

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 25

TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 1981

- 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 RETURN TO WRIT—WENTWORTH DIVISION: Mr Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which he had issued on 3 March for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wentworth, in the State of New South Wales, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honourable Robert James Ellicott, Q.C., and that, by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that William Peter Coleman had been elected.
- 3 OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER: William Peter Coleman was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath of allegiance required by law.
- 4 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE SIR PERCY JOSKE): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 25 April 1981, of the Honourable Sir Percy Ernest Joske, C.M.G., Q.C., a Member of this House for the Division of Balaclava from 1951 to 1960.  
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 5 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: Mr Speaker informed the House that a Parliamentary delegation from New Zealand, led by Mr K. R. Allen, M.P., was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.
- 6 PETITIONS: The Acting Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
  - Mr Holding, Mr Kerin, Mr Morris, Mr Scholes and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.
  - Mr Beazley and 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.
  - Mr Killen and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
  - Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.
  - Mrs Child—from certain citizens praying that sanitary products for women be brought under the scrutiny of the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee and certain other actions be taken in regard to the possible threat posed to the health of women by toxic shock syndrome.
  - 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 Holding—from certain citizens praying that the provision of financial assistance to El Salvador cease, a principled and public stand be taken against the abuse of human rights in El Salvador and more effective humanitarian assistance be provided.

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

Mr Kerin—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Hume praying that the total education expenditure for 1980–81 for government schools and colleges be restored and substantially increased.

Dr Klugman—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Prospect praying that the proposed charge of \$10 to be levied on subscribers wishing to retain silent telephone numbers after 1 July 1981 not be introduced.

Mr Scholes—from certain residents of Geelong, Vic., praying that the building of an intractable waste disposal unit in proximity to the Avalon Airfield area not be proceeded with.

Petitions received.

- 7 MINISTERIAL CHANGES: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that following the resignation on 15 April 1981 of Mr Peacock as Minister for Industrial Relations, Mr Viner, formerly Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs, had been appointed Minister for Industrial Relations and Mr N. A. Brown had been appointed Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs.
- 8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a statement being made forthwith by the honourable Member for Kooyong (Mr Peacock) followed immediately by a statement by Mr Fraser (Prime Minister).  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
- 9 MEMBER FOR KOOYONG (MR PEACOCK)—RESIGNATION FROM MINISTRY—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Peacock made a statement concerning his resignation from the Ministry. Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) also made a statement with reference to the matter. Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE PRIME MINISTER: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith a motion of want of confidence in the Prime Minister.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
- 11 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House expresses its want of confidence in the Prime Minister because he has demonstrated himself to be unfit to hold that high office.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr Scholes rising to address the House—  
*Closure:* Mr Hodges 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 Armitage	Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Johnson*	Mr Mountford
Dr Blewett	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mrs Kelly	Dr Theophanous
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Hawke	Mr Kent	Mr Uren
Mr Campbell	Mr Hayden	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mrs Child	Mr Howe	Mr McLeay	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Mildren	
Mr Cunningham	Mr Innes	Mr Milton	
Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 12 TRANS-TASMAN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Macphee (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Trans-Tasman Travel Arrangement and new measures introduced by Australia affecting travel between Australia and New Zealand, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Trans-Tasman Travel Arrangement—Ministerial statement, 28 April 1981.

Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Macphee, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Young speaking for a period not exceeding 23 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

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

9 April 1981—Message—

No. 67—Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment 1981.

No. 68—Airlines Equipment (Loan Guarantee) 1981.

- 14 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:

9 April 1981—Message—

No. 28—

Complaints (Australian Federal Police) 1981.

Australian Federal Police Amendment 1981.

No. 29—Public Works Committee Amendment 1981.

14 April 1981—Message—

No. 30—Federal Proceedings (Costs) 1981.

No. 31—

Human Rights Commission 1981.

Racial Discrimination Amendment 1981.

No. 32—

- Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) 1981.
- Protection of the Sea (Discharge of Oil from Ships) 1981.
- Protection of the Sea (Powers of Intervention) 1981.
- Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) 1981.
- Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy Collection) 1981.
- Navigation (Protection of the Sea) Amendment 1981.

No. 33—Antarctic Marine Living Resources Conservation 1981.

No. 34—

- Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Amendment 1981.
- Australian Tourist Commission Amendment 1981.

No. 35—

- Income Tax (International Agreements) Amendment 1981.
- Commonwealth Banks Amendment 1981.

21 April 1981—Message—

- No. 36—Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment 1981.
- No. 37—Airlines Equipment (Loan Guarantee) 1981.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT SITTINGS AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Message No. 69, dated 28 April 1981, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act relating to joint sittings of the Parliament*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed construction of a Commonwealth office building, Townsville, Qld (1st report of 1981).

Ordered to be printed.

17 DEVELOPMENT OF R.A.A.F. BASE, LEARMONTH, W.A.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of R.A.A.F. Base, Learmonth, W.A.

Question—put and passed.

18 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1980–81: 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 provisions of the Bill, the House—

- (a) deplores the failure of the Government to fully spend appropriations in important areas of Government expenditure;
- (b) rejects the Government’s claims that the improvements in economic growth that have occurred recently have been due to the effects of Government policies;
- (c) recognises that such modest recovery as has occurred is due to the failure of the Government to achieve particular policy objectives and to factors beyond the control of the Australian Government;
- (d) notes with alarm the gathering signs of an acute credit squeeze as exemplified by record and rising interest rates and shortages of home mortgage finance;

- (e) expresses its concern that severely restrictive monetary policies and a threatened tightening of fiscal policy will produce a renewed downturn in the rate of economic growth, and a further rise in unemployment, and
- (f) accordingly expresses its complete lack of confidence in Government economic policies”.

Debate continued.

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19 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 tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 April 1981, pursuant to statute:

- Aliens Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 73.
- Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 63, 64.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 45—Courses and Awards Amendment.
- Copyright Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 74.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 71, 72.
- Customs Tariff Act—Order—Developing Country—No. 3 (1981).
- Defence Act—
  - Determination—1981—No. 11—Education Allowance.
  - Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 60.
- Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 68, 69, 70.
- Export Market Development Grants Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 67.
- Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 59.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 75, 76.
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 65, 66.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
  - Ordinances—1981—
    - No. 8—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2).
    - No. 9—Traffic (Amendment).
  - Regulations—1981—
    - No. 7 (Plant Diseases Ordinance).
    - No. 8 (Health Commission Ordinance).
- Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, Nos. 61, 62.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cass and Mr Groom.

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D. M. BLAKE,  
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives