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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 158

THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 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 Burns, Dr Cass, Mr Jarman and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
 - Mr Braithwaite, Mr Drummond and Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
 - Mr Bungey—from certain citizens praying that immediate action be taken to improve television reception in the Pingaring area, W.A.
 - Mr Bungey—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the Wagin transmitter be restored so that better television reception can be provided in the Lake Grace Shire area, W.A.
 - Mr Burns—from certain citizens praying that taxation laws be amended to increase incentives to persons providing for their own retirement benefits.
 - Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to reduce the excise duty on Australian rum.
 - Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens praying that Australian sports men and women be able to compete at the Moscow Olympics.
 - Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council and its recommendations be supported.

 Petitions received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—
 - Papers: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Herbicide use in Vietnam-

- Australian Army Operational Research Group—Report 2/68—Spraying of herbicides at 1st Australian Task Force, Vietnam, dated May 1968.
- Department of Supply—Australian Defence Scientific Service—Defence Standards Laboratories—Report 397—Herbicide spraying at the 1st Australian Task Force, Nui Dat, Vietnam, dated August 1970.

Questions without notice continued.

- 4 Message from the Senate: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 - 26 March 1980—Message No. 408—Senate (Representation of Territories) Amendment 1980.
- 5 ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at 2.15 p.m. Question—put and passed.

- 6 SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE: Mr Hurford, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House, recognising the importance of small business to the Australian economy and acknowledging the particular problems of small business, directs the Government, among other things, to—
 - (1) upgrade the Finance and Small Business Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce;
 - (2) improve the availability of finance for small business;
 - (3) provide more extensive management training and counselling programs for small business, and
 - (4) explore methods of easing the taxation burden on small business.

Debate ensued.

Mr Braithwaite addressing the House-

It being 2 hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until 12.45 p.m.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr J. J. Brown was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 UNITED NATIONS—CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

United Nations—Conference on Science and Technology for Development,
Vienna, Austria, 20 August to 1 September 1979—Report of Australian delegation, dated 13 November 1979—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

8 STATES (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the States (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 AIRLINE EQUIPMENT (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1980: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of certain equipment for a domestic airline.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

10 BOUNTY (SHIPS) BILL 1980: 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 L. R. Johnson rising to address the House-

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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| Mr Baume | Mr Cotter | Mr Jarman | Mr Newman |
| Mr Birney | Mr Dean | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Nixon |
| Mr Bourchier | Mr Dobie | Mr Johnston | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Bradfield | Mr Drummond | Mr Jull | Mr Peacock |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Ellicott | Mr Katter | Mr Porter |
| Mr N. A. Brown | Mr Falconer | Mr Lloyd | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Bungey | Mr Fife | Mr Lucock | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Burns | Mr Fisher | Mr Lusher | Mr Shack |
| Mr Burr | Mr Giles | Mr Lynch | Mr Shipton |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Gillard | Mr MacKellar | Mr Short |
| Mr Cairns | Mr Goodluck | Mr MacKenzie | Mr Simon |
| Mr Calder | Mr Graham | Mr McLean | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Haslem | Mr J. E. McLeay | Mr Staley |
| Mr E. C. Cameron | Mr Hodges* | Mr McVeigh | Mr Street |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Hodgman | Mr Martyr | Mr Thomson |
| Mr Chapman | Mr Howard | Mr Millar | Mr Viner |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Hunt | Mr Moore | Mr Yates |
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| Mr Armitage | Mr Dawkins | Mr Jacobi | Mr J. L. McMahon* |
| Dr Blewett | Dr Everingham | Mr James | Mr Morris |
| Mr Bowen | Mr FitzPatrick | Dr Jenkins | Mr Scholes |
| Mr J. J. Brown | Mr Fry | Mr L. R. Johnson* | Mr Wallis |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Holding | Mr B. O. Jones | Mr West |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Howe | Mr Kerin | Mr Willis |
| Dr Cass | Mr Humphreys | Dr Klugman | |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Hurford | Mr I R McLeav | |

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 239, dated 7 March 1980, 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, and agreed to, after debate. Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for Productivity), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11 SHIP CONSTRUCTION BOUNTY AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

12 BOUNTY (REFINED TIN) BILL 1980: 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. 240, dated 7 March 1980, 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 Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

13 BOUNTY (PENICILLIN) BILL 1980: 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. 241, dated 21 March 1980, 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 Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

14 Honey Research Bill 1980: 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. 242, dated 29 February 1980, 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 Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

15 Honey Export Charge Amendment Bill 1980: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

16 Honey Levy (No. 1) Amendment Bill 1980: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

17 HONEY LEVY (No. 2) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

18 Honey Industry Amendment Bill 1980: 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. 243, dated 29 February 1980, 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 Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

19 PIG MEAT PROMOTION AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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.

Ouestion—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

20 CURRENCY AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

21 Australian Bicentennial Authority Bill 1980: 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.

Ouestion—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Cohen moved the following amendment: Clause 6, page 2, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:

"(2) Where the Minister gives a direction under this section, he shall, within 15 sitting days after giving that direction, lay before each House of the Parliament a copy of the direction together with his reasons for giving the direction.".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 Postponement of orders of the day: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 13 to 17, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 23 AIR NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 1980: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

24 Australian National Airlines Amendment Bill 1980: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

25 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport) 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 Monday next at 2.15 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Macphee, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr Sainsbury.

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