

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 33

MONDAY, 29 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.:

Mr Anthony, Mr Dobie and Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying that item 6469 be removed from the standard medical benefits table.

Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying that government benefits under schedule 6469 not be withdrawn for first trimester abortions.

Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that the means test on aged pensions be abolished.

Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying for the establishment of a children's hospital in the Penrith area, N.S.W.

Mr Morris—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 Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes not be introduced.

Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that communist organisations be banned and communists be prohibited from holding office in industrial organisations, government departments and Parliament.

Mr Short—from certain citizens of Maryborough, Vic., praying that Australia support complete world disarmament at the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly's Special Session on Disarmament.

Mr Simon—from certain citizens of Warburton, Vic., praying for the installation of a Community Television Antenna System in Warburton.

Mr Viner—from certain residents of Mossman Gorge Mission, Qld, praying that Aboriginal land rights in the States be recognised in a manner similar to their recognition in the Northern Territory, certain other action be taken in connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in Queensland and specific statutory action be taken in connection with the Mossman Gorge Reserve.

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 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF PRIME MINISTER: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Prime Minister of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

5 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—

That the House censures the Prime Minister for: (1) failing to require consistent standards of proper conduct from his Ministers; (2) his complete reluctance to defend his Government's policies in debate in the House; (3) his failure to properly discharge his responsibilities to the House; (4) his interference in matters of public administration which should have been administered impartially; (5) his lowering of public esteem of the office of Governor-General; (6) his extravagant self-indulgence in the matter of his personal overseas travel, and (7) his erratic and undesirable style of personal control over the Government.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Mr Keating rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 72

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Sir William McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges

NOES, 30

Mr Armitage	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hayden	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 30

Mr Armitage	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hayden	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr L. R. Johnson

NOES, 72

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Sir William McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Moore	Mr Hodges
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	

And so it was negatived.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Mainline upgrading—Evaluation of a range of options for the trans Australia link—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated March 1978.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July 1976 to 31 December 1977.

7 PAPERS—LEAVE TO PRESENT NOT GRANTED: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to present papers.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed re-development of airways facilities, Adelaide Airport, S.A. (1st report of 1978).

Review of 5th report of 1973 relating to the proposed construction of an off shore high security animal quarantine station at West Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands (2nd report of 1978).

Severally ordered to be printed.

9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgency of full Australian support for international disarmament and arms control initiatives and the failure of the Government to inform the Parliament on these matters".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bowen rising to address the House—

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 71

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Hodges

NOES, 29

Mr Armitage	Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren
Dr Blewett	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10 HOUSING ASSISTANCE 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Uren, viz.*—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

- (a) the Commonwealth Government should meet the cost of rental rebates to a minimum uniform level agreed to jointly between the State and Commonwealth Governments;
- (b) rents charged for Housing Commission dwellings should be set
 - (i) for persons with incomes up to 135 per cent of average weekly earnings at not more than 85 per cent of the rates of rental on the open market, and
 - (ii) for persons with incomes in excess of 135 per cent of average weekly earnings at the rates of rental on the open market;
- (c) the interest rates charged for Home Purchase Account on ‘lent’ to other lending authorities should rise in line with capacity to pay;
- (d) the Commonwealth Parliament should have the opportunity annually to debate the appropriation to determine the progress made on the spirit of the understanding contained in the Bill;
- (e) the Housing Authorities in co-operation with the Commonwealth should develop a strategy as part of overall urban and regional planning to ensure a social mix in housing estates as well as ensuring that public housing tenants have access to social and cultural amenities and job opportunities; and
- (f) the Commonwealth should provide sufficient funds to Housing Authorities to ensure that a target completion rate of 15 000 dwellings a year to overcome the backlog on the Housing Authority waiting lists can be met”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Armitage, in the Chair)—

AYES, 70

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges

NOES, 28

Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Mr James	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Dr Everingham	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 and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 34, dated 19 May 1978, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 20, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Mr Bryant rising to address 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 Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Gillard	Sir William McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Hodges

NOES, 24

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Morris	
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Schedule—

Ordered—That the Schedule be considered by clauses.

Clauses 1 to 17, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Mr Bryant rising to address 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 Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Corbett
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges
Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 24

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Morris	
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 18—

Ordered—That the clause be considered by sub-clauses.

Sub-clause (1) debated and agreed to.

Remainder of clause, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to after debate.

Clauses 19 to 25, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 26 to 34, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Remainder of the Schedule, including the Preamble, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), the House adopted the report.

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

Debate ensued.

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

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ALLIGATOR RIVERS REGION)
BILL 1978: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 30

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the appointment of a Supervising Scientist for the purpose of protecting the environment in the Alligator Rivers Region of the Northern Territory from the effects of uranium mining operations, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

C. L. LAUCKE
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 26 May 1978

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 1, clause 3, before the definition of "Alligator Rivers Region" or "Region", insert the following new definition:

"'Administrator of the Northern Territory' means the Administrator of the Northern Territory acting with the advice of the Executive Council of the Northern Territory;"

No. 2—Page 2, clause 3, after the definition of "appointed member of the Committee" or "appointed member", insert the following new definition:

"'appropriate Aboriginal Land Council' means such Aboriginal Land Council established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* as the Minister declares by instrument under his hand to be the Aboriginal Land Council responsible for the Alligator Rivers Region for the purposes of this Act;"

No. 3—Page 2, clause 3, after the definition of "Co-ordinating Committee" or "Committee", insert the following new definition:

"'Director of Territory Parks and Wildlife' means the person holding office as the Director of Territory Parks and Wildlife under the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Ordinance 1976* of the Northern Territory or, if a person is acting as the Director, the person so acting;"

No. 4—Page 8, clause 18, sub-clause (1), paragraph (b), line 5, leave out "and" (second occurring).

No. 5—Page 8, clause 18, sub-clause (1), after paragraph (b), insert the following new paragraphs:

"(ba) 2 members appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Administrator of the Northern Territory;

"(bb) one member appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council; and".

No. 6—Page 8, clause 18, sub-clause (5), line 25, after "nomination of ", insert "the Administrator of the Northern Territory or the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council, or on the nomination of ".

- No. 7—Page 8, clause 18, sub-clause (5), paragraph (b), line 28, after “the”, insert “Administrator of the Northern Territory or the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council, or the”.
- No. 8—Page 9, clause 21, sub-clause (2), line 13, after “nomination of”, insert “the Administrator of the Northern Territory or the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council, or on the nomination of”.
- No. 9—Page 9, clause 21, sub-clause (2), line 14, after “and”, insert “the Administrator of the Northern Territory or the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council, or”.
- No. 10—Page 9, clause 21, sub-clause (6), line 30, after “nomination of”, insert “the Administrator of the Northern Territory or the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council, on the nomination of”.
- No. 11—Page 9 clause 21 sub-clause (6), paragraph (b), line 35, after “the”, insert “Administrator of the Northern Territory or the appropriate Aboriginal Land Council, the”.
- No. 12—Page 13, clause 31, sub-clause (5), line 34, after “1976”, add “or the operation of any similar provision in a law of the Northern Territory that confers functions on a person similar to functions conferred on the Ombudsman by that Act”.
- No. 13—Page 14, clause 33, lines 1 to 4, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:
- “33. The Supervising Scientist shall—
- (a) consult with, and have regard to the views of, the Director of National Parks and Wildlife in relation to any matter arising in the course of the performance of his functions that concerns the functions, powers or duties of the Director; and
- (b) consult with, and have regard to the views of, the Director of Territory Parks and Wildlife in relation to any matter arising in the course of the performance of his functions that concern the functions, powers or duties of the Director or the Territory Parks and Wildlife Commission established under the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Ordinance 1976* of the Northern Territory.”.
- No. 14—Page 15, clause 36, sub-clause (5), lines 17 to 20, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:
- “(5) The Minister shall—
- (a) cause a copy of any report furnished to him under sub-section (1) or (3) to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the report is received by him; and
- (b) cause a copy of every such report furnished to him on or after 1 July 1978 to be furnished to the Minister of the Northern Territory who is responsible, or principally responsible, for the administration of matters relating to parks and reserves in the Territory as soon as practicable after the report is laid before a House of the Parliament.”.

Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr L. R. Johnson rising to address 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 Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Hodges

NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

Mr Groom moved—That the report be adopted.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Shack
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Staley
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Thomson
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Moore	Mr Corbett
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 24

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Scholes	
Mr Dawkins	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Everingham	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 31

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

C. L. LAUCKE
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 26 May 1978

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 2, clause 3, after paragraph (e), insert the following new paragraph:

"(ea) by inserting after the definition of 'Territory' in sub-section (1) the following definition:

"'Territory Commission' means the Territory Parks and Wildlife Commission established by the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Ordinance 1976* of the Northern Territory;"; and".

No. 2—Page 3, clause 4, after proposed sub-section 6 (2), add the following new sub-section:

"(3) Land in the Northern Territory, other than land in the Uluru (Ayers Rock-Mt. Olga) National Park or in the Alligator Rivers Region as defined by the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978*, shall not, without the consent of the Territory, be acquired by the Commonwealth for the purposes of this Part if it is land that is dedicated or reserved under a law of the Territory for purposes related to nature conservation or the protection of areas of historical, archaeological or geological importance or of areas having special significance in relation to Aborigines.'".

No. 3—Page 9, clause 9, after paragraph (a), insert the following new paragraph:

"(aa) by inserting in sub-section (3) '(including the Territory Commission and the Chairman of an Aboriginal Land Council established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*)' after 'person';".

No. 4—Page 10, clause 9, paragraph (f), proposed paragraph 11 (10) (d), lines 1 to 4, leave out

"and, in the case of the plan of management in respect of a park or reserve wholly or partly within a prescribed area, shall, not later than the date of publication of the notice in the *Gazette*, serve a copy of the plan and of the notice on the relevant Chairman",

insert

"but, where the plan of management is in respect of a park or reserve wholly or partly within the Northern Territory, he shall, at least 14 days before the date of publication of the notice in the *Gazette*, serve a copy of the plan and of the notice on the Territory Commission and, if the park or reserve is also wholly or partly within a prescribed area, on the relevant Chairman".

No. 5—Page 10, clause 9, after paragraph (f), insert the following new paragraph:

“(fa) by inserting in sub-section (11) ‘(including the Territory Commission and the Chairman of an Aboriginal Land Council established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*)’ after ‘person’; and”.

No. 6—Page 10, clause 9, paragraph (g), proposed sub-section 11 (14), lines 23 to 26, leave out

“a prescribed area, he shall cause a copy of his suggestions referred to the Director with the plan to be served on the relevant Chairman, and the Chairman may,”,

insert

“the Northern Territory, he shall cause a copy of his suggestions referred to the Director with the plan to be served on the Territory Commission and, if the park or reserve is also wholly or partly within a prescribed area, on the relevant Chairman, and the Commission and, as the case may be, the Chairman may.”.

No. 7—Page 11, clause 9, proposed paragraph 11 (21) (b), lines 40 to 46 leave out the proposed paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

“(b) in a case where he has made alterations to the plan under sub-section (19)—a report specifying the alterations and setting out any views in respect of matters to which the alterations relate expressed by the Director and, in the case of a plan of management in respect of a park or reserve wholly or partly within the Northern Territory, by the Territory Commission and, if the park or reserve is also wholly or partly within a prescribed area, by the relevant Chairman.”.

No. 8—Page 12, clause 11, lines 29 to 32, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

“11. Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended—

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(a) by omitting paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

‘(a) to administer, manage and control parks, reserves conservation zones;’; and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:

‘(4) In relation to the performance of his functions and the exercise of his powers with respect to a park, reserve or conservation zone wholly or partly within the Northern Territory, the Director shall, from time to time, consult with, and have regard to the views of, the Territory Commission and, if the park, reserve or conservation zone is also wholly or partly within an area for which an Aboriginal Land Council has been established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, the Chairman of the Council.’.”.

No. 9—Page 15, clause 13, proposed sub-section 17E (5), line 25, at end of proposed sub-section, add “or the operation of any similar provision in a law of the Northern Territory that confers functions on a person similar to functions conferred on the Ombudsman by that Act”.

No. 10—Page 15, after clause 14, insert the following new clause:

“14A. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended—

Wildlife
conservation
programs

(a) by omitting paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

‘(b) co-operate with a State or the Northern Territory or with an authority of a State or of the Northern Territory in formulating and implementing;’; and

(b) by adding at the end of sub-section (3) ‘or of the Northern Territory’.”.

No. 11—Page 16, after clause 18, insert the following new clause:

“18A. Section 36 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-sections:

Officers and
employees of
governments
and
authorities

‘(3) The Government of the Commonwealth—

(a) shall, from time to time, consult with, and have regard to the views of, the Administrator of the Northern Territory in relation to the performance of functions and the exercise of powers under this Act by officers or employees of the Territory or of an authority of the Territory; and

(b) may make arrangements with the Administrator for the performance of those functions and the exercise of those powers by such officers or employees.

‘(4) The Director may make arrangements with the Head of a Department of the Public Service of the Northern Territory, or with an authority of the Territory, for the performance of functions and the exercise of powers under this Act by officers or employees of the Department or of the authority, as the case may be.

‘(5) An arrangement under this section shall not be inconsistent with any law or with any agreement between the Commonwealth and an Aboriginal Land Council established by the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* or between the Director and any such Land Council.

‘(6) The references in paragraphs (3) (a) and (b) to the Administrator of the Northern Territory shall be read as references to the Administrator of the Northern Territory acting with the advice of the Executive Council of the Northern Territory.’”.

No. 12—Page 16, clause 25, paragraph (c), proposed sub-section 71 (3A), lines 33 and 34’ leave out “does not have any force or effect to the extent to which it is inconsistent”, insert “has effect to the extent to which it is not inconsistent”.

Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

Adjournment negated: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Groom requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Shack
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Moore	Mr Corbett
Mr Carlton	Mr Haslem	Mr Newman	Mr Hodges

Noes, 23

Mr Armitage
Dr Blewett
Mr J. J. Brown
Mr Bryant
Mr Cohen
Mr Dawkins

Dr Everingham
Mr Holding
Mr Howe
Mr Jacobi
Mr James
Dr Jenkins

Mr B. O. Jones
Mr C. K. Jones
Mr Keating
Mr Martin
Mr Scholes
Mr Uren

Mr Wallis
Mr West
Mr Willis
Tellers:
Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr J. L. McMahon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Groom, the House adopted the report.

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

Mr Bryant rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 11.44 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 May 1978, pursuant to statute:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1978—No. 3—Collection of interstate trade statistics for South Australia, 1978–79.

Customs Tariff Act—Order—Developing Country—No. 13—(1978).

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1978—Nos. 286 to 288—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 289—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 290—Actors' and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.

Nos. 291 and 292—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.

No. 293—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 294—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 295—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 296—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 297—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 298—Vehicle Builders Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 299—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 300—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and others.

No. 301—Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association.

No. 302—Federal Firefighters' Union.

No. 303—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 304—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 305—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 306—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 307—C.S.I.R.O. Laboratory Craftsmen Association.

No. 308—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†

No. 309—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 310—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 311—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 312—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†

- No. 313—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 314—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
No. 315—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†
No. 316—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
No. 317—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
No. 318—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 319—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and another.
No. 320—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
No. 321—Professional Officers' Association, Australian Public Service.
No. 322—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
No. 323—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
No. 324—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
Nos. 325 and 326—Australian Journalists Association.
No. 327—Professional Musicians Union of Australia.
No. 328—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.
(† Not accompanied by statement)

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Dean, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jarman, Mr P. F. Johnson, Mr Jull, Mr Martyr, Mr Peacock, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Sainsbury, Mr Stewart, Mr Whitlam, Mr Yates and Mr Young.

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