

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1978

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- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
 - 2 **ABSENCE OF MR SPEAKER:** The Clerk having informed the House that Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) was absent on Parliamentary business overseas, the Chairman of Committees (Mr Millar) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
 - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz :
 - Mr Bowen and Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for the replacement of the 1978–79 Budget by a budget which increases the level of economic activity, lowers unemployment, assists the disadvantaged and revives business and consumer confidence.
 - Mr Dobie and Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.
 - Mr Aldred—from certain citizens praying that Radio 3CR Melbourne be required to adhere to the broadcasting standards laid down for all other radio stations and that legislation be enacted against incitement to racial hatred and violence.
 - Mr Bowen—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 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.
 - Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that an additional reactor not be constructed at the Australian Atomic Energy Establishment at Lucas Heights, N.S.W.
 - Sir William McMahon—from certain citizens praying for a reduction in public expenditure and taxation.
 - Mr Sinclair—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.Petitions received.
 - 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations) and Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources) was acting as Minister for Special Trade Representations and Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) would act as Minister for Foreign Affairs.
 - 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Egg Board—Interim statement for year 1977–78.

Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Science and technology in Australia 1977–78—Volume 1A, dated 13 June 1978.

Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for year 1977–78.

United Nations—3rd Conference on the Law of the Sea, 7th Session, Geneva, 28 March to 19 May 1978—Report of Australian Delegation.

Pursuant to statute:

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—21st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977–78.

7 TERRORISM—BONN DECLARATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of Australia's support for the declaration on terrorism issued on 17 July 1978 by the 7 Heads of State and Heads of Government meeting at Bonn.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

8 WARLPIRI AND KARTANGARURRU-KURINTJI LAND CLAIM—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Warlpiri and Kartangaruru-Kurintji land claim—Report to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Minister for the Northern Territory by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper.

Dr Everingham, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the paper.

9 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for 2 months be given to the honourable Member for Lyne (Mr Lucock) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas, and the honourable Member for Higgins (Mr Shipton) on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

10 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for 2 months be given to the honourable Member for Wills (Mr Bryant) on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

11 MESSAGE TO THE SENATE—FAMILY LAW ACT—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

(1) That the House of Representatives, having considered Message No. 103 of the Senate relating to the proposed appointment of a Joint Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the provisions and the operation of the *Family Law Act 1975*, concurs in the Resolution of the Senate, subject to the following modifications—

(i) Clause 1, sub-clause (a), after paragraph (i), insert the following paragraph:

“(ia) its effects on the institution of marriage and the family;”.

(ii) Clause 2, omit “five”, substitute “six”.

(iii) Clause 2, omit “three” (first occurring), substitute “four”.

(2) That the House of Representatives requests the concurrence of the Senate in the modifications made by the House.

(3) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this Resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINERALS TRADING POLICY: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House that Mr Keating, Mr Cairns and Mr Neil had each proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Keating, namely, "The insensitivity of the Minister for Trade and Resources to the national interest with respect to Australia's trading policy in minerals".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Keating addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 13 ENOGGERA MILITARY AREA STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of Enoggera Military Area Stage 2 development, Qld.
- Question—put and passed.
- 14 DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILIZATION 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—
- Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 71, dated 14 September 1978, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY 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 Hunt (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION LEVY 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—
- Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION LEVY COLLECTION 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 Hunt (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1978-79: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Northern Territory, \$1,247,000—

Department of the Capital Territory, \$80,303,000—

Department of Home Affairs, \$71,426,000—

together further debated, and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$525,985,000—debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Martin reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debated extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Newman (Minister for National Development) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.04 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 September 1978, pursuant to statute:

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 173.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, Nos. 175, 176.

Health Insurance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 177.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 178.

Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 174.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1978—

No. 27—Sewerage Rates (Amendment).

No. 28—Water Rates (Amendment).

No. 29—Legal Aid (Amendment).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Mr Bryant*, Dr Edwards, Mr Garland, Mr Graham, Mr Innes, Mr Jacobi, Mr James, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Lucock*, Mr Moore, Mr Nixon, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Shipton*, Sir Billy Snedden and Mr Young.

*On leave

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