

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 114

TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST 1979

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 DEATH OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA—ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred, with deep regret, to the death of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, which occurred on 27 August, and moved—That—

(1) An address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the following terms be agreed to:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, have received with profound sorrow the news of the death of Earl Mountbatten of Burma. On behalf of Your people throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, we express deep sympathy to Your Majesty and other members of the Royal Family in Your personal loss and we mourn the loss sustained by the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and indeed the whole world.

(2) This House expresses its horror and shock at the violence which was perpetrated upon Earl Mountbatten of Burma and upon his family and condemns this type of action as a breach of all that is humane and reasonable in the world.

And Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

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

Mr Baume, Mr Bowen, Dr Edwards, Mr Hunt, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson, Dr Klugman, Mr Lucock, Mr Lusher, Mr Martin, Mr O'Keefe and Mr West—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the 1980 level of education expenditure to Government schools be restored and increased in real terms.

Mr Aldred, Mr Bowen, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hodgman, Mr Lloyd, Mr Street and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Dr Blewett, Mr Chapman, Mr Jacobi, Mr Porter and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that subsidies to pre-schools be increased to provide adequate pre-school services in South Australia.

- Mr Anthony, Mr Innes, Mr Shipton and Mr Thomson—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 Drummond and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Health Scheme patient contribution rate not be increased.
- Mr Jull and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
- Mr Baillieu—from certain citizens praying that diplomatic approaches be made to the Czechoslovakian Government to secure the release of Mr Jiri Lederer from detention.
- Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that fees for tertiary study not be reintroduced and that the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme not be threatened by the introduction of a loans scheme of student financing.
- Mr Cairns—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that the televising of adult promotional material without a warning concerning its classification be rectified.
- Mr Fisher—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.
- Mr Giles—from certain citizens praying that the decision by Australia Post not to issue a commemorative stamp to mark the 50th anniversary of Apex Clubs be reconsidered.
- Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to have telephone subscribers in the 047 zone included in the Sydney telephone district.
- Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying for the restatement of Australian policy on East Timor and that certain other action be taken with regard to East Timor.
- Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that Parliament debate the Report of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships, facilitate public debate and take certain other action in connection with the Report.
- Mr Innes—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 L. B. McLeay—from certain citizens praying that there be no extension of Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney.
- Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.
- Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that federal funding to State schools be restored to 1974-75 levels, that the independence of the Schools Commission be maintained and that tied grants be made to Queensland to ensure achievement of national standards.
- Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that there be no cuts in Federal funding for pre-school education.
- Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to improve the standard of living of the Aboriginal people.
- Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying for continued and increased Federal subsidies to maintain all existing South Australian country rail services.
- Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.
- Mr Connolly—from John Fairfax & Sons Limited praying that the House will grant leave to your Petitioner and its legal representatives—
- (1) To issue and serve subpoenas for the production of the relevant official records of the proceedings of this House as described in the second schedule.
 - (2) Further, to issue and serve subpoenas for the attendance in Court of those persons who took the record of such proceedings.

- (3) Further, to adduce in evidence and to make reference to and otherwise to use in its defence of the said action in Court the full and official records of the proceedings and the proceedings themselves of this House set out in the second schedule hereto.

Second Schedule

Date	Hansard page reference
1965 25 March	347
1966 22 March	434 and 435
10 May	1648
1968 28 March	621
11 September	913
1969 4 March	350
21 August	617
1970 14 April	1073
7 May	1839
17 September	1342
1971 16 March	889
29 September	1663
1972 12 April	1513, 1514 and 1515
9 May	2200, 2222 and 2223
1973 13 December	4732

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Department of the Special Trade Representative—Report for year 1978–79.

6 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. 1, general business, being called on forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 UNEMPLOYMENT: Mr Young, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) condemns the Government for deliberately increasing the number of unemployed people in Australia;
- (2) calls upon the Government to allocate sufficient funds to enable programs to commence immediately, to increase job and training opportunities for the young unemployed and to make subsidies available direct to employers in order that family heads and elderly workers can be kept in employment, and
- (3) notes the call by Australia's Catholic bishops, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and the Victorian Minister, Mr Dixon, that the Government's present assistance to the unemployed of Australia is grossly inadequate.

Debate ensued.

Mr B. O. Jones rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Bourchier*	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahan	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	

NOES, 29

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Mr Holding	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Humphreys	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Keating	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Kerin	
Dr Cass	Mr James	Mr L. B. McLeay	
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	

* 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Martin, in the Chair)—

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And so it was negated.

- 8 PATENTS AMENDMENT (PATENT COOPERATION TREATY) BILL 1979: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the accession by Australia to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* and 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 Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 9 NATIONAL COMPANIES AND SECURITIES COMMISSION BILL 1979: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a National Companies and Securities Commission, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fife 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.

- 10 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION 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—

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 4, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1979–80—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) 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 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 August 1979, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariff Act—Orders—Developing Country—Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (1979).

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1979—

No. 7—Public Service.

No. 8—Public Moneys.

No. 9—Suits by and against the Administration.

No. 10—Interpretation.

No. 11—Criminal Law (Amendment).

No. 12—Provident Account (Amendment).

No. 13—Ordinances Revision.

Ship Construction Bounty Act—Return for year 1978–79.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Corbett, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hodges, Mr Lynch, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr Sainsbury.

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