

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 42

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 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 Beazley, Mrs Child, Mrs Darling, Mr Dawkins, Mr B. O. Jones and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be introduced, the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be extended to meet the financial needs of students, and certain other action be taken in relation to tertiary and adult education.

Mrs Darling, Mr Dawkins, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Kent, Mr McLeay and Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and visa charges upon private overseas students be removed immediately.

Mr Duffy, Mr Howe, Mr Innes, Dr Jenkins, Mr Milton and Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that the creation of foreign bases on Australian soil and the use of military facilities by nuclear armed aircraft and submarines be opposed and that certain actions be taken to promote peace.

Mr Beazley, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr McLeay, Mr Morris and Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.

Mr J. L. McMahon 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 Armitage—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to tax superannuation moneys at the rate of 30 cents in the dollar after termination or retirement be opposed.

Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.

Mr Beazley—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the residents of cottages 11 to 14 on Garden Island, W.A., be allowed to remain and be required to move only when the residents of the remaining northern end cottages do so.

Mr Bradfield—from certain citizens praying that the House recognise the importance of the club industry and that any proposal to increase the excise on beer be rejected.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that sufficient funds be provided in the 1981-82 Budget to ensure construction of a neighbourhood day care centre in Moranbah, Qld.

Mr J. J. Brown—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Parramatta praying that any proposal to increase the excise on beer in the 1981-82 Budget not be proceeded with.

Mr Campbell—from certain citizens praying that the House recognise the importance of the hotel industry and that any proposal to increase the excise on beer be rejected.

- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decisions to abolish the Prices Justification Tribunal, reduce the activities of the Trade Practices Commission and to reduce staff in the Industries Assistance Commission and in the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs be reversed.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced, visa charges upon private overseas students be removed, the decision to introduce a loans scheme be reversed and the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be increased and extended.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Australia's overseas aid and the proportion of aid channelled through recognised non-government organisations be increased.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the proposed health cost sharing arrangements between the Commonwealth and Queensland be rejected and the present scheme be maintained.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that no approval be given to the application of Trans Australia Airlines or any other airline for a relaxation or withdrawal of the curfew at Eagle Farm Airport, Qld.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the recent decisions made with respect to tertiary education be rescinded and no steps be taken towards the re-introduction of fees for tertiary education.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the means test age limit for service pensioners be reduced from 70 to 65 years.
- Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that municipalities be compensated for loss of general rate revenue resulting from the Commonwealth Government's immunity in respect of Crown property.
- Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that public debate be promoted and a referendum be held to decide upon a new Constitution for Australia.
- Mr Kent—from certain residents of the Northern Territory praying that the offer of Darwin or any other location as a base or depot for American B-52 bombers be withdrawn and any request by the United States Government for the use of bases in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the ban placed on Soviet passenger cruise vessels entering Australian ports be lifted.
- Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the Betsy Women's Refuge and the network of women's shelters in Australia be adequately funded.
- Mr Milton—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 Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Robinson—from certain residents of Nana Glen and surrounding areas, N.S.W., praying that a communications system equivalent to urban standards be installed in the Nana Glen area
- 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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION—REVIEW—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Communications), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

The Australian Broadcasting Commission in Review—National Broadcasting in the 1980's—

Report by Committee of Review, dated 29 May 1981, together with a corrigenda slip and replacement pages.

Consultants' reports—

A.B.C. Engineering Services, Parts 1 and 2.

A.B.C. Records.

Audience Research Studies—

Part 1—National Population Study.

Part 2—A.B.C. Program Policy Study.

Part 3—Summary, overview and recommendations.

Financial management.

Industrial relations and staff management, Parts 1, 2 and 3.

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

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

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—110th meeting, Hobart, 9 February 1981.

Finniss River land claim—

Report to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Administrator of the Northern Territory by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner, dated 22 May 1981.

Statement by Senator Baume (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs).

National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—7th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

Pursuant to statute:

Superannuation Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for year 1979–80 and Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.

6 HOUSING INDUSTRY—INDICATIVE PLANNING COUNCIL—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Housing industry—Indicative Planning Council—Report, dated 5 May 1981.

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

Housing industry—Indicative Planning Council—Report—Ministerial statement, 10 June 1981.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Administrative Review Council—Report on Defence Force Ombudsman—Government response—Statement by Mr Killen (Minister for Defence).

8 INSURANCE BROKERS—REGULATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Howard (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the conclusions reached by the Government following an assessment of the recommendations in the report of the Law Reform Commission on insurance agents and brokers, particularly relating to the regulation of insurance brokers, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Insurance brokers—Regulation—Ministerial statement, 10 June 1981.

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

Debate ensued.

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

9 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on State Tax Sharing Entitlements, 1981—

Vol. I—Main Report, dated 9 June 1981.

Vol. II—Appendixes.

Vol. III—Reports of Consultants.

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

9 June 1981—Message—

No. 128—States (Tax Sharing and Health Grants) 1981.

No. 129—Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Amendment 1981.

10 June 1981, a.m.—Message—

No. 131—Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1981.

No. 132—Overseas Telecommunications Amendment 1981.

No. 133—Supply (No. 1) 1981–82 (*without requests*).

No. 134—Supply (No. 2) 1981–82.

11 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had nominated Senator Teague and that the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate had nominated Senators Colston and Sibraa to be members of the Joint Committee on the New Parliament House, from 1 July 1981.

12 EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Lusher (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Expenditure:

Commonwealth Government purchasing—Report, dated 14 May 1981, together with the transcript of evidence and copies of extracts from the minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Lusher, Mr Braithwaite and Mr McLeay, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Shipton (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:

Power in Indo China since 1975—Report, together with the transcript of evidence of the inquiry.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Shipton, Mr Morrison, Mr McLean and Dr Klugman, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Beazley asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TASMANIA'S SOUTH-WEST WILDERNESS:

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 failure of the Government to instigate a Federal inquiry into the environmental value to Tasmania and Australia of its south-west wilderness area and the most appropriate way of preserving the area consistent with Tasmanian State development".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr West addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Morris moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Shortland moving general business notice No. 3, namely—That this House is of the opinion that allied merchant seamen who served in a theatre of war in World War II and have the necessary residential qualifications should qualify for a service pension.

Closure of Member: Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Mrs Child (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 40

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

NOES, 57

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

*Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 16 ARMY HOUSING, TOWNSVILLE, QLD—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: Provision of Army housing at Townsville, Qld.

Question—put and passed.

- 17 AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC BASES—REDEVELOPMENT—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, 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: Redevelopment of Australian Antarctic Bases.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

18 STATUTE LAW REVISION 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 N. A. Brown (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

19 LANDS ACQUISITION (NORTHERN TERRITORY PASTORAL LEASES) 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: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for the Munmarlary and Mudginberri Pastoral Leases to be included in their entirety in Stage II of Kakadu National Park without the excision of any portion of the leases for the purposes of uranium mining”.

Debate continued.

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

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr C. K. Jones, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 39

Mr Armitage	Mr Free	Mr Keating	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Holding	Mrs Kelly	Mr Mountford
Dr Blewett	Mr Howe	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Kerin	Dr Theophanous
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mrs Child	Mr Innes	Mr McLeay	Mr Wallis
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr West
Mr Cunningham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Duffy	Mr Johnson*	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Morris	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services) moved the following amendment:

New clause—

Page 4, after clause 13, insert the following new clause:

Application to Aboriginal Land Commissioner

“13A. For the purposes of any application in respect of the whole or any part of the land described in the Schedule that was made before the commencement of this Act to the Aboriginal Land Commissioner under sub-section 50 (1) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, that land shall be deemed to have at all times been unalienated Crown land to the intent that the Commissioner may complete his consideration of the application, and make and report his findings and make any recommendations, under that sub-section as if the land had been unalienated Crown land when the application was made and had not ceased to be unalienated Crown land.”.

Debate continued.

Mr West rising to address the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—was put accordingly, and passed.

Debate continued.

Mr West rising to address the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

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

- 20 CHRISTMAS ISLAND AGREEMENT 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 Newman (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 BOUNTY (PRINTED FABRICS) 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.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 57, dated 3 June 1981, from His Excellency the Administrator 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 Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 BOUNTY (TEXTILE YARNS) 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.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 58, dated 3 June 1981, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) the following amendment was made: Clause 2, page 2, line 28, after "tex" insert—

“, but does not include monofil—

(c) at least one cross-sectional dimension of which exceeds 1 millimetre; or

(d) that is 6.6 tex or coarser”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Dobie 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.

23 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That Excise Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (1981), constituting part of order of the day No. 29, government business, be discharged. Question—put and passed.

24 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—5TH REPORT: Mr Baume (Chairman) presented the 5th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

5TH 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:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Finniss River Land Claim—Report by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Administrator of the Northern Territory, dated 22 May 1981.

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Annual Report (7th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.

Australian Development Assistance Bureau—Development Co-operation—Annual Review, for year 1979–80.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Annual Report (1st), for period 19 October 1979 to 30 June 1980 (including details of the activities of the former Australian Capital Territory Police and Commonwealth Police, for the period 1 July 1979 to 18 October 1979).

Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Act—Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—Annual Report (1st), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period ending 30 June 1980.

Bounty (Paper) Act—Return, for period 6 February 1980 to 5 February 1981.

Department of Foreign Affairs—Annual Report, for 1980.

Department of the Parliamentary Library—Annual Report, for 1980.

- Education and Training—Committee of Education and Training (Williams Committee)—Report on follow-up during 1980 of the Report of the Committee, dated March 1981.
- High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Annual Report (1st), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 21 April to 30 June 1980.
- Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of particulars of guarantees and payments made under the Act, for year 1979–80.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
 Certain Monomers, Prepolymers and Goods of the Silicone Type, dated 28 January 1981 (No. 258).
 Wheelchairs, dated 23 December 1980 (No. 255).
- Law of the Sea—Reports of the Australian Delegation to the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea—
 9th Session, held in New York, 3 March to 4 April 1980.
 Resumed 9th Session, held in Geneva, 28 July to 29 August 1980.
- Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—Annual Report (35th), for 1980.
- National Health Act—Registered Medical Benefits and Hospital Benefits Organizations—Annual Report (10th), on the operations of the Organizations, for year 1979–80.
- Overseas Professional Qualifications—Report (12th) of the Committee on Overseas Professional Qualifications to the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, (the Hon. Ian Macphie), dated December 1980.
- Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme: A 'Landbridge' Approach to the Estimation of Subsidy Rates—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics, dated January 1981 (Report 47).
- Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1980.
- United Nations—Commission on Human Rights—37th Session, Geneva, 2 February to 13 March 1981—Report of Australian Delegation.

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M. E. BAUME,
Chairman

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

25 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT BILL 1981:
 The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 130

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Broadcasting and Television Act 1942', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 10 June 1981, a.m.

C. L. LAUCKE
President

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 22, clause 23, lines 13 to 15, leave out the clause.
 No. 2—Page 36, clause 33, lines 36 to 38, leave out the clause.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Communications) the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Dobie reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair, the House adopted the report.

26 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 6 and 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

27 **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the orders of the day, government business, for the resumption of the debate on the motions to take note of the following papers, be discharged:

Commonwealth Functions—Review—Ministerial statement.

Health care services—Ministerial statement.

Health insurance rebate and tax indexation—Ministerial statement.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Capricornia Section) Regulations—Paper and ministerial statement.

Defence—Joint Australian/United States facilities—Ministerial statement and papers.

North West Cape Naval Communication Station agreement—Ministerial statement.

Trans-Tasman travel arrangement—Ministerial statement.

Foreign policy—Ministerial statement.

Defence force—Operational capacity—Ministerial statement.

Science and Technology statement 1980–81—Paper and ministerial statement.

Taxation—Ministerial statement and papers.

Public Works Committee—43rd General Report—Government response—Ministerial statement.

Defence matters—Ministerial statement.

Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report 1979–80.

Trans Australia Airlines—Annual Report 1979–80.

Ansett Transport Industries—Financial statement.

Trans-Tasman Shipping—Report.

Australian Water Resources Council—Minutes of meeting—Paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

28 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18 August 1981, at 2.15 p.m., unless otherwise called together by Mr Speaker or, in the event of Mr Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

29 **SITTING HOURS OF THE PARLIAMENT—RESULT OF FURTHER BALLOT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the result of a further ballot held to determine whether Members were in favour of a change in the present sitting hours of the House.

30 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

31 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 5.21 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 18 August 1981, at 2.15 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bowen, Mr Campbell, Dr Cass, Mr Charles, Mr Connolly, Mrs Darling, Mr Dawkins, Mr Fife, Mr Hawke, Mr Hodgman, Mr Jarman, Sir William McMahon, Mr Macphee, Mr Scott, Mr Street and Mr Viner.

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