

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 45

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 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 Armitage, Dr Cass, Mrs Child, Mrs Darling, Mr Duffy, Dr Everingham, Mr Holding, Mr Humphreys, Mr Hurford, Dr Jenkins, Mr Kent, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Milton, Mr Morris, Mr Morrison, Mr Mountford, Mr Scott and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.

Mr Charles, Mr Cunningham, Mr Duffy, Mr Hawke, Mr Holding, Mr Innes, Dr Jenkins, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Kent, Mr Mildren, Mr Milton, Dr Theophanous and Mr Willis—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 Free, Mr Howe, Mr Kent, Mr Mountford and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to re-introduce a system of health care based on ability to pay and that access to health care be based on medical need.

Mr Duffy, Mr Holding, Mr Howe and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that immediate and positive action be taken to avert further poverty and suffering in the community by raising the level of all pensions and benefits to the poverty line and by reconsidering the recent Government decisions taken in relation to the health system.

Mrs Child, Mr Duffy and Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be maintained, community health program funding and services be increased, the means test be abandoned and certain other action be taken in relation to the health care needs of the community.

Mr Connolly, Mr MacKellar and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that funds not be allocated for the development of roads or dams in South-West Tasmania but be provided instead for the preservation of the area.

Mr Armitage and Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that family allowances be indexed to cover future price rises and single-income families be helped by introducing optional income-splitting for taxation purposes.

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

Mrs Child and Mr Duffy—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 and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to extend the existing curfew at Brisbane's International Airport be refused and siting plans for the proposed new runway be reconsidered.

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

- Mr Duffy and Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that immediate and positive action be taken to avert any further effects of increases in interest rates on home mortgage loans.
- Mr White and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the basic pension be increased to 30% of average weekly earnings and the rent allowance be increased to \$20 a week.
- 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.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that age and invalid pensions be raised to 30% of average weekly earnings.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that cost of living adjustments to payments of Commonwealth superannuation be made twice-yearly.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the means test for all pensions be increased.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the means test for all pensions be increased and indexed in line with increases in the cost of living.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the pensioner telephone concession means test be relaxed and the concession be increased to 50% of telephone rental charges.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the means test for pensions be increased to the same relative level as applied in 1972.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the drug *Pancrease* be evaluated by the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee of the Department of Health as a matter of high priority.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that telegram services be retained at a standard and cost that will not disadvantage the ordinary citizen.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decision to reduce the rate of expansion of Regional Offices of the Department of Social Security and related decisions be rescinded.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the value of family allowances be restored and then indexed and the spouse rebate be increased to \$1,342 per year.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decision to provide brochures and information on government programs at Post Offices around Australia be reversed.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decisions of the Committee of Review of Commonwealth Functions to reduce certain occupational and vocational services be reversed.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decisions to terminate some information services and rationalise other services provided by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs be rescinded.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that funding of community kindergartens be restored to 1976 levels.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the decisions to transfer responsibility for legal aid to the States of New South Wales and Tasmania and the Northern Territory and also to abandon the new building for the Institute of Criminology be rescinded.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Government resume its role of regulation and control of all nuclear activities.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Telecom not be dismantled for the benefit of private interests.
- 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 proposed health cost sharing arrangements be rejected and the present Queensland scheme be maintained.
- 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 initiatives be taken to provide more funds to lending institutions for home loans in order to reduce pressure on banks and other lending institutions and reverse the trend of spiralling interest rates.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the General Aviation Study report proposing substantial increases to general aviation's air navigation charges be rejected.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to transfer funding of women's refuges to the States not be proceeded with and Federal funding levels for women's refuges be increased.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that supplementary assistance be indexed to increases in the cost of living by the same biannual process applied to increases in the pension.
- Mrs Darling—from certain members of Parents and Citizens Associations praying that the Schools Commission and Curriculum Development Centre be retained in their original form and certain funding proposals and schools improvement programs be retained.
- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the salary increase awarded to Members of Parliament be limited to the normal wage indexation increase plus a 6% work value increase.
- Dr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that Government proposals to sell publicly owned enterprises be rejected.
- Dr Everingham—from certain electors praying that diplomatic contacts be made with countries with whom Australia has differences and certain other actions be taken to increase conciliation and arbitration with all nations of the world to avoid international disputes.
- Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that the Melba Health Centre pharmacist not be removed.
- Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that small businessmen in the Belconnen Mall, A.C.T., be encouraged and assisted to own their premises in the Mall.
- Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that the government of the United States of America be urged to cease all military aid to El Salvador and support be given to the freedom of the Salvadorian people against the governing military dictatorship.
- Mr Howe—from certain residents of Victoria praying that adequate funds be made available for children's services so that family day care may be provided within the City of Northcote, Vic.
- 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 the effects of health proposals and of the necessity for compulsory health insurance on lower income groups be re-examined and the criteria determining the genuinely needy be redefined.
- Mr Humphreys—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.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain residents of Queensland 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 Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the national roads construction program not be subjected to the tendering system.

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that interest rate relief be given by way of tax concessions or a subsidy on mortgage repayments.

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

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that minimisation of interest rates be adopted as one of the aims of economic policy and certain actions be taken in relation to the money supply.

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to increase sales tax on white goods and shelf goods be rejected.

Petitions received.

- 3 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the United States Senate, led by Senator Mark O. Hatfield, accompanied by Senator Paula Hawkins, was present in the gallery.

Mr Speaker also informed the House that a Japanese Tripartite Industrial Relations Mission, led by Mr Masayuki Fujio, Minister of Labour, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

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

Jet Network Air Fares—Report by Price Waterhouse Associates on recommendations of the Independent Public Inquiry into Domestic Air Fares, dated 27 July 1981.

United Nations—General Assembly—35th Session, New York, 16 September to 17 December 1980 and 15 and 16 January 1981—Report of Australian Delegation.

- 6 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Government Whip had nominated Mr Coleman to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in place of Mr Dean.

- 7 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for Grievance debate:* Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being continued until 1 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 8 **MANUFACTURED HOUSING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of a Government public awareness program on manufactured housing and outlining the features of this type of house, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Manufactured housing—Ministerial statement, 20 August 1981.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEAT INDUSTRY:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Kerin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to respond to the meat industry’s calls for assistance and to the plight of the over 10 000 meat workers stood down in the meat industry”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Kerin addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.

- 10 **EXPORT GRANTS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to export grants.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1981:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act 1973*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **APPLE AND PEAR LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Levy Act 1976*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Export Charge Act 1976*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES (CONFIDENTIALITY) BILL 1981:** Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for confidentiality in relation to certain epidemiological studies.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr MacKellar moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **NORFOLK ISLAND AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Wilson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **ESTIMATES COMMITTEES—SESSIONAL ORDERS:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following sessional orders to provide for the operation of estimates committees be adopted:  
*Committal and consideration in estimates committee:*  
(1) After the speech of the Leader of the Opposition, or a Member deputed by him, on the motion for the second reading of the main Appropriation Bill for a year, the proposed expenditures for the Departments and services contained in the

Schedule to that Bill may be referred to an estimates committee. Such referral shall be on motion, moved by a Minister, of which notice has been given. A committee may be ordered to report by a specified date.

- (2) There shall be 6 Estimates Committees to be known as Estimates Committees, A, B, C, D, E and F, which shall not vote on, but shall examine and report upon proposed expenditures for the Parliament, Advance to the Minister for Finance and each Department of State; such report may contain a resolution or expression of opinion of the committee but shall not vary the amount of a proposed expenditure.

*Members:*

- (3) Each estimates committee, to consider each proposed expenditure, shall consist of the Minister responsible in the House of Representatives for the proposed expenditure under consideration, together with 10 Members, excluding the Chairman.
- (4) Members of an estimates committee shall be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House, the Government Whip or the deputy Whip and either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Opposition Whip or the deputy Whip and every nomination of a member of the committee shall be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (5) In nominating Members to an estimates committee to consider each proposed expenditure regard shall be had to the qualifications and interests of those Members nominated and to the composition of the House. Either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House, the Government Whip or the deputy Whip and either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Opposition Whip or the deputy Whip, shall have power to discharge from time to time any of those Members nominated by them and to nominate others in substitution for those discharged. The responsible Minister may nominate another Minister to act for him as required.
- (6) The nomination of Members to consider the proposed expenditure of each department or service shall be announced to the House as soon as practicable after the proposed expenditures have been referred to a committee.

*Chairman:*

- (7) The Chairman of an estimates committee shall be—  
 (a) the Chairman of Committees; or  
 (b) a Deputy Chairman of Committees to be appointed by the Chairman of Committees.
- (8) The Chairman of Committees, a Deputy Chairman of Committees or any member of the committee shall take the Chair temporarily whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of the Committee during a sitting of that committee.

*Quorum:*

- (9) The quorum of an estimates committee shall be 5, excluding the Chairman, and, if at any time a quorum be not present, the Chairman shall suspend the proceedings of the committee until a quorum be present, or adjourn the committee.

*Participation by other Members:*

- (10) Members of the House, not being members of the committee, may participate, at the discretion of the Chairman, in the proceedings of the committee, but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.

*Minutes of Proceedings:*

- (11) All proceedings of a committee shall be recorded by the Clerk to the Committee, and such records shall constitute the Minutes of Proceedings of the committee, and shall be signed by the Clerk to the Committee,

*Proceedings in estimates committee:*

- (12) Consideration of proposed expenditures in an estimates committee shall follow, as far as possible, the procedures observed in a committee of the whole with the following exceptions:
- (a) Speech time limits and the restriction on the number of times a Member may speak to each question (S.O. 91) shall not apply.
  - (b) Voting shall be taken by a show of hands; tellers shall not be appointed.

*Time limits on Report:*

- (13) During consideration in the House of the reports from estimates committees, the maximum period for which a Member may speak shall be—
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| Each question before the Chair— |                       |
| Ministers . . . . .             | Periods not specified |
| Any other Member . . . . .      | 10 minutes.           |

*Report from estimates committee and further consideration:*

- (14) A report of an estimates committee shall be presented by the Chairman of that committee or a member of the committee deputed by him and shall contain any resolutions or expressions of opinion of the committee.
- (15) On a report from a committee being presented, a future day shall be appointed for taking the report into consideration.
- (16) On the calling on of the order of the day for the consideration of a report from an estimates committee, the following question shall be proposed in respect of each proposed expenditure:
- “That the proposed expenditure be agreed to (and that the resolution(s) or expression(s) of opinion agreed to by the committee in relation thereto, be noted)”.
- (17) Upon the completion of consideration of the reports of estimates committees, the question shall be proposed forthwith—“That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to”.
- (18) When an Appropriation Bill which has been referred to an estimates committee is finally agreed to by the House, a future day shall be fixed, on motion, for the third reading.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**17 SITTING HOURS OF THE HOUSE—SESSIONAL ORDERS:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the Standing Orders be adopted for the remainder of this Session—

(1) *Days and Hours of Meeting*

Standing Order 40 be amended to read—

40. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday and Wednesday at 1.45 p.m.; and on each Thursday at 10 a.m.

(2) *Adjournment and next Meeting*

Standing Order 48A be amended to read—

48A. At 10 p.m. on each sitting day the Speaker shall propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate; if the House be in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress and upon such report being made the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate. No amendment can be moved to this question:

Provided that—

- (a) if a division be in progress at the time fixed for interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced;
- (b) if, on the question—That the House do now adjourn—being proposed, a Minister requires the question to be put forthwith without debate, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question;

- (c) a motion for the adjournment of the House may be moved by a Minister at an earlier hour;
  - (d) any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting, and
  - (e) if the question—That the House do now adjourn—is negatived, the House or committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted:
- Provided further that, if at 10.30 p.m. the question before the House is—That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall interrupt the debate, at which time—
- (f) a Minister may require that the debate be extended until 10.40 p.m. to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised in the preceding adjournment debate; at 10.40 p.m., or upon the earlier cessation of the debate, the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting, or
  - (g) if no action is taken by a Minister under paragraph (f), the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.

(3) *Precedence to general business*

Standing Order 104 be amended to read—

104. Unless otherwise ordered, government business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other business, except that on the sitting Thursday alternate to the sitting Thursday to which standing order 106 applies, general business shall have precedence of government business until 12.15 p.m.

(4) *“Grievance” Debate*

Standing Order 106 be amended to read—

106. Notwithstanding the preceding standing order, the first order of the day, government business, on each alternate sitting Thursday commencing with the first sitting Thursday after the Address in Reply to the Governor-General’s Speech has been adopted shall be a question to be proposed by the Speaker “That grievances be noted” to which question any Member may address the House or move any amendment. If consideration of this question has not been concluded at 12.15 p.m., the debate thereon shall be interrupted and the Speaker shall put the question.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**18 PARLIAMENT HOUSE—DECLARED STAGE—CONSTRUCTION AND FITTING-OUT:**

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of the *Parliament House Construction Authority Act 1979*, the House of Representatives declares the construction and fitting-out of the building that is to constitute Parliament House, together with—
  - (a) the construction, on the site of Parliament House, of access roads, parking areas and other facilities to be provided on that site in connection with Parliament House; and
  - (b) the landscaping of that site,
 to be a declared stage in the construction of Parliament House for the purposes of that section, and
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of the resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.



**19 OVERSEAS AID PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's 1981–82 overseas aid program and matters relevant thereto, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Overseas aid program—Ministerial statement, 20 August 1981.

Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Moore, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 42 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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*Paper:* Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented:

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980–81.

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Debate continued.

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

**20 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION 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.

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

**21 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE:** Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 4, general business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

**22 LEISURE HOURS, RECREATION AND SPORT—PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE:** Mr Burr, pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That a select committee be appointed to examine—

- (a) the facilities, services and opportunities available to the community to spend leisure hours for the betterment of the individual and the community, and
- (b) whether there is a role for the Commonwealth Government in co-ordinating the activities of State and local Government in the field of recreation and sport.

(2) That the committee recognise the responsibilities of the States in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.

Mr Charles moved, as an amendment—That the following paragraph be added to the motion:

“(3) That Commonwealth Government funding for all levels of sport and recreation be investigated, including international competition and community participation in sports and leisure.”

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 41

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

NOES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Hyde	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher*	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 Groom	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 White
Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson

\* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Amendment negated.

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

23 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION 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 having been resumed by Mr Shipton—

24 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 1.45 p.m.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 August 1981, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorized under sub-section 7 (1).

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal (Staff)—1981—Amendment No. 2.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Connolly and Mr Morris.

J. A. Pettifer,

Clerk of the House of Representatives