

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 1981

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 Duffy, Mr Free, Mr Kent, Mr McLeay, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Mountford, Mr Scott and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that funding of children's services be restored to at least the real value of funding allocated in the 1975-76 Budget and future allocations be spent in full for the purposes designated.

Mr Campbell, Mr Cunningham, Mr Dawkins, Mr Duffy, Mr Howe, Mr Milton and Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that insulin syringes for diabetics be made available on the National Health Scheme and insulin prescriptions revert to 10 bottles.

Mr Carlton, Mr Rocher and Mr Tuckey—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that steps be taken to formulate an airline policy providing for greater competition so that prices and service are determined by free market forces.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that persons under 18 years of age not be denied social security benefits.

Mr Free—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Macquarie praying that Telecom Australia be directed to provide an adequate service to subscribers and users in the 047 telephone zone.

Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Hurford—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the future of the Aboriginal Community College, North Adelaide, S.A., be guaranteed by a permanent source of funding and that certain other actions be taken in relation to its operation.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that any moves to disallow the Public Service Arbitrator's Determination No. 503 of 1980 and to exclude arbitral jurisdiction over any aspects of redundancy, redeployment, retrenchment and retirement be rejected.

Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that family allowances be increased immediately and indexed, but not be taxed.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Commonwealth legal or financial assistance—Guidelines relating to provision of assistance under—

Acts and schemes other than the Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

Repatriation Review Tribunal—Annual Report for year 1979–80—Statement by Senator Messner (Minister for Veterans' Affairs).

Royal Australian Air Force—Schedules of special flights for period 1 July to 31 December 1980.

Pursuant to statute:

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Review Tribunal—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

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

11 March 1981—Message—

No. 49—Shipping Registration 1981.

No. 50—Flags Amendment 1981.

No. 51—Navigation Amendment 1981.

6 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 24 March next, at 2.15 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Hawke moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, general business, being called on forthwith.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Rocher
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Sir Phillip Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Sir William McMahon	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Macphee	Mr Tambling
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr White
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson

NOES, 45

Mr Armitage	Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Dr Blewett	Mr Duffy	Mr Johnson*	Mr Mountford
Mr Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mrs Kelly	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mr Kent	Mr West
Dr Cass	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr Willis
Mr Charles	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr McLeay	
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Cunningham	Mr Innes	Mr Mildren	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Holding (seconded) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Scholes addressing the House—

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

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

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 47

Mr Armitage	Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Dr Blewett	Mr Duffy	Mr Johnson*	Mr Morrison
Mr Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Mountford
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mr Kent	Dr Theophanous
Dr Cass	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr Charles	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr McLeay	Mr Willis
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Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Rocher
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Sir Phillip Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Sir William McMahon	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Macphee	Mr Tambling
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr White
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson

*Tellers

And so it was negatived.

8 CANBERRA DAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the celebration of Canberra Day.

Mr Fry, Mrs Kelly and Mr Scholes, by leave, also made statements on the matter.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 2, general business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

10 INDUSTRIAL DISRUPTION—CONCERN AT FREQUENCY AND EFFECTS: Mr Hodges, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

(1) endorses the feelings of those Australians who, by recent marches, have demonstrated their concern at the frequency of strikes and bans which have so disrupted the everyday life of the ordinary Australian;

(2) urges members of trade unions to demand that their leadership and the executive of the A.C.T.U. cease their present confrontation with the Australian community through repeated industrial disruption, and

- (3) expresses concern at the unjustifiable effect of strikes and bans on employment opportunities for young and old, their impact on inflation, as well as the international reputation of Australia.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—URANIUM—GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr West had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The irresponsibility of the Government's uranium mining and export policies and the consequent catastrophic dangers for the national and international environment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr West addressing the House—

Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Cowan	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Bouchier	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tambling
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Newman	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges*	Mr O'Keefe	Mr White
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson

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Mr Armitage	Mrs Darling	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Johnson*	Mr Morrison
Dr Blewett	Mr Duffy	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Mountford
Mr Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mr Kent	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Holding	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr Charles	Mr Humphreys*	Mr McLeay	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Innes	Mr Mildren	
Mr Cunningham	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 12 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 48: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of Message No. 48 from the Senate (*reported 11 March, see page 136*)—

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House concurs in the resolution transmitted in Message No. 48 of the Senate relating to the granting of leave to the Joint Committee on the New Parliament House and its sub-committee to meet for the remainder of the present period of sittings during sittings of either House of the Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (CIVIL LIABILITY) BILL 1981: 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.
- 14 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (DISCHARGE OF OIL FROM SHIPS) BILL 1981: 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 West who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not denying the Bill a second reading the House urges the Minister and the Government, at the earliest opportune time, to extend the distance within which oil may not be discharged to 200 nautical miles east of the line drawn under Article 1 of Schedule 4 of the Bill”.
Debate continued.
Amendment negatived.
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.
- 15 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (POWERS OF INTERVENTION) BILL 1981: 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.
- 16 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (SHIPPING LEVY) BILL 1981: 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.
- 17 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (SHIPPING LEVY COLLECTION) BILL 1981: 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.
- 18 NAVIGATION (PROTECTION OF THE SEA) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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.
- 19 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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 Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 COMPLAINTS (AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE) BILL 1981: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 21 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE AMENDMENT BILL 1981: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 22 COMPLAINTS (AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE) BILL 1981: 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 Fry 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.

- 23 TAXATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Howard (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Australian taxation system, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Taxation—Ministerial statement, 12 March 1981, together with 7 related tables.

Mr Fife (Minister for Education) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Fife, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Willis speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Dr Edwards 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 the next sitting.

- 24 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT: Mr Baume (Chairman) presented the 2nd Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

2ND REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Airlines Agreements Act—Financial statements by Ansett Transport Industries Limited in respect of that part of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries relating to the operation of air services, for year 1979–80.

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Annual Report (28th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.

Australian Manufacturing Council—Report, for year 1979–80.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.

- Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission (Trans Australia Airlines)—Annual Report (35th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Australian National Railways Act—Australian National Railways Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Australian Research Grants Committee—Australian Research Grants Scheme—Report on Grants approved for 1981.
- Australian Shipping Commission Act—Australian Shipping Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Bounty (Bed Sheetting) Act—Return, for period 1 November 1979 to 31 October 1980.
- Bounty (Polyester-Cotton Yarn) Act—Return, for period 1 October 1979 to 31 August 1980.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Canberra College of Advanced Education—Annual Report of the Council, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1979.
- Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology—Annual Report (8th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Domestic Air Fares—Report of the Independent Public Inquiry, dated February 1981—
Vol. 1—Report.
Vol. 2—Selected submissions I.
Vol. 3—Selected submissions II.
- Education Research Act—Education Research and Development Committee—Annual Report (10th), for year 1979–80.
- Efficiency and Administration of Hospitals—Report of Royal Commission, dated December 1980—
Vol. 1—Report.
Vol. 2—Supplement.
Vol. 3—Selected Studies.
- Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Annual Report (33rd), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Annual Report (17th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Industries Assistance Commission—
Interim Report—
Files and Rasps (Developing Country Preferences), dated 30 October 1980 (No. 252).

Reports—

- Tanned and Finished Leather: Dressed Fur, dated 17 June 1980 (No. 245).
 Wooden Components for Use in Louvred Doors, etc. (By-Law), dated 30 May 1980 (No. 243).
 Wooden Louvred Goods—Short term assistance, dated 10 October 1980 (No. 251).
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Certain soft sided containers, dated 17 November 1980 (No. 51).
- Insurance Act—Erratum slip for the Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, for year 1979–80 (*to be incorporated in Annual Report, tabled on 18 September 1980*).
- National Aboriginal Sports Foundation—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth Ombudsman—Annual Report (3rd), for year 1979–80.
- Postal and Telecommunications Department—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Review Tribunal—Annual Report, for year 1979–80.
- Skilled Labour—Prospective Demand for and Supply of Skilled Labour, 1980–83 with Particular Reference to Major Development Projects—Report of the Departments of Labour Advisory Committee (DOLAC) Working Party, as endorsed by DOLAC on 4 September 1980.
- Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Annual Report, together with financial statement and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Trans-Tasman Shipping—Report of a joint study by the Bureau of Transport Economics, Australia, and the Ministry of Transport, New Zealand, dated September 1980.
- Wheat Marketing Act—Australian Wheat Board—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year ending 30 November 1979.

M. E. BAUME
 Chairman

12 March 1981

Mr Baume, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
 Question—put and passed.

25 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs) 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, 24 March next, at 2.15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Child, Mr Goodluck, Mr MacKellar, Mr Moore and Mr Wallis.

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