Sharp Peacock
La Trobe	.. Victoria ..	.. Marshall Baillieu
Lalor ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Barry Owen Jones
Leichhardt	.. Queensland ..	.. David Scott Thomson
Lilley ..	.. Queensland ..	.. Kevin Michael Cairns
Lowe ..	.. New South Wales ..	.. William McMahon
Lyne ..	.. New South Wales ..	.. Philip Ernest Lucock
McMillan	.. Victoria ..	.. Barry Douglas Simon
McPherson	.. Queensland ..	.. Eric Laidlaw Robinson
Macarthur	.. New South Wales ..	.. Michael Ehrenfried Baume
Mackellar	.. New South Wales ..	.. James Joseph Carlton
Macquarie	.. New South Wales ..	.. Reginald Gillard
Mallee	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter Stanley Fisher
Maranoa	.. Queensland ..	.. James Corbett
Maribyrnong	.. Victoria ..	.. Moses Henry Cass
Melbourne	.. Victoria ..	.. Urquhart Edward Innes
Melbourne Ports	.. Victoria ..	.. Allan Clyde Holding
Mitchell	.. New South Wales ..	.. Alan Glyndwr Cadman
Moore	.. Western Australia ..	.. John Martin Hyde
Moreton	.. Queensland ..	.. Denis James Killen
Murray	.. Victoria ..	.. Bruce Lloyd
New England	.. New South Wales ..	.. Ian McCahon Sinclair
Newcastle	.. New South Wales ..	.. Charles Keith Jones
North Sydney	.. New South Wales ..	.. Bruce William Graham
Northern Territory	Northern Territory ..	.. Stephen Edward Calder
Oxley ..	.. Queensland ..	.. William George Hayden
Parramatta	.. New South Wales ..	.. John Joseph Brown
Paterson	.. New South Wales ..	.. Frank Lionel O'Keefe
Perth ..	.. Western Australia ..	.. Ross Malcolm McLean
Petrie ..	.. Queensland ..	.. John Charles Hodges
Phillip	.. New South Wales ..	.. Reginald John Birney
Port Adelaide	.. South Australia ..	.. Michael Jerome Young
Prospect	.. New South Wales ..	.. Richard Emanuel Klugman
Reid ..	.. New South Wales ..	.. Thomas Uren
Richmond	.. New South Wales ..	.. John Douglas Anthony
Riverina	.. New South Wales ..	.. John FitzPatrick
Robertson	.. New South Wales ..	.. Barry Cohen
Ryan ..	.. Queensland ..	.. John Colinton Moore
Scullin	.. Victoria ..	.. Henry Alfred Jenkins
Shortland	.. New South Wales ..	.. Peter Frederick Morris
St George	.. New South Wales ..	.. Maurice James Neil
Stirling	.. Western Australia ..	.. Robert Ian Viner
Sturt ..	.. South Australia ..	.. Ian Bonython Cameron Wilson
Swan ..	.. Western Australia ..	.. John Raymond Martyr
Sydney	.. New South Wales ..	.. James Leslie McMahon
Tangney	.. Western Australia ..	.. Peter Donald Shack
Wakefield	.. South Australia ..	.. Geoffrey O'Halloran Giles
Wannon	.. Victoria ..	.. John Malcolm Fraser
Warringah	.. New South Wales ..	.. Michael John Randal MacKellar
Wentworth	.. New South Wales ..	.. Robert James Ellicott
Werriwa	.. New South Wales ..	.. Edward Gough Whitlam
Wide Bay	.. Queensland ..	.. Percival Clarence Millar
Wills ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Gordon Munro Bryant
Wilmot	.. Tasmania ..	.. Maxwell Arthur Burr

5 OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBERS: The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by law, except Mr Fry, Mr Garland and Mr Katter who were not then present. The Deputy retired.

6 ELECTION OF SPEAKER: Mr N. A. Brown, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Sir Billy Snedden, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Calder.

Sir Billy Snedden informed the House that he accepted nomination.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Dr Jenkins, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Bryant.

Dr Jenkins informed the House that he accepted nomination.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows:

Sir Billy Snedden	..	..	..	..	..	82 votes
Dr Jenkins	..	..	..	..	..	38 votes

Sir Billy Snedden was thereupon declared elected as Speaker, and Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Calder conducted him to the Chair.

Sir Billy Snedden returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr Hayden, Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Dr Jenkins, Mr Lucock and Mr C. R. Cameron congratulated Mr Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

7 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) stated that he had ascertained it would be His Excellency the Governor-General's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament at 2.40 p.m.—

And the sitting of the House having been suspended at 12.41 p.m. until 2.39 p.m.—

Mr Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr Speaker reported that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives as its Speaker and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him.

8 COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS: Mr Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:

HIS EXCELLENCY Sir Zelman Cowen, Knight of the Order of Australia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Force

To the right Honourable Sir BILLY MACKIE SNEDDEN, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Member of Parliament, Speaker of the House of Representatives

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is provided, amongst other things, that every Member of the House of Representatives shall before taking his seat make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereby authorize you, from time to time, at Parliament House, Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already made and subscribed that oath or affirmation since their election or last election to the House of Representatives.

GIVEN under my Hand on 21 February 1978

ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER
Prime Minister

- 9 OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER: Robert Cummin Katter made and subscribed the oath of allegiance required by law.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:
MR SPEAKER,
His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.
Accordingly Mr Speaker with Members of the House went to attend His Excellency: And having returned—
- 11 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHIPS:
Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Ministry was as follows:
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| Prime Minister | Rt Hon. J. M. Fraser, C.H. |
| Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Resources | Rt Hon. J. D. Anthony |
| Minister for Industry and Commerce | Rt Hon. P. R. Lynch |
| Minister for Primary Industry | Rt Hon. I. McC. Sinclair |
| Minister for Administrative Services and Vice-President of the Executive Council | Senator the Rt Hon. R. G. Withers |
| Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations | Hon. A. A. Street |
| Minister for Transport | Hon. P. J. Nixon |
| Treasurer | Hon. J. W. Howard |
| Minister for Education and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Federal Affairs | Senator the Hon. J. L. Carrick |
| Minister for Foreign Affairs | Hon. A. S. Peacock |
| Minister for Defence | Hon. D. J. Killen |
| Minister for Social Security | Senator the Hon. M. G. C. Guilfoyle |
| Minister for Finance | Hon. E. L. Robinson |
| Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister | Hon. R. I. Viner |
| Minister for Health | Hon. R. J. D. Hunt |
| Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs | Hon. M. J. R. MacKellar |
| Minister for the Northern Territory and Minister Assisting the Minister for Primary Industry | Hon. A. E. Adermann |
| Minister for Construction and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence | Hon. J. E. McLeay |
| Minister for National Development | Hon. K. E. Newman |
| Minister for Science | Senator the Hon. J. J. Webster |
| Minister for Post and Telecommunications | Hon. A. A. Staley |

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Attorney-General	Senator the Hon. P. D. Durack
Minister for Productivity	Hon. I. M. Macphee
Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs	Hon. W. C. Fife
Minister for Special Trade Representations, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Min- ister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Resources	Hon. R. V. Garland
Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for the Capital Territory	Hon. R. J. Ellicott, Q.C.
Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development and Minister Assisting the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations	Hon. R. J. Groom

The first 14 Ministers comprised the Cabinet.

The Leader of the House was Mr Sinclair and the Leader of the Government in the Senate was Senator Withers.

The representation of Ministers would be as follows:

In the Senate:

Prime Minister (in all matters except Federal Affairs), Minister for Trade and Resources, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Defence and Minister for Special Trade Representations	Senator Withers
Minister for Transport, Treasurer, Minister for National Development, Minister for Post and Telecommunications and Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development	Senator Carrick
Minister for Finance, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Health, Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and Minister for Home Affairs	Senator Guilfoyle
Minister for Primary Industry, Minister for the Northern Territory, Minister for Construction and Minister for the Capital Territory	Senator Webster
Minister for Industry and Commerce, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Productivity, Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs and Minister for Veterans' Affairs	Senator Durack

In the House of Representatives:

Minister for Administrative Services	Mr Street
Minister for Education	Mr Staley
Minister for Social Security	Mr Hunt
Minister for Science	Mr Adermann
Attorney-General	Mr Viner

Mr Fraser stated that Mr Bourchier was the Government Whip.

Mr Fraser also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations and Minister for Veterans' Affairs), Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources) was acting as Minister for Special Trade Representations and Senator Durack (Attorney-General) was acting as Minister for Veterans' Affairs. Mr Newman (Minister for National Development) was representing the Acting Minister for Veterans' Affairs in this House.

- 12 LEADERSHIP AND WHIPS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY: Mr Hayden, as Leader of the Opposition, informed the House that the Parliamentary Labor Party had elected him as its Leader and Mr Bowen as its Deputy Leader. Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr L. K. Johnson had been elected Opposition Whip and Deputy Opposition Whip, respectively.
- 13 LEADERSHIP AND WHIP OF THE NATIONAL COUNTRY PARTY OF AUSTRALIA: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that the National Country Party of Australia had elected him as its Leader, Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) as its Deputy Leader and Mr Corbett as its Whip.
- 14 CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminology Research Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, and that he had received a copy. (*Text of the Speech appears in Hansard*)
- 16 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) moved—That a committee, consisting of Mr Carlton, Mr Shack and the mover, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the committee do report at the next sitting.
Question—put and passed.

Suspension of sitting: At 3.44 p.m., Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At 5 p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

- 17 DEATHS OF FORMER SENATORS (MR E. W. MATTNER, THE HONOURABLE SIR JOHN SPICER AND THE HONOURABLE A. N. MACDONALD) AND FORMER MEMBERS (MR A. D. FRASER AND MR J. A. PETTITT): Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the deaths of Mr E. W. Mattner, the Honourable Sir John Spicer, the Honourable A. N. MacDonald, Mr A. D. Fraser and Mr J. A. Pettitt, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the deaths of Edward William Mattner, M.C., D.C.M., M.M., a former Senator for the State of South Australia from 1944 to 1946 and from 1950 to 1968, and President of the Senate from 1951 to 1953, the Honourable Sir John Armstrong Spicer, Q.C., a former Senator for the State of Victoria from 1940 to 1944 and from 1950 to 1956, Attorney-General from 1949 to 1956 and Chief Judge of the Commons wealth Industrial Court from 1956 to 1977, the Honourable Allan Nicoll MacDonald, a former Senator for the State of Western Australia from 1935 to 1947 and a Minister of the Crown from 1937 to 1939, Allan Duncan Fraser, C.M.G., a former Member of this House for the Electoral Division of Eden-Monaro from 1943 to 1966 and from 1969 to 1972, and John Alexander Pettitt, a former Member of this House for the Electoral Division of Hume from 1963 to 1972, places on record its appreciation of their long and meritorious public service and tenders its sympathy to their families in their bereavement.
And Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.

18 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Mr Lloyd moved—That Mr Millar be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr D. M. Cameron.

Mr C. K. Jones moved—That Mr Lucock be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr L. R. Johnson.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, Mr Speaker reported the result, as follows:

Mr Millar	62 votes
Mr Lucock	52 votes

Mr Millar was thereupon declared elected as Chairman.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) and other Members congratulated Mr Millar, who made his acknowledgments to the House.

19 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 2.15 p.m. tomorrow.

Question—put and passed.

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6.29 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 February 1978, pursuant to statute:

Acts Interpretation Act—Orders (2) under sub-section 19BA (1), dated 20 December 1977.

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 281.

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 240, 276, 277, 279.

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 124—Faculties (School of General Studies) Amendment No. 13.

No. 125—Departments (School of General Studies) Amendment No. 1.

No. 126—Deputy Vice-Chancellorship Amendment No. 3.

No. 127—Convocation Amendment No. 8.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statutes—

No. 35—Courses and Awards Amendment No. 14.

No. 36—Interpretation (Repeal and Replacement).

Canning—Fruit Charge Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 1.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1978—No. 1—Wild Animals and Birds (Amendment).

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificates—K. C. Borda, R. J. A. Jackson.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 235, 236.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 14.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256.

Dairy Industry Stabilization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 230.

Dairy Industry Stabilization Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 231, 282.

Dairy Produce Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 232.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 239.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1977—Nos. 215, 216, 275, 280.

1978—Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5.

- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 6.
- Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
1977—No. 214.
1978—Nos. 16, 17.
- Federal Court of Australia Act—Rule—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 220.
- Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 247.
- Honey Levy Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 233.
- Honey Levy Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 234.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 248.
- Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 213.
- Judiciary Act—Rules—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 10.
- Lands Acquisition Act—
Land acquired for—
Access to Archives Repository and Offices site—Bellerive, Tas.
Defence purposes—
Amberley, Qld.
Puckapunyal, Vic.
Pipeline Authority purposes—Tibooburra, N.S.W.
Telecommunications purposes—
Hamilton, Vic.
Tamworth, N.S.W.
Statements (15) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 221.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 217.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 241, 278.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, Nos. 225, 226, 227, 228, 246, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1977—
No. 8—Customs (Amendment) (No. 3).
No. 9—Evidence (Amendment).
No. 10—Interpretation (Amendment).
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Crown Lands Ordinance—Statements of reasons by Minister for revocation of land reserved at—
Daly River, N.T.
Darwin, N.T.
- Housing Ordinance 1974, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
- Ordinances—1977—
No. 49—Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) (No. 1) 1977–78.
No. 50—Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) (No. 2) 1977–78.
No. 51—Transfer of Powers (Further Provisions).
No. 52—Building.
No. 53—Town planning.
No. 54—Validation of Acts.
No. 55—Public Service (No. 4).
No. 56—Workmen's Compensation (No. 4).
No. 57—Alice Springs Administration Ordinance Repeal.
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fry and Mr Garland.

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