

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

No. 30

WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 1978

1 The House met, at 2.15 p.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.:

Dr Cass, Mr Falconer, Mr Holding, Mr Johnston, Mr Peacock and Mr Staley—from certain citizens praying that item 6469 be removed from the standard medical benefits table.

Mr Holding, Mr B. O. Jones, Dr Klugman and Mr I. L. Robinson—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.

Dr Everingham and Mr Thomson—from certain citizens praying that Aboriginal land rights in the States be recognized in a manner similar to their recognition in the Northern Territory and that certain other action be taken in connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in Queensland.

Mr Aldred—from certain citizens praying that action be taken through the Australian and West German Governments to ensure that German insurance companies reimburse payment of certain contributions to German pensioners residing in Australia.

Mr Aldred—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 Bryant—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to interfere with the operations of the Schools Commission.

Mr Cotter—from certain citizens praying that legislation to tax people living in subsidised housing not be enacted.

Mr Cotter—from certain electors of the Division of Kalgoorlie praying for the appointment of a local body to provide a "novice radio amateur" examination in Kalgoorlie, W.A.

Mr Ellicott—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.

Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying for cheaper air fares to and from North America and Europe.

Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Giles—from certain citizens praying that grape growers be compensated to leave this year's surplus grapes on the vine and that certain other action be taken to assist grape growers.

Mr Giles—from certain citizens praying for the protection of Australian grape growers by reducing excise duty on brandy produced in Australia, reducing the quantity of brandy imported and abolishing sales tax on brandy.

Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that support be given for the establishment of immunotherapy clinics in Australia.

- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for the provision of funds for the construction and maintenance of an aged persons complex in the Electoral Division of Hughes.
- Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying for the establishment of a children's hospital in the Penrith area, N.S.W.
- Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the Rhodesia Information Centre, Sydney, be guaranteed the right to remain open.
- Mr Simon—from certain citizens of Warburton, Vic., praying for the installation of a Community Television Antenna System in Warburton.
- Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying for the initiation of a national family policy and the use of the concept of family impact statements as a means of highlighting family needs.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Metal working machine tools, dated 23 December 1977.

Overseas cargo shipping legislation review—Report by Department of Transport, dated October 1977 (*in substitution for the paper presented on 2 November 1977*).

Tertiary Education Commission—Draft report on study leave, dated April 1978—Draft report.

Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education), dated 11 May 1978.

Treaty—Text of Trade Agreement between Australia and the Federative Republic of Brazil, signed at Canberra on 23 February 1978.

Pursuant to statute:

Aboriginal Loans Commission Act—Aboriginal Loans Commission—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975-76.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—1st Annual Report, for year 1976-77, and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 10 May 1976 to 30 June 1977.

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—30th Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on operations of the Act and, in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, for year 1976-77.

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1976.

Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Act—Statement of financial assistance granted to the States for year 1976-77.

5 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—IMPACT OF MINING ROYALTIES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper: Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory—Impact of mining royalties—1st Report to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs by Shann Turnbull, Director, Management and Investment Limited, dated 27 October 1977.

- Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 HEALTH CARE COSTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Government actions to control health care costs and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Health care costs—Ministerial statement, 24 May 1978.
- Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate ensued.
- Ordered—That Dr Klugman be granted an extension of time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Hodges), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 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:
16 May 1978—Message No. 31—
Airline Equipment (Loan Guarantee) 1978.
Qantas Airways Limited (Loan Guarantee) 1978.
17 May 1978—Message—
No. 32—Softwood Forestry Agreements 1978.
No. 33—Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment 1978.
- 8 EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Opposition had nominated Mr Fry to be a member of the Standing Committee on Expenditure in place of Mr Dawkins.
- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COAL LOADING FACILITIES: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr Baume and Dr Everingham had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, Mr Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Baume, namely, "The disastrous impact on exports and employment resulting from the lack of adequate coal loading facilities for the New South Wales black coal industry".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Baume addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 13 AND 14 (1978): Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 13 and 14 (1978).
Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 ASHMORE AND CARTIER ISLANDS ACCEPTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Adermann (Minister for the Northern Territory), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ashmore and Cartier Islands Acceptance Act 1933* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Adermann 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.

- 12 REMUNERATION TRIBUNALS AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Remuneration Tribunals Act 1973* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Street 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.
- 13 LANDS ACQUISITION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Lands Acquisition Act 1955* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Street 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.
- 14 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1978: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Act 1971* to terminate the tax upon wages related to the Northern Territory of Australia, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 15 NORTHERN TERRITORY SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1978: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory Supreme Court Act 1961* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner 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.
- 16 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner 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.
- 17 ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (JUDICIAL REVIEW) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner 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.
- 18 COMMONWEALTH MOTOR VEHICLES (LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Motor Vehicles (Liability) Act 1959* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Viner 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.

- 19 COMPENSATION (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), for Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act 1971* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Viner 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.

- 20 AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), for Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Act 1963* for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Viner 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.

- 21 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 22 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1978-79: 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 Armitage who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not opposing the Bill, the House is of the opinion that it fails completely to provide the necessary stimulus to the Australian economy, and represents the continuance of ultra-conservative policies which have considerably deepened economic recession in this country, created high and increasing levels of unemployment and reduced the living standards of the Australian people".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 23 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1978-79: 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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1978: 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 P. F. Johnson addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 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.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

- 25 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1978: 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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 May 1978, pursuant to statute:

Family Law Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 74.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1978—

Nos. 243, 257 and 271—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 272—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†

No. 273—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia.†

No. 274—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 275—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 276—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.

No. 277—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

Nos. 278 and 279—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 280—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.

No. 281—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

No. 282—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 283—Australian Workers' Union.†

No. 284—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 285—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
(† Not accompanied by statement)

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Dean, Mr Jarman, Mr Macphee, Mr Martyr, Mr E. L. Robinson and Mr Whitlam.

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