

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

No. 105

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 1979

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1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Millar) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Dobie, Dr Edwards, Mr Holding, Mr Jarman, Mr Johnston, Mr Lynch and Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying that pension payments be restored to twice-yearly adjustments and that pensions and unemployment benefits be raised to 30% of average weekly earnings.

Mr Burns, Mr Goodluck, Mr Haslem, Mr Johnston, Mr Simon and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Burns—from certain citizens praying that the medical benefits schedule be amended to preclude payment of benefits for abortions.

Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that pensioner health benefit cards be issued to those in receipt of supporting parents benefits.

Dr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that major traditional Aboriginal land areas be resumed from the States eventually to become defined Aboriginal community co-operatives.

Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying that proposals to vary the layout of Yarralumla, Canberra, be disallowed.

Mr P. F. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that pensions be adjusted at 6 monthly intervals.

Mr P. F. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that a letterbox be relocated at the corner of Frasers and Glenretreat Roads, Mitchelton, Qld.

Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that there be no extension of Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney.

Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to prevent television station changes which would cause interference to television viewing in the Central Gippsland area.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Plague Locust Commission—Annual Report, for year 1977-78.

Pursuant to statute:

Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—33rd Annual Report, for 1978.

- 5 MARALINGA ATOMIC WEAPONS TEST RANGE—RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY AND FUTURE LAND USE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 Maralinga atomic weapons test range—Radiological safety and future land use—Report by the Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council, dated January 1979.  
 Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Uren), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:  
 Report relating to the proposed construction of a patrol boat base at Cairns, Qld (4th report of 1979).  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Mr Thomson, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRAINING PROGRAMS: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House that both Mr Young and Mr MacKenzie 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, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Young, namely, "The inadequacy of the Government's training programs".  
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
 Mr Young addressed the House.  
 Discussion ensued.  
 Discussion concluded.
- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:  
 30 May 1979—Message No. 153—  
 Prices Justification Amendment 1979.  
 Norfolk Island 1979.  
 Remuneration Tribunals Amendment 1979.
- 9 C.S.I.R.O., CLAYTON, VIC.—RESEARCH LABORATORY COMPLEX—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and 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 a research laboratory complex for C.S.I.R.O.'s Division of Chemical Technology, Clayton, Vic.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 10 INCOME TAX (RATES AND ASSESSMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1979: 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 Dawkins rising to address the House—  
*Closure*: Mr Hodges moved—That the question be now put.  
 Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Drummond, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 72

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	Mr Yates

## NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Morris
Dr Blewett	Mr Howe	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Wallis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Humphreys	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	
Mr Dawkins	Mr James	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Drummond, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 72

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Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr MacKellar (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Drummond, in the Chair)—

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Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

- 11 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1979: 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 McLean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1979: 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. 154, dated 22 May 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Staley (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1979: 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 155, dated 22 May 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Staley (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.

14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen, Mr C. R. Cameron, Dr Cass, Mr Fry, Mr Garland, Mr B. O. Jones\*, Mr Keating, Mr Lusher, Sir William McMahon, Mr Nixon, Mr Scholes, Mr Short and Sir Billy Snedden.

\* On leave

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