

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1978

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- 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 Armitage, Mr Baume, Mr Cairns, Mr Dobie, Mr Fry, Mr Graham, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Keating, Dr Klugman, Mr Martin, Mr Neil and Mr Stewart—from certain citizens praying for the award of a medal to members of the World War II *Jaywick* and *Rimau* commando expeditions.
- Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr MacKellar, Mr Martyr, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Viner—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.
- Mr Baume and Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that the decision not to proceed with the Vocational Employment Training Scheme at Green Valley, N.S.W., be reversed and that funds be provided for further vocational employment training schemes in high unemployment areas.
- Mr Cohen and Dr Klugman—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 Cohen and Mr Wallis—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 D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Dobie—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 Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that expenditure on post-school education and Government schools be substantially increased and that certain other action be taken in connection with post-school education.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that pensions be increased twice yearly in line with rises in the Consumer Price Index.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain members of the Sydney University Post Graduate Representative Association and others praying that Commonwealth postgraduate research awards be adjusted annually in line with the consumer price index and not be taxed.
- 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 Wallis—from certain citizens praying for continued and increased Federal subsidies to maintain all existing South Australian country rail services.

Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that the Medical Benefits Schedule be amended to preclude payment of benefits for abortions.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

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 Prime Minister immediately debating the Government's attitude towards the forthcoming unemployment conference.

Closure of Member: Mr Fife (Acting 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 Hyde	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Fraser	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Corbett
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Hodges
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	

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Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Everingham	Mr James	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Young (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Fife 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 and negatived.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Shippers' Council—6th Annual Report, for year 1977–78, together with financial statements.

Australian Wool Corporation—Interim report for year 1977–78.

Pursuant to statute:

Industrial Research and Development Grants Act and Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board—Report for year 1977–78.

Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act—Local Government Grants Commissions—Reports for year 1978–79—
 New South Wales.
 South Australia.
 Victoria.
 Western Australia.

- 5 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Fife (Acting Leader of the House) moved—
 That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 3 p.m. on Tuesday next.
 Question—put and passed.
- 6 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
 Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
 Debate ensued.
 It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr Young and Mr Shack 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 Young, namely, “The failure of the Government to introduce employment programs to effectively counter the worsening unemployment situation”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Young addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 8 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Martin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 MATERNITY LEAVE (AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Maternity Leave (Australian Government Employees) Act 1973*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1976*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—COOLING TOWER AND POLICE GUARD BOXES—APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House of Representatives approves the following proposals:
 Erection of a cooling tower at the rear of Parliament House, Canberra.

Erection of police guard boxes within the Parliamentary zone.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 EXPORT EXPANSION GRANTS 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—*Statement by Minister:* Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), by leave, made a statement relating to proposed Government amendments to the Bill.

Debate resumed.

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

Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Bill be referred to a legislation committee for report by 26 October 1978.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION 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 Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 EXPORT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 April 1978*), viz.:

Export development initiatives—Ministerial statement, 13 April 1978—

Question—put and passed.

- 15 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL 1978—LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the legislation committee to consider the Trade Practices Amendment Bill 1978:

Government Members:

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) (Member in charge of the Bill), Mr Baillieu, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Dean, Dr Edwards, Mr Hyde, Mr Lusher, Mr McLean, Sir William McMahan, Mr. I. L. Robinson and Mr Short.

Opposition Members:

Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Holding, Mr Hurford, Mr B. O. Jones and Mr Kerin.

- 16 EXPORT EXPANSION GRANTS BILL 1978—LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the legislation committee to consider the Export Expansion Grants Bill 1978:

Government Members:

Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources) (Member in charge of the Bill), Mr Aldred, Mr Baillieu, Mr Baume, Mr Cairns, Mr Hyde, Mr Lloyd, Mr Lusher, Mr McLean, Sir William McMahan and Mr Short.

Opposition Members:

Mr Armitage, Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Howe and Mr Hurford.

- 17 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 expenditure—Department of Transport, \$311,581,000—further debated, and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 18 PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1978—LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the legislation committee to consider the Public Service Amendment Bill 1978:

Government Members:

Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister) (Member in charge of the Bill), Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Dobie, Mr Falconer, Mr Fisher, Mr Haslem, Mr Hodgman, Mr Katter, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Simon and Mr Wilson.

Opposition Members:

Mr Humphreys, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Martin and Mr Young.

- 19 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1978–79: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education, \$492,632,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development, \$41,724,000—

Department of Construction, \$155,979,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, \$282,716,000—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.

- 20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

19 October 1978—Message—

No. 137—Social Services Amendment 1978.

No. 138—Repatriation Acts Amendment 1978.

- 21 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 3 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baillieu, Mr Birney*, Mr Bradfield, Mr Bryant*, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Cotter, Mr Dawkins, Dr Edwards, Mr Garland, Mr Innes, Mr Jacobi*, Dr Jenkins, Mr P. F. Johnson, Mr Lucock*, Mr Lynch, Mr McLean, Mr Macphee, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shipton*, Mr Short, Mr Sinclair and Mr Staley.

* On leave

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