

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 107

MONDAY, 4 JUNE 1979

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 Burns, Mr Carlton, Mr Dobie, Mr Ellicott, Mr Fife, Mr Martin, Mr West and Mr Willis—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 Morris and Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that subsidies to preschools be increased.

Mr Porter and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to improve the standard of living of the Aboriginal people.

Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying for the appointment of an independent inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Commission to investigate the qualifications of commissioners and certain other matters.

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

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

Mr Martin—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.

Mr Martin—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 Martyr—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs) and Senator Guilfoyle (Minister for Social Security), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr Hunt (Minister for Health) was acting as Minister for Social Security.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving a motion that this House is of the opinion that the Minister for National Development has wilfully misled the House and is therefore unfit to hold ministerial office.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

6 MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—  
That this House is of the opinion that the Minister for National Development has wilfully misled the House and is therefore unfit to hold ministerial office.

Debate ensued.

*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 Acting Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

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| Mr Adermann      | Mr Connolly | Mr Haslem        | Mr Martyr         |
| Mr Aldred        | Mr Corbett* | Mr Hodges*       | Mr Moore          |
| Mr Anthony       | Mr Cotter   | Mr Howard        | Mr Newman         |
| Mr Baillieu      | Mr Dean     | Mr Hunt          | Mr Porter         |
| Mr Baume         | Mr Dobie    | Mr Hyde          | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Birney        | Mr Drummond | Mr Jarman        | Mr Ruddock        |
| Mr Bourchier     | Dr Edwards  | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Sainsbury      |
| Mr Bradfield     | Mr Ellicott | Mr Johnston      | Mr Shack          |
| Mr Braithwaite   | Mr Falconer | Mr Jull          | Mr Shipton        |
| Mr Bungey        | Mr Fife     | Mr Katter        | Mr Simon          |
| Mr Burns         | Mr Fisher   | Mr Killen        | Mr Sinclair       |
| Mr Burr          | Mr Fraser   | Mr Lloyd         | Mr Staley         |
| Mr Cadman        | Mr Garland  | Mr Lynch         | Mr Street         |
| Mr Calder        | Mr Giles    | Mr MacKellar     | Mr Viner          |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Gillard  | Mr MacKenzie     | Mr Wilson         |
| Mr E. C. Cameron | Mr Goodluck | Mr McLean        |                   |
| Mr Carlton       | Mr Graham   | Mr McLeay        |                   |
| Mr Chapman       | Mr Groom    | Mr McVeigh       |                   |

NOES, 28

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 28

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

NOES, 69

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| Mr Adermann      | Mr Connolly | Mr Haslem        | Mr Martyr         |
| Mr Aldred        | Mr Corbett* | Mr Hodges*       | Mr Moore          |
| Mr Anthony       | Mr Cotter   | Mr Howard        | Mr Newman         |
| Mr Baillieu      | Mr Dean     | Mr Hunt          | Mr Porter         |
| Mr Baume         | Mr Dobie    | Mr Hyde          | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Birney        | Mr Drummond | Mr Jarman        | Mr Ruddock        |
| Mr Bourchier     | Dr Edwards  | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Sainsbury      |
| Mr Bradfield     | Mr Ellicott | Mr Johnston      | Mr Shack          |
| Mr Braithwaite   | Mr Falconer | Mr Jull          | Mr Shipton        |
| Mr Bungey        | Mr Fife     | Mr Katter        | Mr Simon          |
| Mr Burns         | Mr Fisher   | Mr Killen        | Mr Sinclair       |
| Mr Burr          | Mr Fraser   | Mr Lloyd         | Mr Staley         |
| Mr Cadman        | Mr Garland  | Mr Lynch         | Mr Street         |
| Mr Calder        | Mr Giles    | Mr MacKellar     | Mr Viner          |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Gillard  | Mr MacKenzie     | Mr Wilson         |
| Mr E. C. Cameron | Mr Goodluck | Mr McLean        |                   |
| Mr Carlton       | Mr Graham   | Mr McLeay        |                   |
| Mr Chapman       | Mr Groom    | Mr McVeigh       |                   |

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

**7 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Forestry Council—17th meeting, Christchurch, New Zealand, 30 January 1979—Summary of resolutions and recommendations.

Science and the Environment—Senate Standing Committee—Reports on Wood-chips and the Environment—Government response.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1978.

**8 NATURAL DISASTER INSURANCE—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Howard (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Natural disaster insurance—Policy information paper, dated May 1979.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Jacobi), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**9 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE—INDEPENDENT AUDITOR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the appointment of Mr E. D. Cameron, F.C.A., as the independent auditor of the Auditor-General's Office.

Mr Willis, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

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

31 May 1979—Message—

No. 238—Wool Industry Amendment 1979.

No. 239—Wool Tax Amendment (Nos. 1 to 5) 1979 (*without requests*).

No. 240—Wheat Industry Stabilization Amendment 1979.

No. 241—Wheat Industry Stabilization (Reimbursement of Borrowing Costs) 1979.

**11 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FEDERAL NARCOTICS BUREAU:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Dr Klugman and Mr Hodges 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 Acting Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Dr Klugman, namely, "The Fraser Government's incompetent handling of the Federal Narcotics Bureau".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Klugman rising to address the House—

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

**12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 46, general business, relating to the disallowance of the *Poker Machine Control (Amendment) Ordinance 1979* (No. 7 of 1979), being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

**13 POKER MACHINE CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1979 OF THE A.C.T.—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE:** Mr Innes, pursuant to notice, moved—That the *Poker Machine Control (Amendment) Ordinance 1979* (No. 7 of 1979), made under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 26

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

NOES, 67

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|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Mr Adermann      | Mr Connolly | Mr Haslem        | Mr Martyr         |
| Mr Aldred        | Mr Corbett* | Mr Hodges*       | Mr Moore          |
| Mr Baillieu      | Mr Cotter   | Mr Howard        | Mr Newman         |
| Mr Birney        | Mr Dean     | Mr Hunt          | Mr Porter         |
| Mr Bourchier     | Mr Dobie    | Mr Hyde          | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Bradfield     | Mr Drummond | Mr Jarman        | Mr I. L. Robinson |
| Mr Braithwaite   | Dr Edwards  | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Ruddock        |
| Mr Bungey        | Mr Ellicott | Mr Johnston      | Mr Sainsbury      |
| Mr Burns         | Mr Falconer | Mr Jull          | Mr Shack          |
| Mr Burr          | Mr Fife     | Mr Katter        | Mr Shipton        |
| Mr Cadman        | Mr Fisher   | Mr Killen        | Mr Simon          |
| Mr Cairns        | Mr Garland  | Mr Lloyd         | Mr Sinclair       |
| Mr Calder        | Mr Giles    | Mr MacKellar     | Mr Staley         |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Gillard  | Mr MacKenzie     | Mr Street         |
| Mr E. C. Cameron | Mr Goodluck | Mr McLean        | Mr Viner          |
| Mr Carlton       | Mr Graham   | Mr McLeay        | Mr Wilson         |
| Mr Chapman       | Mr Groom    | Mr McVeigh       |                   |

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And so it was negatived.

14 GREAT BARRIER REEF—PETROLEUM EXPLORATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of decisions taken by the Government concerning future petroleum exploration in the area of the Great Barrier Reef.

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

15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

16 HEALTH INSURANCE 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 by Dr Klugman who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to exclude (a) the re-classification of public hospital patients as nursing-home type patients and (b) the abolition of the 40% Commonwealth medical benefit presently payable for professional services, where the specified fee is \$20 or less”.

Debate continued.

Mr Hunt (Minister for Health) addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived:* It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Hunt requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—  
Question—put and negatived.

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Mr Hunt continued his speech.

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

## AYES, 62

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|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Mr Adermann      | Mr Chapman  | Mr Howard    | Mr Moore          |
| Mr Aldred        | Mr Connolly | Mr Hunt      | Mr Porter         |
| Mr Anthony       | Mr Corbett* | Mr Hyde      | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Baillieu      | Mr Cotter   | Mr Jarman    | Mr I. L. Robinson |
| Mr Birney        | Mr Dean     | Mr Johnston  | Mr Ruddock        |
| Mr Bourchier     | Mr Dobie    | Mr Jull      | Mr Sainsbury      |
| Mr Bradfield     | Mr Drummond | Mr Katter    | Mr Shack          |
| Mr Braithwaite   | Dr Edwards  | Mr Killen    | Mr Shipton        |
| Mr Bungey        | Mr Falconer | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Simon          |
| Mr Burns         | Mr Fife     | Mr Lynch     | Mr Sinclair       |
| Mr Burr          | Mr Fisher   | Mr MacKenzie | Mr Staley         |
| Mr Cadman        | Mr Garland  | Mr McLean    | Mr Street         |
| Mr Cairns        | Mr Gillard  | Mr McLeay    | Mr Viner          |
| Mr Calder        | Mr Groom    | Mr McVeigh   | Mr Wilson         |
| Mr E. C. Cameron | Mr Hodges*  | Mr Macphee   |                   |
| Mr Carlton       | Mr Hodgman  | Mr Martyr    |                   |

## NOES, 28

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

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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. 160, dated 30 May 1979, 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, the Bill was read a third time.

17 NATIONAL HEALTH 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 by Dr Klugman who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted so that registered funds will continue to pay the current appropriate benefit to eligible contributors for the full period of their stay in hospital”. Amendment negatived.

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. 159, dated 30 May 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*New clause—*

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

Page 5, after clause 8, insert the following new clause:

“8A. (1) Section 58E of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) ‘sixty-five’ and substituting ‘16’;
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (3) ‘sixty-five’ and substituting ‘16’;
- (c) by inserting after sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of sub-section (3) the following sub-paragraph:  
‘(iiia) is a child (including a step-child, foster-child or ex-nuptial child) of the applicant or a child (including a step-child, foster-child or ex-nuptial child) of such a child or a niece or nephew of the applicant;’; and
- (d) by inserting after sub-section (3) the following sub-section:  
‘(3A) A reference in sub-paragraph (iii), (iiia) or (iv) of paragraph (c) of sub-section (3) to a relationship between persons shall be read as including a relationship that exists by reason of adoption.’.

“(2) Where—

- (a) an approval under sub-section 58E (3) of the *National Health Act* 1953 is given after the commencement of this section; and
- (b) the approval relates to a patient who, at the time when the approval is given—
  - (i) has not attained the age of 65 years; or
  - (ii) is a person whose relationship with the applicant is a relationship referred to in sub-paragraph 58E (3) (c) (iiia) of the *National Health Act* 1953,

the date specified in the approval as the date on which the approval is to take effect shall not be a date earlier than 1 November 1979.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Martin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hunt, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hunt (Minister for Health) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.01 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 4 June 1979, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Puckapunyal, Vic.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen, Mr N. A. Brown, Dr Cass, Mr Fry, Mr B. O. Jones\*, Mr Keating, Mr Lucock, Mr Lusher, Sir William McMahon, Mr Nixon, Mr O’Keefe, Mr Peacock, Mr Scholes, Mr Short, Sir Billy Snedden, Mr Thomson, Mr Yates and Mr Young.

\* On leave

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