

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 1981

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- 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 Bungey—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.
    - Mr Dean—from certain citizens praying that private and confidential medical records be protected from scrutiny.
    - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced to require labelling of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations to indicate any use of animal ingredients during manufacture.
    - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that Service Pensions be extended to all merchant seamen who served in theatres of war.
    - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.
    - Mr McLeay—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 McLeay—from certain citizens praying that there be no extension of Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney, N.S.W.
    - Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
    - Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that militant unions not be permitted to hold the country to ransom and that a forceful and resolute stand be taken against union militancy.
    - Mr Street—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to prohibit the use of public moneys for the killing of the unborn.Petitions received.
  - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
    - General Aviation Study—Report by Department of Transport, 1981.
  - 5 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 1 April 1981, were reported—
    - (a) returning the following Bill without amendment: Message No. 62—Australian Tourist Commission Amendment 1981.
    - (b) agreeing to the amendments made by the House in the following Bill—Message No. 63—Federal Proceedings (Costs) 1980.

- 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—44th General Report.

Report relating to the proposal for the development of R.A.A.F. Base, Learmonth, W.A. (2nd report of 1981).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Bungey, by leave, made a statement in connection with the 44th General Report.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRANS AUSTRALIA AIRLINES—GOVERNMENT'S POLICY: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Morris and Mr Baume had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Morris, namely, "The widespread public concern over the Government's intention to dismantle T.A.A. as a publicly owned enterprise".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Morris addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES CONSERVATION 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.

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

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr McVeigh (Acting Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 9 EXCISE TARIFF 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 Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill

was read a third time.

- 10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE AND ORDER OF THE DAY GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—
- (1) notice No. 1, general business, being called on and moved forthwith;
  - (2) the scope of the debate on general business notice No. 1 being extended to cover the subject matter of order of the day No. 3, government business, and
  - (3) separate questions being put on each of the motions at the conclusion of the debate.

Question—put and passed.

11 THIRTY-FIVE HOUR WEEK—ROLE OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION: Mr Porter, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) views with concern the failure of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission to address themselves in their statement in the Altona 35-hour week case to the wider public interest and the flow-on effect;
- (2) requests the Government to intervene in all Conciliation and Arbitration hearings relating to an extension of the 35-hour week, to present a detailed case outlining the effects such moves will have on the economy, employment, investment and on our international competitiveness, and
- (3) further requests the Government in such submissions to remind the Commission that under section 39 (2) of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act it is bound to consider the likely effects of its decision on the economy with special reference to the likely effects on the level of employment and inflation.

Debate ensued.

Mr Scott addressing the House—

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

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

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Rocher
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bourchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahan	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr Millar	Mr Tambling
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges*	Mr Newman	Mr White
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Nixon	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Peacock	

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—35 HOUR WEEK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: 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 on 26 March 1981*), viz.:

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

Question—put and passed.

13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

14 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.

Ordered—That Mr Falconer be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

15 AIRLINES EQUIPMENT (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to guarantees of certain borrowings by a domestic airline.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

*Statement by Mr Speaker:* Mr Speaker made a statement in response to a matter raised earlier this day by Dr Jenkins concerning the reported presence of legionnaires disease bacteria in a part of the air-conditioning unit serving the Prime Minister's suite. Mr Speaker stated that some legionella bacteria had been found and that action had been taken to eliminate the contamination.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr 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 Katter and Mr Thomson.

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives