

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 149

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 1980

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 Bryant, Dr Jenkins, Mr Jull and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that residents of Dover and Southport, Tas., be charged the local telephone call rate for calls to Hobart.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain sports men and women and others praying that the participation of a full Australian contingent at the Moscow Olympic Games be ensured.

Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr O'Keefe—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 E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying that representations be made to the Government of the U.S.S.R. for the immediate release from prison of Igor Ogurtsov.

Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that certain Kampuchean refugees currently being held in refugee camps in Thailand be resettled in Australia.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be maintained and Federal Government support for its activities be increased.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) would act as Minister for Primary Industry.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—AFGHANISTAN—BI-PARTISAN APPROACH: Mr Scholes having given notice of a motion relating to a bi-partisan approach to the invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union—

Mr Viner (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Scholes moving forthwith the motion of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 AFGHANISTAN—INVASION BY SOVIET UNION—BI-PARTISAN APPROACH: Mr Scholes moved—That this House expresses its concern that the Government has clearly pursued policies designed to make impossible a bi-partisan approach to Australian condemnation of the actions of the U.S.S.R. in invading and imposing its military dictatorship over Afghanistan.

Debate ensued.

Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” (first occurring) be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House deeply regrets that the Opposition has failed to join with the Australian people and the Australian Government in their determination to take resolute and effective action to bring home to the Soviet Government and the Soviet people Australia’s abhorrence of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan”.

Debate continued.

Closure moved: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) moved—That the question be now put.

Motion—That the question be now put—withdrawn, by leave.

Ordered—That Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 77

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

NOES, 33

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Humphreys	Mr Keating	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	
Dr Everingham	Mr James	Mr L. B. McLeay	
Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Jenkins	Mr J. L. McMahon	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

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Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Scholes
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Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Jenkins	Mr J. L. McMahan	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Computing equipment for the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs—
Acquisition of replacement equipment—Statement.

Environment and Conservation—House of Representatives Standing Committee—
Report on Management of Ayers Rock-Mt Olga National Park—Government
response—Statement by Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environ-
ment).

7 QUESTIONS RELATING TO PARLIAMENT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker informed the House of new arrangements by which Members' requests for detailed information on the administration of Parliamentary departments would be directed to the Speaker and the method by which he would reply.

8 ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: It being past 12.45 p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.

9 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 proposal for the replacement of cranes at Cockatoo Island Dockyard, N.S.W. (1st report of 1980).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Bungey, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 10 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AFGHANISTAN—INVASION BY SOVIET UNION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Young had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to ensure fair and consistent treatment in applying boycotts or embargoes in retaliation against the Russian invasion of Afghanistan and, more specifically, its failure to divorce self-interest from such decision making”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young rising to address the House—

Mr Fife (Minister for Education) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hunt	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Johnston	Mr Sainsbury
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Dr Cass	Mr Humphreys	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Dr Everingham	Mr James	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Willis
Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Jenkins	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 11 HONEY RESEARCH BILL 1980: Mr Adermann (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Honey Research Trust Account, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 12 HONEY EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Adermann (Acting Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Honey Export Charge Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 13 HONEY LEVY (NO. 1) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Adermann (Acting Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Honey Levy Act (No. 1) 1962*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 14 HONEY LEVY (No. 2) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Adermann (Acting Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Honey Levy Act (No. 2) 1962*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 15 HONEY INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Adermann (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Honey Industry Act 1962*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 16 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FURTHER PAYMENT) BILL 1980: Mr MacKellar (Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the making by Australia of a further payment to the International Development Association.

Bill read a first time.

Mr MacKellar moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 17 SENATE (REPRESENTATION OF TERRITORIES) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Senate (Representation of Territories) Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr J. E. McLeay moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 18 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act relating to duties of Excise.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 19 BOUNTY (ROTARY CULTIVATORS) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bounty (Rotary Cultivators) Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 20 BOUNTY (DRILLING BITS) BILL 1980: Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain drilling bits.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 21 **DISTILLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1980:** Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Distillation Act 1901*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **EXCISE AMENDMENT BILL 1980:** Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act 1901*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1980:** Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (URANIUM CONCENTRATE EXPORT DUTY) BILL 1980:** Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act relating to an export duty on certain uranium concentrate.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL 1980:** Mr Garland (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to duties of Customs.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Garland moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 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 Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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 provide for:
(1) specific adoption in judicially enforceable form of the rights specified in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights along the lines of the Human Rights Bill 1973;
(2) application to the laws and practices of the States, and
(3) expanded powers and functions for the Human Rights Commission, including effective means of enforcing its recommendations”.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Howe), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 27 **PARLIAMENTARY ACCOMMODATION—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker informed the House of proposals of the Presiding Officers for the use of West Block for Parliamentary purposes and the arrangements completed with the Government for the continued use of the Hotel Canberra and the sole use under Parliamentary control of the Hotel Kurrajong.

28 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for:

- (1) specific adoption in judicially enforceable form of the rights specified in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights along the lines of the Human Rights Bill 1973;
- (2) application to the laws and practices of the States, and
- (3) expanded powers and functions for the Human Rights Commission, including effective means of enforcing its recommendations”—

Debate resumed.

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

29 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) 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 Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 February 1980, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 21.

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1980, Nos. 23, 24.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, Nos. 27, 28.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 26.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1980—No. 1 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 25.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 22.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr Braithwaite, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Katter, Mr Killen and Mr Peacock.

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