

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 162

TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 1980

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 James, Mr Lynch, Mr MacKellar, Mr MacKenzie and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that pensions and benefits be increased and adjusted quarterly and that greater taxation relief be given to pensioners and others on low incomes.

Mr Burns, Mr Carlton, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hyde and Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that taxation laws be amended to increase incentives to persons providing for their own retirement benefits.

Mr Goodluck, Mr Hyde, Dr Klugman, Mr Ruddock and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that tax laws be reformed to allow joint incomes to be equally divided, for taxation purposes, between husband and wife.

Mr Connolly and Mr Howard—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.

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

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to reduce the excise duty on Australian rum.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment and in the provision of unemployment benefits, based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.

Mr Dean—from certain citizens praying that the Government approve proposals such as that by Ansett Airlines of Australia to operate a service between Townsville, Qld, and Singapore via Darwin, and that an international airport in North Queensland be proceeded with.

Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.

Mr Howard—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 L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the Human Rights Commission Bill 1979 and the Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 1979 be re-drafted to ensure that the rights of all ethnic groups are enhanced.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for the rejection of proposed plans for the Franklin power development of the Lower Gordon, in the south-west of Tasmania.

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 Johnston—from certain citizens praying that certain religious organizations be investigated with a view to introducing appropriate legislation to restrict their activities.

Mr Lusher—from certain citizens praying that the Stockinbingal manual telephone exchange, N.S.W., not be replaced with an automatic service.

Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Porter—from certain electors praying that the Citizen's Band Radio Service known as the High Frequency Band be allowed to continue after 1 July 1982.

Mr Street—from certain citizens praying that the Conciliation and Arbitration Act be amended to take account of criticism of changes introduced in 1979.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), he was acting as Prime Minister.

4 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented the following papers:

Parliamentary Library—Transfer of Mr J. S. Dunn—  
Statement by Mr Speaker, 15 April 1980.

Copies of—

Memorandum from Mr H. G. Weir, Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian, to Mr Speaker, dated 14 April 1980, together with the following attachments:

- (a) minute from Mr Dunn to Mr Weir, dated 13 March 1980.
- (b) letter from Mr Weir to Mr Dunn, dated 8 April 1980.
- (c) minute from Mr Dunn to Mr Weir, dated 10 April 1980.
- (d) note from Mr Dunn to Mr Weir, dated 11 April 1980.

Memorandum from Mr Weir to Mr Speaker, dated 14 April 1980, together with the following attachments:

- (a) memorandum from Mr Weir to Mr Speaker, dated 2 April 1980.
- (b) memorandum from Mr Weir to Mr Speaker, dated 6 March 1980.
- (c) memorandum from Mr Weir to Mr President, dated 19 November 1979.
- (d) minute from Mr Weir to Acting Assistant Secretary (Operations), dated 14 April 1980.
- (e) Department of the Parliamentary Library—Draft Code of Conduct, together with Public Service Board guidelines.
- (f) note for file by Mr Weir, dated 18 September 1979.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Programming of film entitled *Death of a Princess*—Text of telex from Mr Anthony to Mr E. Thomas, General Manager, ATN Channel 7 and Mr R. Casey, General Manager, HSV Channel 7, dated 15 April 1980.

Questions without notice continued.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—23rd Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1979.

National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement relating to financial assistance to Queensland in respect of projects in connection with the development and management of water resources, dated 28 February 1980.

7 PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY—TRANSFER OF MR J. S. DUNN—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND MR SPEAKER: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), made a statement relating to the proposed transfer of Mr J. S. Dunn within the Parliamentary Library.

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

Mr Speaker read his statement, tabled earlier this day (*see* entry No. 4), together with some of the attachments thereto.

Mr Morris and Mr Hodgman also made statements in connection with the matter.

Mr Morris asked leave to present a paper.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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

2 April 1980—Message—

No. 413—Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) 1980 (*without requests*).

No. 414—Customs Amendment 1980.

- 9 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

8 April 1980—Message—

No. 248—

International Development Association (Further Payment) 1980.

Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Amendment 1980.

No. 249—

Bankruptcy Amendment 1980.

Customs Amendment (No. 2) 1980.

No. 250—Senate (Representation of Territories) Amendment 1980.

- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF CABINET: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Foreign Minister to observe the convention of collective responsibility in his pre-empting Cabinet in relation to Australia's response to the crisis in Iran".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bowen addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COMMONWEALTH LAW COURTS, HOBART, TAS.: Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1969, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Construction of Commonwealth Law Courts, Hobart, Tas.

Mr Groom presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 STATES (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) 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 by Mr Willis who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not opposing the Bill, the House is of the opinion that the Bill is grossly deficient in that it—

(1) only guarantees the States a minimum entitlement to general financial assistance in 1980–81 which is of lower real value per capita than the level of such payments in 1979–80;

(2) provides this inadequate guarantee for only 1 year, after which the only guarantee for the States is that the total money amount of such payments will not be reduced in future years, a guarantee which would allow continuing reductions in the value of such payments in future years;

- (3) in combination with the severe reductions in the real value of specific purpose payments to the States, will place the States in acute financial difficulty, and  
 (4) will accordingly place great pressure on the States to introduce a second income tax as provided for by the Fraser Government's new federalism".

Debate continued.

Mr L. B. McLeay rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 66

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hyde	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Martyr	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Moore	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Nixon	

NOES, 31

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 68

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Millar	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson

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Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahan*	
Mr Dawkins	Mr James	Mr Martin	

\* Tellers

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. 251, dated 28 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 Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 DRUGS—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 18 March 1980*), viz.:

Drugs—Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry, dated 21 December 1979—

Book A—Parts I to V.

Book B—Parts VI to IX.

Book C—Parts X to XIII.

Book D—Part XIV.

Book E—Part XV.

Ministerial statement, 18 March 1980—

Debate resumed.

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

*Paper:* Mr Uren, by leave, during his speech, presented the following paper:

Australian National Line's Mort Bay terminal, N.S.W.—Acquisition for defence purposes—Copy of letter from Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport) to Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), dated 4 March 1980.

Debate continued.

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 15 April 1980, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—R. C. Last.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, Nos. 61, 71, 72, 76.

Defence Act—Determinations—1980—

No. 14—Hot Conditions Allowance.

No. 15—Trainee Leader's Allowance.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 73.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for airport purposes—Brisbane, Qld.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 74.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1980, No. 75.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1980—

No. 78—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 79—Australian Workers' Union and others.†

No. 80—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 81—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 82—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia (Australian Public Service) and others.†

(† Not accompanied by statement)

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia, dated 31 March 1980.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr N. A. Brown, Mr E. C. Cameron, Dr Edwards, Mr Fraser, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Katter, Mr McVeigh, Mr Macphee, Mr Shipton and Mr Yates.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives