

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL 1978

1 The House met, at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Graham, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jarman, Mr Lloyd, Mr Lucock, Mr Neil, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Porter, Mr Shack, Mr Stewart and Mr Yates—from certain members and ex-members of the citizens forces of Australia praying for the resumption of the award of several distinctive reserve forces decorations and medals for long service and good conduct.

Mr Birney, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Cadman, Mr Gillard, Mr Groom, Mr Howe, Mr James, Mr Jarman, Mr Johnston, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying for the establishment of a fund whereby loans can be made to means tested pensioners for the necessary maintenance of their homes.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens of Wangaratta, Vic., praying that the decision to abandon the construction of a university in the Albury-Wodonga growth centre be reconsidered.

Mr Goodluck—from certain electors of the Divisions of Denison and Franklin praying that the Australian Broadcasting Commission be prevented from screening episodes of the program *SOAP* and committing further abuses of discretion in the selection of programs.

Mr West—from certain citizens praying for the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Brych, Mr Milan—Copies of documents tabled in Queensland Parliament by Dr the Hon. L. R. Edwards, M.L.A. Minister for Health on 4 April 1978—

Letters from—

Dr Edwards to Mr Brych, Department of Oncology, Raratonga, Cook Islands, dated—

16 July 1977.

22 February 1978.

Hon. R. J. D. Hunt, M.P., Minister for Health, to Mr Brych, dated 16 March 1978.

Professor P. J. Scott, Department of Medicine, University of Auckland, to the Editor, *Ca-A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*, American Cancer Society, New York, dated 20 April 1977.

Press statements by—

N. F. Greenslade, Chairman, Medical Council of New Zealand, dated 5 April 1977.

Hon. R. J. D. Hunt, dated 8 March 1978.

Hon. M. J. R. MacKellar, M.P., Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, dated 3 April 1978.

Registration of medical practitioners not holding a qualification which is automatically recognised by the Medical Board of Queensland.

Report of meeting held with Mr Brych, Executive Building, Brisbane, 31 March 1978.

“Some aspects of the Brych affair: The Czechoslovakia connection”, lecture by Professor Scott.

Statement by Dr Edwards in the Queensland Parliament.

Transcript of interview with Mr Brych, Channel 7 news, 6 p.m., 2 April 1978.

Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act* 1908, authorises the publication of papers relating to Mr Milan Brych tabled by the Minister for Health this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1979–81—Report—Volume 1—Recommendations on guidelines—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Pursuant to statute:

Tertiary Education Commission Act—Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1979–81—Report—Volume 1—Recommendations on guidelines.

- 5 TACTICAL FIGHTER FORCE PROJECT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of Government decisions to proceed with further development of the tactical fighter force project, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Tactical fighter force project—Ministerial statement, 7 April 1978.

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay—Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr D. M. Cameron (Chairman) presented the following report from the Committee of Privileges:

Report relating to an editorial published in the *Sunday Observer* of 26 February 1978, together with minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr D. M. Cameron, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for Wednesday, 12 April 1978.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ABORIGINAL WELFARE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The misleading statements on Aboriginal welfare by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hayden addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Young moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended in order to allow the honourable Member for McPherson (Mr E. L. Robinson) to make a full statement to the House on the allegations made in this Parliament today regarding the redistribution of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions in Queensland in 1977.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hyde	Mr Moore	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman	Mr Fisher
Mr Chapman	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon	Mr Hodges

NOES, 28

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Dr Blewett	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Whitlam	Mr J. L. McMahon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Willis (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 71

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
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Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Whitlam	Mr J. L. McMahon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—
Question—put.

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

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Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Whitlam	Mr J. L. McMahon

NOES, 70

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr Burchier	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	Mr Fisher
Mr Chapman	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges

And so it was negatived.

- 9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Young moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Port Adelaide moving forthwith that the House is of the opinion that a Royal Commission be established to inquire into and report upon the matters raised by the Member for Fadden in the Parliament today concerning the redistribution of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions in Queensland in 1977, and other related matters.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
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Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
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Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
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Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Stewart	
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr West	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson
			Mr J. L. McMahon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Mr Sinclair, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Electoral redistribution of Queensland—Copies of joint opinions addressed to Prime Minister by Senator Durack, Attorney-General and Mr M. H. Byers, Q.C., Solicitor-General, dated 9 and 15 February 1978—

and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate adjourned (Mr Bouchier), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

The motion to suspend the standing orders was not further proceeded with.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the House requiring the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to table documents, papers and transcripts relating to—

- (1) Letters sent to Dr Rowley of the Aboriginal Land Fund Commission of 3 February 1978 concerning land purchases in Queensland and the prohibition of the A.L.F.C. from obtaining legal advice under the Racial Discrimination Act.
- (2) Correspondence to the Prime Minister from the Queensland Premier reminding the Prime Minister of his undertaking not to acquire land for Aboriginals in Queensland.
- (3) Minutes of a meeting in the Minister's office, 14 March 1978, Canberra, at which he directed that a Cabinet submission be prepared for him by his Department which would terminate the Aboriginal Land Fund Commission and make its operations subject to his direct political control.
- (4) Correspondence of 24 February 1978 to the Prime Minister from the Queensland Premier reminding the Prime Minister of an undertaking in July last year by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs not to proceed with the purchase of Glenore Station.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
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Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Whitlam	Mr J. L. McMahon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Dr Everingham (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 28

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Dr Blewett	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	
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Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
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Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	Mr Fisher
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges

And so it was negatived.

11 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a

Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to income tax.

Bill read a first time.

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

Adjournment negatived: It being 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Howard continued his speech.

Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE—8TH REPORT—
MOTION FOR ADOPTION: Mr Speaker (Chairman) presented the following Report:
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Committee—Report relating
to the broadcasting of adjournment debates (8th Report).

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That the
report be adopted.

Debate adjourned (Mr Bouchier), and the resumption of the debate made an order
of the day for the next sitting.

13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That
the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.44 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 2.15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr
Bungey, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Dr Edwards, Mr Falconer, Mr FitzPatrick,
Mr Garland, Mr Holding, Mr Hurford, Mr L. K. Johnson and Mr C. K. Jones.

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