

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 167

WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL 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 **PRIVILEGE:** Mr Fry rose on a matter of privilege and referred to a matter which he had first raised in the House on 1 April 1980 concerning alleged discrimination and intimidation in his employment in the Public Service of Mr David Berthelsen because of evidence given by him to a sub-committee of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence. Mr Fry presented additional documentary material relating to the matter which he asked Mr Speaker to consider.

Mr Speaker stated that he would consider the papers and report to the House.

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

Mr Dawkins, Mr Holding, Mr Innes, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Kerin and Mr Willis—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 Bouchier, Mr E. C. Cameron, Dr Jenkins, Mr Martyr and Mr Staley—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Gillard, Dr Jenkins and Mr Lusher—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 D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to reduce the excise duty on Australian rum.

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

Mr Johnston—from certain residents of Victoria praying that carcass trade be promoted and that exports of live animals for slaughter be banned.

Petitions received.

4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Batman (Mr Howe) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Batman be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Newman
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Nixon
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sainsbury
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shack
Mr Burns	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Short
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Sir William McMahon	Mr Simon
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Macphee	Mr Staley
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Martyr	Mr Street
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	Mr Thomson
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Moore	Mr Viner
Mr Corbett*	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 10.55 a.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Management Education—Appointment of Committee of Inquiry—Statement by Mr Fife (Minister for Education), dated 22 April 1980.

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

22 April 1980—Message—

No. 417—Income Tax Laws Amendment 1980.

No. 418—Income Tax (Rates) Amendment 1980 (*without requests*).

No. 419—Pig Meat Promotion Amendment 1980.

No. 420—Income Tax (International Agreements) Amendment 1980.

No. 421—Income Tax Assessment Amendment 1980.

- 7 ALTERATION OF DAY AND HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 29 April, at 3 p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 22 April 1980, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 10, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1978* and the *States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1979*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Blewett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1978*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Blewett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That notices Nos. 13 to 16, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 WOOL 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—Debate resumed by Mr Kerin who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:
(1) believes that refunds should be administered by the Australian Wool Corporation only, not by wool selling brokers and wool dealers, and
(2) calls on the Government to transfer administration of the refunds to the Corporation immediately sufficient information has been obtained pursuant to proposed Division 6 (sections 42x, 42y and 42ab) of the Bill”.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bungey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 14 COASTAL WATERS (STATE POWERS) BILL 1980: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to extend the legislative powers of the States in and in relation to coastal waters.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 COASTAL WATERS (NORTHERN TERRITORY POWERS) BILL 1980: Mr Ellicott (Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to extend the legislative powers of the Northern Territory in and in relation to coastal waters.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Ellicott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 COASTAL WATERS (STATE TITLE) BILL 1980: Mr Ellicott (Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to vest in each of the States proprietary rights and title in respect of certain land beneath the coastal waters adjacent to the State and within the sovereignty of the Commonwealth.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Ellicott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 COASTAL WATERS (NORTHERN TERRITORY TITLE) BILL 1980: Mr Ellicott (Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to vest in the Northern Territory of Australia proprietary rights and title in respect of certain land beneath the coastal waters adjacent to the Territory and within the sovereignty of the Commonwealth.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Ellicott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 SEAS AND SUBMERGED LANDS AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (ROYALTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Royalty) Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (REGISTRATION FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (EXPLORATION PERMIT FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Exploration Permit Fees) Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (PIPELINE LICENCE FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Pipeline Licence Fees) Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 24 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (PRODUCTION LICENCE FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1980:** Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Production Licence Fees) Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 **FISHERIES AMENDMENT BILL 1980:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Act 1952*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keating), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 1980:** Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act 1912*, and for related purposes.
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.
- 27 **HISTORIC SHIPWRECKS AMENDMENT BILL 1980:** Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Ellicott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 28 **BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT BILL 1980:** Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942* and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Staley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Uren), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 29 **ANTARCTIC TREATY (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION) BILL 1980:** Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the protection and conservation of the environment of the Antarctic.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Thomson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 30 **WHALE PROTECTION BILL 1980:** Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the preservation, conservation and protection of whales and other cetacea.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Thomson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 31 FISHERIES AMENDMENT (WHALE PROTECTION) BILL 1980: Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Act 1952*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Thomson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 32 CONTINENTAL SHELF (LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES) AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and the Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Act 1968*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Thomson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Cohen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 33 WOOL 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Kerin, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:
 (1) believes that refunds should be administered by the Australian Wool Corporation only, not by wool selling brokers and wool dealers, and
 (2) calls on the Government to transfer administration of the refunds to the Corporation immediately sufficient information has been obtained pursuant to proposed Division 6 (sections 42X, 42Y and 42AB) of the Bill”—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr Lloyd 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 a later hour this day.
- 34 PRIVILEGE—ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AND INTIMIDATION OF WITNESS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised by Mr Fry earlier this day. Mr Speaker stated that, having considered the additional material submitted by Mr Fry, he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion by Mr Fry to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.
 Mr Fry then moved—That the matter of the alleged discrimination and intimidation of Mr David Berthelsen in his public service employment because of evidence given by him to a sub-committee of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence, be referred to the Committee of Privileges.
 Question—put and passed.
- 35 WOOL 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Kerin, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:
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 (2) calls on the Government to transfer administration of the refunds to the Corporation immediately sufficient information has been obtained pursuant to proposed Division 6 (sections 42X, 42Y and 42AB) of the Bill”—
 Debate resumed.
 Amendment negatived.
 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. 256, dated 21 April 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 Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 36 WOOL TAX (NOS. 1 TO 5) AMENDMENT BILLS 1980: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bills were together read a third time.

- 37 INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—
PAPER NOTED: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's international civil aviation policy achievements, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

International civil aviation policy achievements—Ministerial statement, 23 April 1980.

Mr Killen (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Hunt, by leave, moved—

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Morris speaking for a period not exceeding 32 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

- 38 DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES 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 Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 39 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.43 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 29 April, at 3 p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 23 April 1980, pursuant to statute:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 42—Courses and Awards Amendment (No. 1).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Cairns, Dr Edwards, Mr Fisher, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hodgman, Mr Howard, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Lucock, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Yates.

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