

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1981

1 The House met, at 1.45 p.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 Bowen, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Coleman, Mr Cowan, Mr Humphreys, Mr Kerin, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the Community Youth Support Scheme be continued.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Dr Cass, Mr Hawke, Mr Holding, Mr Howe, Mr Innes, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Kent, Sir Phillip Lynch and Mr Milton—from certain residents of Victoria; Mr Cunningham, Mr Duffy and Mr Mildren—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Ballarat, and Mr Groom—from certain residents of the North-West Coast of Tasmania, in similar terms.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Cunningham and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to prevent the Australian Postal Commission implementing any plan which will downgrade postal and mail services.

Dr Everingham and Mr Jull—from certain residents of the Electoral Divisions of Capricornia and Bowman, respectively, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

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

Mr Kent and Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to sell Trans Australia Airlines be rejected.

Mr Adermann—from certain citizens praying that the right to work be guaranteed as a fundamental human right and full employment be restored.

Mr Birney—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Phillip praying that the decision to introduce tuition fees for post-graduate study be reversed.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that Federal powers under the Constitution be used to override State legislation concerning land rights for Aboriginals and funding of welfare matters be directed through Aboriginal community-based and community-controlled organisations.

Dr Blewett—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 Dean—from certain citizens praying that the Government fulfil its stated policy of self-determination and self-management for Aborigines and use the powers conferred on it by the 1967 referendum to intervene on behalf of the Aboriginal people in any conflict with any State or Territory government.

Mr Dean—from certain members of Parents and Citizens Associations praying that the Schools Commission and Curriculum Development Centre be retained in their original forms and certain funding proposals and schools improvement programs be retained.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that certain recommendations of the Law Reform Commission discussion paper on Privacy and Personal Information be rejected and some other means be found to protect children from the excessive abuse of some parents.

Mr Free—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Macquarie praying that the proposed regulations to restrict the potency and sale of certain vitamins and minerals not be enacted until industry and consumers are given the opportunity to voice their opinions.

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.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the decisions arising out of the Review of Commonwealth Functions relating to tertiary education funding be reconsidered and an urgent inquiry be initiated into employment in tertiary institutions, the national research effort and the adequacy of tertiary student support systems.

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 Hurford—from certain citizens praying that the proposed changes to assistance to the passenger motor vehicle and components industries after 1984 as recommended by the Industries Assistance Commission not be given effect.

Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that diplomatic influence be exerted on the government of the United States of America to oppose Israel's military campaign in Lebanon and to desist from supplying military or economic aid to Israel while it continues to occupy Arab territories.

Mr Innes—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.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be re-introduced and visa charges upon private overseas students be removed immediately.

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 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 J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the Commonwealth's constitutional and legislative powers be used to grant full land rights and self-management to the Aboriginal people of Queensland.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the decision to pass the responsibility of funding of women's and children's refuges and health and crisis centres to the States be reversed and certain other actions be taken to consolidate the existing services and develop new initiatives for women and children in the community.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that interest earned in bank and building society savings accounts up to \$500 not be counted as taxable income and interest charged on home mortgage loans up to \$1000 be tax deductible.

Mr White—from certain citizens praying that provision be made in the Budget to adjust family allowances to reflect the increase to the cost of living since 1976 and allowances be indexed to reflect annual consumer price index increases.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Suspension of standing orders moved: 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—That this House deplores the patently dishonest claims of the Prime Minister in relation to his Government's neglect of Aboriginal welfare needs.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 65

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morrison
Dr Blewett	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Mountford
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mrs Kelly	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mr Kent	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Hayden	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mrs Child	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon*	
Mr Cunningham	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milden	
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr Milton	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Dawkins (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Member named: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Fremantle (Mr Dawkins) for not resuming his seat when directed by the Chair to do so.

Question—That the honourable Member be not further heard—put.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Dawkins having apologised to the Chair, the naming was not further proceeded with.

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

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And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health), Senator Baume (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) was acting as Minister for Health and would be represented in this House by Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport).

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Egg Board—Interim statement for year 1980–81.

Australian Honey Board—Interim Report for year 1980–81.

Surveyors Board of the Australian Capital Territory—Annual Report, for year 1980–81.

Pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Functions (Statutes Review) Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—Report (final) for period 1 July 1980 to 26 June 1981.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—58th Annual Report, for year 1980–81.

Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—7th Annual Report, for year 1980–81.

6 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981–82—ESTIMATES COMMITTEES A, B AND F:

Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received advice from the Acting Opposition Whip of the following alterations in the nomination of Members to Estimates Committees:

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A: To consider the proposed expenditure for the Department of Foreign Affairs—

(Members nominated, *see page 455*).

Mr Morrison in substitution for Mr Bowen, discharged.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B: To consider the proposed expenditure for the Department of Veterans' Affairs—

(Members nominated, *see page 455*).

Dr Everingham in substitution for Mr McLeay, discharged.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE F: To consider the proposed expenditure for the Department of National Development and Energy—

(Members nominated, *see page 458*).

Mr West in substitution for Mr Keating, discharged.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CAPITAL INFLOW:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Willis had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The serious implications of the Government's increasing reliance on large scale private capital inflow".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Willis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 PARLIAMENT HOUSE—DECLARED STAGE—CONSTRUCTION AND FITTING-OUT—

AUTHORIZATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF WORK: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, for the purpose of sub-section 8 (2) of the *Parliament House Construction Authority Act* 1979, the House of Representatives authorizes the commencement of work on the following declared stage in the construction of Parliament House, namely, 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.
- (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.

9 MEAT EXPORT (PENALTIES) 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 Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

10 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK CORPORATION 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

11 COMMERCE (TRADE DESCRIPTIONS) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

12 CUSTOMS (UNLAWFUL EXPORTATION OF FOOD) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

13 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Willis, viz.—* That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill, the House rejects the budget strategy because:

(1) it deliberately reduces the rate of economic growth;

(2) it increases unemployment;

(3) it adds substantially to the rate of inflation;

(4) it relies on a massive private capital inflow;

(5) it fails to tackle the real causes of rising interest rates, and

(6) it increases the burden of taxation to the highest level in our history,

and, in addition, deplores the Government’s callous disregard of the millions of Australians living in poverty and its continued attempt to reduce the living standards of the great majority of Australians”—

Debate resumed.

Mrs Darling addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 10.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 10.39 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented, on 16 September 1981, pursuant to statute:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1981—No. 5—Import price index.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bourchier*, Mr Cohen, Mr Cross, Mr Dobie, Dr Edwards, Mr Falconer, Mr Innes, Mr Johnson*, Mr Keating, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay, Mr Robinson and Mr Young.

*On leave

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