

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

THURSDAY, 26 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 Free and Mr Mountford—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 Bowen—from certain members of the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association of Australia and others praying that the provision of funds for research into Epidermolysis Bullosa be restored.

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 Fry—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 Innes—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.

Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that financial assistance be provided to State and local authorities to combat the Brazilian weed, *Salvinia molesta* in the Georges River, N.S.W., and that steps be taken to ensure that Commonwealth instrumentalities along the river are not contributing to the pollution problem.

Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to acquire additional land for parks in the Botany Bay region, N.S.W., to augment the natural environment, and that steps be taken to minimise the incidence of oil spills in Botany Bay.

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to have a national referendum on immigration.

Mr McLean—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.

Petitions received.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **SCHOOLS COMMISSION—TRIENNium 1982-84—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper: Schools Commission Act—Schools Commission—Triennium 1982-84—Report, 1981.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Dawkins), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 5 TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION—TRIENNium 1982–84—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Fife (Minister for Education), pursuant to statute, presented the following papers:

Tertiary Education Commission Act—Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1982–84—Report, 1981—

Summary of Recommendations on Guidelines.

Volume 1—

Part 1—Recommendations on Guidelines.

Part 2—Advice of Universities Council.

Part 3—Advice of Advanced Education Council.

Part 4—Advice of Technical and Further Education Council.

Part 5—Appendixes.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 6 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

National Companies and Securities Commission Act—National Companies and Securities Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 11 March to 30 June 1980.

- 7 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—35 HOUR WEEK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Peacock (Minister for Industrial Relations), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to campaigns for shorter working hours and wage increases and the Government's policies in these areas, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Industrial relations—35 hour week—Ministerial statement, 26 March 1981.

Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Wilson, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hawke speaking for a period not exceeding 27 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

- 8 NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS—AGREEMENTS—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General presented the following papers:

Nuclear safeguards—Agreements between the Government of Australia and the Governments of—

- (1) Sweden, on conditions and controls for nuclear transfers for peaceful purposes between Australia and Sweden, signed in Canberra on 18 March 1981;
- (2) Canada, concerning cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, signed in Ottawa on 9 March 1981, and
- (3) the French Republic, concerning nuclear transfers between Australia and France, signed in Paris on 7 January 1981.

Mr Street, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Nuclear safeguards—

Conversion and enrichment in France of Australian uranium supplied to Japan—
Letters exchanged between Australia and France, signed in Paris on 30 October 1980.

Notes exchanged between Australia and Japan on 12 December 1980.

Ministerial statement, 26 March 1981.

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the papers.

- 9 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ABORIGINAL LEGAL AID—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal legal aid, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on Aboriginal legal aid—Government response to the Committee's recommendations, dated March 1981.
Mr Holding, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
25 March 1981—Message No. 54—Public Works Committee Amendment 1981.
- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RESOURCE-BASED INDUSTRY EXPANSION:
Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hurford had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure, as disclosed by leaked documents, to initiate policies which will maximise job creation and overcome social and economic difficulties resulting from resource-based industry expansion".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Hurford addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 12 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, moved—That Mr Cadman be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and that, in his place, Mr Shack be appointed a member of the Committee.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 14 COMMONWEALTH BANKS AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Banks Act 1959*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 15 ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES CONSERVATION BILL 1981: Mr McVeigh (Acting Minister for Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the conservation of marine living resources of the Antarctic and its surrounding seas.
Bill read a first time.
Mr McVeigh moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr B. O. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Moore (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 Moore 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.

- 17 FEDERAL PROCEEDINGS (COSTS) 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.
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment:

Page 2, after the definition of “judgment” insert the following definition:

“‘new trial’ includes a rehearing in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal ordered pursuant to sub-section 44 (5) of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*”.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 18—

Page 8, lines 17–21 (inclusive), omit sub-clause (3).

Page 8, line 23, omit “or (2)”.

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Moore, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—35 HOUR WEEK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:

Industrial relations—35 hour week—Ministerial statement, 26 March 1981—

Debate resumed.

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

- 19 DEFENCE FORCES—OPERATIONAL CAPACITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the operational capacity of Australia’s defence forces in response to a question asked earlier in the day, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Defence forces—Operational capacity—Ministerial statement, 26 March 1981.

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

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

Mr Hodges moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 47

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 20 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Kent, viz.*—That the following words be added to the Address: “, but note that the Government:

- (1) has failed to adequately respond to—
 - (a) record unemployment;
 - (b) a high and worsening level of inflation;
 - (c) reduced and falling family living standards, and
 - (d) the highest taxation burden in the nation's history;
- (2) allows unsatisfactory administration of foreign investment guidelines which permit an uncritical and open-door policy to the takeover of Australian industry and resources to continue, and

- (3) makes no long-term provision for assistance to manufacturing industry and farming industries, which are likely to be severely disadvantaged as a result of successive exchange rate revaluations and substantially increased imports in the context of resources development”—

Debate resumed.

Mr MacKenzie addressing the House—

21 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bungey, Mr Dean and Mr Thomson.

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