

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

No. 42

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 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 Aldred, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Burns, Mr Jarman and Mr Johnston—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 Bowen, Mr Bradfield, Mr Fife, Sir William McMahon and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to implement those recommendations of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that will further undermine and weaken marriage, child-care or the family.

Mr Bradfield, Mr Jarman, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones and Mr I. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying that item 6469 be removed from the standard medical benefits table.

Mr Dawkins, Mr Falconer and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that Government benefits under Schedule 6469 not be removed.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that legislation not be enacted to deprive families of any form of family allowance.

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

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that bulk billing and other features of Medibank be maintained.

Mr Hunt—from certain citizens praying that proposed changes to Medibank not be implemented and that there be consultation with the trade unions and the community.

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

Mr McLean—from certain citizens praying that the Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees be denounced.

Mr Wilson—from certain members of Mary McKillop College, S.A., and others praying for an increase in the percentage of the Gross National Product allocated to foreign aid.

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 being asked—

Privilege: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) referred to an article in the *Bulletin* dated 22 August 1978 and raised as a matter of privilege whether improper pressure may have been used to influence the Minister for Finance (Mr E. L. Robinson) in the performance of his parliamentary duties.

Mr Speaker stated that he would consider whether an issue of privilege arose and report his opinion later.

Questions without notice continued.

Member named: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Grayndler (Mr Stewart) for using an offensive expression to the Chair.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Grayndler be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr Young having addressed the Chair, and Mr Stewart having withdrawn the remark and apologised to the Chair, the motion for the suspension of the honourable Member for Grayndler was withdrawn, by leave.

Questions without notice concluded.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Brisbane-Darwin national highway—Barkly Tableland region—Report of inter-departmental committee, 1978.

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories' operations and capital works program—Report of independent inquiry, dated April 1978 (*in substitution for the paper presented on 31 May 1978*).

Darwin Cyclone Tracy Relief Trust Fund—Reports—1978—
May.
June.

Homeless people and homeless persons assistance centres—Report of survey by the Department of Social Security, dated June 1978.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Ball and roller bearings, dated 21 April 1978.

Brassieres: rate or rates of duty outside quota, dated 21 June 1978.

Copper ores and concentrates, dated 28 April 1978.

Domestic refrigerating appliances, etc., dated 3 February 1978.

Light commercial and four-wheel drive vehicles and heavier commercial vehicles and components, dated 15 May 1978.

Hoists, pulley tackle and winches—Interim report, dated 28 April 1978.

Wheat stabilisation, dated 30 June 1978.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1976–77.

Poultry Research Advisory Committee—4th Report, for period 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1977.

United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, 1979—Australian national paper.

Pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 1 February 1977 to 31 January 1978.

Environment (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreements relating to financial assistance for projects related to the environment in—

New South Wales, dated 29 June 1978.

Queensland, dated 8 June 1978.

Tasmania, dated 8 June 1978.

Victoria, dated 29 June 1978.

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—Reports—

Hoop, strip, sheets and plates of iron or steel, dated 22 May 1978.

Insulators, dated 5 June 1978.

- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 9—
Complaints against police—Supplementary report, dated 14 April 1978.
- National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreements relating to
financial assistance to—
New South Wales for the mitigation of flooding on coastal rivers, dated 26
June 1978.
Queensland for the construction of the Gin Gin Channel and associated works
in the Bundaberg Irrigation Scheme, dated 21 June 1978.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1978 Review—
Determinations—
1978/6—Ministers of State.
1978/7—Office Holders of the Parliament.
1978/8—Members of Parliament.
1978/9—Entitlements of Members of Parliament.
1978/10—Holders of offices in the First Division of the Australian Public
Service and others.
- Reports—
1978/1—Ministers of State.
1978/2—Judges.
- Statement.
- States Grants (Nature Conservation) Act—Supplementary agreement relating to
financial assistance to Western Australia for land acquisition for nature con-
servation purposes, dated 26 June 1978.
- Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreements relat-
ing to financial assistance to—
New South Wales for urban and regional development, dated 1 May 1978.
Queensland for—
Flood mitigation, dated 5 May 1978.
The National Estate, dated 5 May 1978.
Tasmania for the National Estate, dated 28 April 1978.
Victoria for urban and regional development, dated 13 April 1978.
Western Australia for urban and regional development, dated 24 March 1978.

5 AVIATION SAFETY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr
Nixon (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to
aviation safety in Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-
General, presented the following paper:

Aviation safety—Ministerial statement, 16 August 1978.

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

Ordered—That Mr Morris be granted an extension of time.

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

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIME MINISTERIAL EXPENDITURE: Mr
Speaker informed the House that Mr Cohen had proposed that a definite matter of
public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Prime
Minister's extravagance and self indulgence with public funds at a time when his
own Government is causing grave financial hardship to the Australian people".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Cohen addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

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)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Short

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Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren
Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr James	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 7 EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act 1974*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Stabilization Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Collection Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 WHEAT TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 5 of the *Wheat Tax Act 1957*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 WHEAT RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Research Act 1957*.
Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 POULTRY INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Poultry Industry Assistance Act 1965*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 LOAN BILL 1978: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), for Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the borrowing and expending of moneys for defence purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 15 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1978: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), for Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance to the States in connection with expenditure of a capital nature and to authorize the borrowing of certain moneys by the Commonwealth.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 16 TASMANIA GRANT (THE MOUNT LYELL MINING AND RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1978: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), for Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tasmania Grant (The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company Limited) Act 1977*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 17 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1978: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 18 LIFE INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), for Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Act 1945*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 19 QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 20 HOMELESS PERSONS ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Homeless Persons Assistance Act 1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 21 STATES GRANTS (HOME CARE) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Home Care) Act 1969*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 22 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker referred to the matter raised earlier in the sitting by Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) and stated that no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege had been established.

- 23 PATENTS AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act 1952*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 24 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act 1966*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 25 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Ellicott (Minister for the Capital Territory), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act 1962*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Ellicott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 21 (1978): Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 21 (1978).
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That the following Tariff Proposals, constituting part of the order of the day No. 44, government business, be discharged:
Customs Tariff Proposal Nos. 1 to 12 (1978), and
Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1978).
Question—put and passed.
- 28 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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 by Mr Hurford who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading until the Government gives the House a satisfactory explanation *inter alia* as to—
(a) whether the Bill is in conflict with s. 23 (3) and s. 23 (4) of the Industries Assistance Commission Act;
(b) why the Bill disregards the commitments accepted by Australia as signatory to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and
(c) what machinery will be used to ensure that the additional Customs duty will be paid from ‘monopoly profits’ and will not be added to the price of the goods concerned”.
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahan	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr O’Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett
			Mr Short

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Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren
Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr James	Mr Stewart	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.

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.

29 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

16 August 1978—Message No. 102—International Monetary Agreements Amendment 1978.

30 AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS PROJECTS CORPORATION 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—

Debate resumed.

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

31 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.27 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Gillard, Mr Hodges, Mr Jacobi, Mr Keating and Mr Lucock.

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