

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 126

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Anthony, Mr Baume, Mr Birney, Mr Bowen, Mr Cadman, Mr Gillard, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Kerin, Mr MacKellar, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Morris, Mr Neil and Mr Uren—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 Armitage, Dr Blewett, Mr Dawkins, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr L. B. McLeay and Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying that the fee policy on overseas students be revoked.

Mr Baume, Mr Carlton, Mr Ellicott, Mr Hunt, Mr MacKellar, Mr E. L. Robinson and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Braithwaite, Mr Dean, Mr MacKenzie, Mr McLean, Mr Martyr and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Birney, Mr Burns, Mr Jarman and Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.

Mr Aldred, Mr Porter and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the Red Army Choir be denied entry into Australia.

Mr Bouchier, Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr Nixon—from certain citizens praying for the abolition of the export parity pricing policy for LPG consumed in Australia and that certain other action be taken in relation to the pricing of LPG.

Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Carlton and Mr Graham—from certain citizens praying that positive policies be adopted to reduce unemployment and that certain social security benefits be granted.

Mr Birney—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.

Dr Blewett—from certain students of the Ballarat College of Education praying that the allowance paid under the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be increased and that the scheme not be replaced by a system of student loans.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered and that the regulation allowing the use of CB radio in marine situations be rescinded.

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

Mr Fisher—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 Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the Commonwealth's contribution to the standard nursing home fee be reviewed and that further reviews be undertaken on a quarterly basis.
- Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Security Intelligence Organization Bill 1979 be withdrawn.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to improve the standard of living of the Aboriginal people.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—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 of education.
- Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken which would reduce the signal of Melbourne television Channels 7 and 9 being received in the Gippsland region.
- Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of oil exploration within the Great Barrier Reef region and that the entire region be declared a Marine Park.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that Government proposals to sell publicly owned enterprises be rejected.
- Mr Morris—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 Porter—from certain citizens praying that subsidies to pre-schools be increased to provide adequate pre-school services in South Australia.
- Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the Working Environment Division of the Department of Productivity remain sited in a major industrial city.
- Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the allowable private income level earned by sheltered workshop invalid pensioners be doubled to \$40 per week and then indexed.

Petitions received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources) and Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations) was acting as Minister for Trade and Resources and Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) was acting as Minister for Productivity.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—  
*Paper:* Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 National Youth Conference, Canberra, 3-5 October 1979—Text of address by Mr Viner.  
 Questions without notice continued.
- 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
 Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.  
 Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Reports on special assistance for the—  
 Northern Territory—1st (1979).  
 States—46th (1979).

- Curriculum Development Centre Act—Curriculum Development Centre Council—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977-78.
- Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—13th Annual Report, for year 1978-79.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Termination Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for year 1978-79.
- Racial Discrimination Act—Commissioner for Community Relations—4th Annual Report, for year 1978-79.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Legal Aid Ordinance—Legal Aid Commission (A.C.T.)—2nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1978-79.
- 6 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PLANNING IN THE A.C.T.—INTERIM GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Ellicott (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that, because of the wide scope and importance of the report of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory on planning in the A.C.T., it had not yet been possible to finalise the Government's response to the report.  
Mr Innes, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: 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 Bill:  
28 September 1979—Message No. 181—Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment 1979.
- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—YOUNG UNEMPLOYED: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Connolly 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 Hayden, namely, "The failure of the Government to adequately assist the young unemployed".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Hayden addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Connolly (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:  
175th Report—Use of ADP in the Commonwealth Public Sector—The MANDATA Project.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr Connolly, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 11, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 11 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr I. L. Robinson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 12 PARLIAMENT HOUSE—DESIGN COMPETITION—STAGE 1 WINNERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Ellicott (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the 10 prize-winners

of stage 1 of the design competition for the new Parliament House, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Parliament House—Design competition—Stage 1 winners—Ministerial statement, 9 October 1979.

Mr Street (Minister for Industrial Relations) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 13 GREAT BARRIER REEF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the outcome of the inaugural meeting of the Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Council, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Council—Ministerial statement, 9 October 1979.

Mr Street (Minister for Industrial Relations) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 14 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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 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 Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 71

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Cairns	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges*	Mr Neil	

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Mr Armitage	Mr Dawkins	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr J. L. McMahon*
Dr Blewett	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Martin
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Morris
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Young

\* 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 Giles, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 70

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
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Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges*	Mr Newman	

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Dr Blewett	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Martin
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Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Young

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

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

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.06 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 9 October 1979, pursuant to statute:

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 204.

Customs Tariff Act—Orders—

Declared preference countries—No. 1 (1979).

Developing country—Nos. 10, 11 (1979).

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 203.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 206.

Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 187.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, Nos. 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202.

Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 205.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1979—No. 31—Dentists Registration (Amendment).

Regulations—1979—

No. 16 (Police Offences Ordinance).

No. 17 (Health Commission Ordinance).

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 186.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bryant, Mr Corbett, Mr Howard, Mr Hurford, Mr Hyde, Dr Jenkins\*, Mr Lloyd\*, Mr Macphee, Mr Martyr, Mr Scholes, Mr Thomson and Mr Willis.

\* On leave

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