

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 57

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1981

1 The House met, at 10 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 N. A. Brown, Mr Charles, Mrs Child, Mr Cunningham, Mrs Darling, Mr Duffy, Dr Jenkins, Mr Kent, Mr Mildren, Mr Peacock and Mr Shipton—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Community Youth Support Scheme be continued.

Mrs Child, Mr Fry, Mr Hawke, Mr Scott and Mr Viner—from certain citizens; Mr Cunningham, Mrs Darling, Mr Jacobi and Mr Mildren—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Ballarat; Mr Cunningham—from certain residents of Warragul and district, Vic., and Mr Scholes—from certain residents of Geelong, Vic., in similar terms.

Mr Charles, Mr Cunningham, Mr Duffy, Mr Holding, 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.

Mrs Child, Mr Duffy, Mr Kent, Mr Peacock and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that ex-servicewomen who volunteered for service in the 1939-45 war but were not sent to war zones be considered eligible for defence service home loans.

Mr Duffy, Mr Kent and Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that the latest increase in taxes be stopped and a referendum be held on taxes and interest rates.

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

Mrs Child and Mr Dawkins—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.

Mr Dawkins and 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 Hurford and Mr Kent—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.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that the Elizabeth North non-official Post Office, S.A., not be closed on 31 December 1981.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to prevent the closing of Aspect House for handicapped children, New Town, Tas.

- Dr Blewett—from certain residents of Salisbury and Elizabeth, S.A. praying that interest rate agreements be reduced annually with a maximum interest percentage ceiling on investors' capital and a scale of interest charges for loans.
- Mr Scott—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Hindmarsh in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Bradfield—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.
- Mrs Child—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Henty praying that the rights of Australian workers in the automotive industry be protected by rejecting any proposal to reduce the level of tariff protection for the industry.
- Mr Cross—from certain citizens praying that the Government's sales tax legislation be withdrawn or repealed.
- Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that refugee status be granted to the 2 Chilean refugees, Fernando Del Carmen Cerda Labarca and Pedro Jose Belmar Aguilera.
- Mr B. O. Jones—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to transfer the functions of the Australian Government Publishing Service bookshops to the private sector be rejected.
- Sir Phillip Lynch—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Mildren—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to prevent the Australian Postal Commission implementing any plan which will downgrade postal and mail services.
- Mr Viner—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Stirling, in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Newman—from certain residents of Northern Tasmania praying that the Senate's requested amendments to the Sales Tax Bills be supported.
- 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 Scholes—from certain residents of the Geelong region, Vic., praying that the Industries Assistance Commission recommendations on the motor vehicle industry not be accepted.
- Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to reintroduce a system of health care based on ability to pay and that access to health care be based on medical need.
- Mr Viner—from certain citizens praying that the proposed sales tax on books, magazines and newspapers be withdrawn from the Budget proposals.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT AND PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1980–81, together with certificates of exempt accounts in respect of prescribed Departments and organizations, accompanied by the Minister for Finance's Statements.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General for the year 1980–81, and
- (2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 Department of Housing and Construction—Report for year 1980–81, including the 5th Annual Report by the Secretary, pursuant to the Homes Savings Grant Act.
 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980–81.
- 6 **RETIREMENT OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN (MR H. G. WEIR):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the pending retirement of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian, Mr H. G. Weir, paid tribute to Mr Weir's valuable contribution to the Parliament and wished him and his wife a long and happy retirement.
 Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), Mr B. O. Jones and Mr Morris associated themselves with the remarks of Mr Speaker.
- 7 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 13 October 1981, at 1.45 p.m., unless Mr Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.
 Question—put and passed.
- 8 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82—ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A—REPORT:**
 Mr Giles (Chairman) reported that the proposed expenditures for the departments and services contained in Schedule 2 of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1981–82 referred to Estimates Committee A had been considered. (*See Minutes of Proceedings*, pages 549 to 555).
 Ordered—That consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82—ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C—REPORT:**
 Mr Dobie (Chairman) reported that the proposed expenditures for the departments and services contained in Schedule 2 of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1981–82 referred to Estimates Committee C had been considered. (*See Minutes of Proceedings*, pages 557 to 565).
 Ordered—That consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 **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.
 It being 12.15 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106 (as amended by sessional orders adopted on 20 August 1981).
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 11 **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER SHORTAGE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the shortage of air traffic controllers in Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Air traffic controller shortage—Ministerial statement, 24 September 1981.
 Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hodges), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 PAPERS: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Air Traffic Control—Graphs—

Staff available and required, 1974–1982.

Graduates, trainees and wastage, 1974–1981.

Queensland staff available/required and wastage, 1976–1981.

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

24 September 1981, a.m.—Message—

No. 159—Sales Tax Amendment (Nos. 1 to 9) 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 161—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment 1981.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER PEOPLE—RIGHTS: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Dawkins had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The threat to Australia’s international reputation arising from the Prime Minister’s failure to protect and extend the rights of Aboriginal and Islander people in Queensland and Western Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Dawkins addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Holding rising to address the House—

Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

15 PUBLIC LIBRARIES—POLICY ON ASSISTANCE—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Public libraries—Policy on assistance—Report by interdepartmental working group to the Minister for Home Affairs and Environment, dated September 1980.

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

Public libraries—Policy on assistance—Report—Ministerial statement, 24 September 1981.

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

Debate ensued.

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

16 COMMONWEALTH OFFICE BUILDING, 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: Construction of a Commonwealth office building, Townsville, Qld.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 17 GARDEN ISLAND, N.S.W.—MODERNISATION STAGE 2—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: Garden Island, N.S.W., Modernisation stage 2.
Question—put and passed.
- 18 ARMOURED CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT, PUCKAPUNYAL, VIC.—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: Armoured centre redevelopment, Puckapunyal, Vic.
Question—put and passed.
- 19 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Fry (Deputy Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:
Energy use, distribution and conservation in the Australian Capital Territory—Report, dated July 1981, together with the transcript of evidence and copies of extracts from the minutes of proceedings of the committee.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
Mr Fry and Mrs Kelly, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
- 20 JUDGES' PENSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), for Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judges' Pensions Act 1968*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr McVeigh moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 FOREIGN FISHING BOATS LEVY BILL 1981:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on the grant of certain licences in respect of foreign fishing boats.
Bill read a first time.
Mr McVeigh moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 FISHERIES AGREEMENTS (PAYMENTS) BILL 1981:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented a Bill for an Act relating to payments under certain fisheries agreements.
Bill read a first time.
Mr McVeigh moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 FISHERIES AMENDMENT BILL 1981:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Act 1952* to facilitate the collection of levy imposed by the *Foreign Fishing Boats Levy Act 1981* and of amounts payable under certain agreements, and for certain other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr McVeigh moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

24 CONTINENTAL SHELF (LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES) AMENDMENT BILL 1981:

Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Act 1968* to facilitate the collection of levy imposed by the *Foreign Fishing Boats Levy Act 1981* and of amounts payable under certain agreements, and for certain other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

25 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, deplors 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.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) speaking for a period not exceeding 35 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

26 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SALES TAX AMENDMENT BILLS (NOS. 1A TO 9A) 1981:

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 160

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bills intituled:

- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930’ ”;
- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930’ ”;
- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930’ ”;
- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930’ ”;
- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930’ ”;
- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930’ ”;
- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930’ ”;
- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930’ ”;
- “A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930’ ”,

and requests the House to amend the Bills as set forth in the Schedule annexed to each of the respective Bills.

HAROLD YOUNG
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 24 September 1981, a.m.

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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

24 September 1981—Message—

No. 162—Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty Amendment 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 163—Australian Capital Territory Tax (Insurance Business) Amendment 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 164—Australian Capital Territory Tax (Cheques) Amendment 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 165—Australian Capital Territory Taxation (Administration) Amendment 1981.

No. 166—Australian Capital Territory Tax (Life Insurance Business) 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 167—Australian Capital Territory Tax (Vehicle Registration) 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 168—Australian Capital Territory Tax (Insurance Business) Amendment (No. 2) 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 169—Departure Tax Amendment 1981 (*without requests*).

No. 170—Departure Tax Collection Amendment 1981.

28 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—6TH REPORT: Mr Baume (Chairman) presented the 6th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

6TH 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:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement of Heads of Expenditure and the amounts charged thereto, pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901, for the year ended 30 June 1981.

Australian Electoral Office—Annual Report, for year 1980–81.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Social Impact of Uranium Mining on the Aborigines of the Northern Territory—Report, for period 1 October 1980 to 31 March 1981.

Australian Postal Commission—Service and Business Outlook for 1981–82, dated August 1981.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Reports—

Basic Research and National Objectives, dated 8 May 1981.

Towards a Marine Sciences and Technologies Program for the 1980s, dated 21 May 1981.

Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and Business Outlook for 1981–82, dated August 1981.

Canned Fruit (Sales Promotion) Act—Australian Canned Fruit Sales Promotion Committee—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1980.

Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Annual Report (1st), for period 29 November 1979 to 31 December 1980, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Commonwealth Functions (Statutes Review) Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—Report (Final), for period 1 July 1980 to 28 June 1981.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report (48th), for 1981, on Special Assistance for States.

- Defence Act—Royal Military College—Annual Report, for period 1 February 1980 to 31 January 1981.
- Defence Science and Technology Organisation—
Independent External Review—
Report, dated 9 October 1980.
Internal Review into Objectives and Procedures—
Report, dated 7 October 1980.
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Annual Report, for year 1980–81.
- Export Market Development Grants Act and Export Expansion Grants Act—Export Development Grants Board—Annual Report (6th), for year 1980–81.
- Family Law Act—Family Law (Institute of Family Studies) Regulations—Institute of Family Studies—Annual Report (1st) by the Board of Management, for the period 28 February 1980 to 30 June 1981.
- Film Censorship Board—Report on Activities 1980.
- Functional Classifications of Outlays—Departmental Estimates 1981–82—Information Document by the Minister for Finance, the Hon. Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, dated August 1981.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Annual Report (5th), together with financial statements and Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1980–81.
- Homes Savings Grant Act (1976)—Annual Report (5th) on the operations of the Act, for year 1980–81 together with the Department of Housing and Construction Annual Report for year 1980–81.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
By-law Admission of Certain Goods (Thermal Detectors; Refractory Furnace Linings; Electric Motors; Engines for Walk-Behind Lawnmowers; Ring Binder Fittings; Welded Steel Pipe; Rectifying Assemblies; Frozen Strawberries), dated 29 June 1981 (No. 268).
Lamps and Lighting Fittings (Developing Country Preferences), dated 16 April 1981 (No. 261).
Miscellaneous Manufacturing—Certain Refractory Products, dated 29 May 1981 (No. 264).
Miscellaneous Transport Equipment, dated 30 April 1981 (No. 262).
Paper Novelties (Developing Country Preferences), dated 8 May 1981 (No. 263).
Railway and Tramway Locomotives, Rolling Stock, etc., dated 13 July 1981 (No. 272).
- Migrant Assessment—Committee of Review—Report—Statement of Findings, dated July 1981.
- National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters—Annual Report (3rd), for 1980.
- National Consultative Council on Social Welfare—Report (2nd), for the period July 1979 to September 1980.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Annual Report (58th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1980–81.
- National Gallery Act—Australian National Gallery—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1979–80.
- Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Annual Report (57th), for year 1980–81.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1981 Review—Determinations 1981—
No. 8—Allowances payable to Ministers of State, dated 18 June 1981.

No. 9—Additional Salaries and Allowances of Office Holders of the Parliament, dated 18 June 1981.

No. 10—Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament, dated 18 June 1981.

No. 11—Maximum Amounts Reimbursable to Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State, dated 18 June 1981.

No. 12—Travelling Allowance within Australia—Ministers, Office Holders and Members of the Parliament, dated 18 June 1981.

No. 13—Entitlements of Members of the Parliament, dated 18 June 1981.

No. 14—Remuneration payable to Holders of Offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and Holders of Public Offices, dated 18 June 1981.

Reports 1981—

No. 1—Salaries payable to Ministers of State, dated 18 June 1981.

No. 2—Remuneration payable to Judges, dated 18 June 1981.

Statement.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Annual Report, for year 1980–81.

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

Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—Minority Statement on Report for 1982, dated August 1981.

Triennium 1982–84; Report for 1982, dated 17 August 1981.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report (34th) by the Trustees, together with financial statements and Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1980.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report (33rd), by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1980.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1980.

Service Canteens Trust Fund—Annual Report (33rd) by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1980.

Ship Construction Bounty Act—Return, for year 1980–81.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Annual Report (11th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1980–81.

Tertiary Education Commission Act—Tertiary Education Commission—Reports for 1982–84 Triennium Volume 2, dated August 1981—

Part 1—Recommendations on Grants.

Part 2—Advice of Councils.

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

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

Wheat Marketing Act—Australian Wheat Board—Annual Report together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for the year ended 30 November 1980.

24 September 1981

M. E. BAUME,
Chairman

Mr Baume, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

29 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;
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 - (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.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Hawke moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Wills from making a statement on the Government’s announcement regarding the Community Youth Support Scheme.

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.
Motion withdrawn, by leave.

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

30 COMMUNITY YOUTH SUPPORT SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding the continuation of the Community Youth Support Scheme.

Mr Hawke, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr N. A. Brown, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, then presented the following paper:

Community Youth Support Scheme—Ministerial statement, 24 September 1981.

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

Debate ensued.

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

31 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:

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 - (2) it increases unemployment;
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 - (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 having been resumed by Mr I. M. D. Cameron—

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 10.30 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 13 October 1981, at 1.45 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 September 1981, pursuant to statute:

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 268.
Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1981—No. 9—Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) (No. 2).

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 265.

Distillation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 266.

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

National Companies and Securities Commission Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 263.

Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 264.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1981—

No. 26—Consumer Affairs (Amendment).

No. 27—Water Rates (Amendment).

No. 28—Sewerage Rates (Amendment).

No. 29—Motor Traffic (Alcohol and Drugs) (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 30—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 3).

No. 31—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 4).

Regulations—1981—No. 20 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

Spirits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1981, No. 267.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bouchier*, Mr Cohen, Mrs Darling, Dr Edwards, Dr Everingham, Mr Falconer, Mr Howard, Dr Jenkins, Mr Johnson*, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay, Mr Robinson, Mr Street, Mr Wallis and Mr Young.

* On leave

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Parliament—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Burr
Mr Connolly
Mr MacKenzie
Mr Peacock
Mr Shipton
Mr Spender

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Hurford
Mr Johnson
Mr B. O. Jones
Mr Mountford

(Sir Billy Snedden—Speaker, was in attendance)

The committee met at 4.04 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$22,973,000—considered.

Mr Hurford moved—That this committee calls upon the Government to implement recommendations 2 and 5 of the Report of the Senate Select Committee on the Parliament's Appropriations and Staffing, so that the reforms apply to the appropriation procedures for 1982-83.

Sitting of committee suspended at 4.54 p.m.

Sitting of committee resumed at 5.12 p.m.

Proposed expenditure further considered.

Resolution, as amended, by leave, viz.: That this Committee resolves that in appropriation procedures for 1982-83 the funds for Parliament should be contained in a separate single line Appropriation Bill and notes the support for this procedure contained in the recommendations of the Report of the Senate Select Committee on the Parliament's Appropriations and Staffing—agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Hurford, the following resolution, as amended, by leave, was agreed to:
That this committee registers its grave disquiet at many of the proposed cuts in real terms
in the budget for the Parliament.

Consideration continued and concluded.

The committee adjourned at 6.07 p.m.

J. W. PENDER,
Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGSTHURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister)
acting for Mr Anthony (Acting Prime Minister)
Mr Burr
Mr Connolly
Mr MacKenzie
Mr Peacock
Mr Shipton
Mr Spender

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Holding
Mr Hurford
Mrs Kelly
Mr Mountford

The committee met at 3.03 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$76,338,000—considered.

Consideration concluded.

The committee adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

J. W. PENDER,
Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs)
Mr Burr
Mr Connolly
Mr MacKenzie
Mr Peacock
Mr Shipton
Mr Spender

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Beazley
Mr Fry
Mr Jacobi
Mr Morrison

The committee met at 4.02 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$740,511,000—considered.

Mr Morrison moved—That this committee expresses its concern at the reduction in contributions to two well-known and respected institutions, the Australian Institute of International Affairs and the United Nations Association of Australia, and requests that the amounts provided to institutions including the Australia/Britain Society be reviewed.

Question—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 4

Mr Beazley
Mr Fry
Mr Jacobi
Mr Morrison

NOES, 2

Mr Spender
Mr Street

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Proposed expenditure further considered.

Mr Morrison moved—That this committee is of the view that the Government should accept, and work towards meeting, the United Nations target of 0.7% of Gross National Product as official development assistance.

Proposed expenditure further considered.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Fry moved—That this committee is of the opinion that the Government should consider the resumption of the two suspended aid projects to the People’s Republic of Vietnam, as a contribution to the stability of the region.

Question—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 4
Mr Beazley
Mr Fry
Mr Jacobi
Mr Morrison

NOES, 3
Mr Peacock
Mr Shipton
Mr Street

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Consideration concluded.

The committee adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

J. W. PENDER,
Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee A on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Defence—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Killen (Minister for Defence)
 Mr Burr
 Mr Connolly
 Mr MacKenzie
 Mr Peacock
 Mr Shipton
 Mr Spender

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Campbell
 Mr Kerin
 Mr Morrison
 Mr Scholes

The committee met at 4.05 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Defence, \$3,728,017,000—considered.

Consideration concluded.

The committee's consideration of proposed expenditures concluded at 6 p.m.

J. W. PENDER,
 Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee C on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Department of the Capital Territory—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Dobie had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory)
Mr Birney
Mr I. M. D. Cameron
Mr Carlton
Mr Coleman
Mr Harris
Mr Lusher

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Dr Cass
Mr Fry
Mrs Kelly
Mr Scholes

The committee met at 4.03 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Capital Territory, \$99,255,000—considered.

Consideration concluded.

Sitting of committee suspended at 6 p.m.

Sitting of committee resumed at 8.03 p.m.

For proposed expenditure—Department of Science and Technology—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Dobie had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Thomson (Minister for Science and Technology)
Mr Birney
Mr I. M. D. Cameron
Mr Carlton
Mr Coleman
Mr Harris
Mr Lusher

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mrs Darling
Mr Free
Mr B. O. Jones
Mr Mildren

Proposed expenditure—Department of Science and Technology, \$408,171,000—considered.

Sitting of committee suspended at 9.21 p.m.
Sitting of committee resumed at 9.25 p.m.

Consideration continued. _____

Sitting of committee suspended at 9.56 p.m.
Sitting of committee resumed at 10.04 p.m.

Consideration continued and concluded. _____

The committee adjourned at 10.14 p.m.

J. W. PENDER,
Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee C on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Home Affairs and Environment—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Dobie had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs
and Environment)
Mr Birney
Mr I. M. D. Cameron
Mr Carlton
Mr Coleman
Mr Harris
Mr Lusher

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Charles
Mr Howe
Mr Uren
Mr West

The committee met at 3.04 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Home Affairs and Environment, \$139,411,000—
considered.

Consideration concluded.

The committee adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

A. B. HUME,
Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee C on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Communications—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr C. K. Jones had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Sinclair (Minister for Communications)
Mr Birney
Mr I. M. D. Cameron
Mr Carlton
Mr Coleman
Mr Harris
Mr Lusher

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Dawkins
Mr Innes
Mr B. O. Jones
Mr Wallis

The committee met at 8.01 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Communications, \$286,576,000—considered.
Consideration concluded.

The committee adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

A. B. HUME,
Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee C on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Giles had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services)
Mr Birney
Mr I. M. D. Cameron
Mr Carlton
Mr Coleman
Mr Harris
Mr Lusher

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Charles
Mr Humphreys
Mr Milton
Mr Scholes

The committee met at 8 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services, \$430,349,000—considered.

Papers: Mr Newman presented the following papers:

Circular letter by Mr B. Humphreys, M.P., dated 12 February 1981.

Statements (10) circulated by Senator Colston.

Press release by Senator Colston, dated 19 March 1981.

Circular letter by Mrs E. Darling, M.P.

Consideration continued and concluded.

The committee adjourned at 9.36 p.m.

A. B. HUME,
Clerk to the Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1981-82

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGSWEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1981

(Certain proposed expenditures having been referred to Estimates Committee C on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), on 26 August 1981)

For proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department—

The committee was constituted as follows:

Mr Dobie had been appointed Chairman.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:

Mr Viner (Minister representing the
Attorney-General)
Mr Birney
Mr I. M. D. Cameron
Mr Coleman
Mr Dean
Mr Harris
Mr Lusher

OPPOSITION MEMBERS:

Mr Bowen
Mr Duffy
Mr Free
Mr Holding

The committee met at 8.02 p.m.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$125,039,000—considered.

Consideration concluded.

The committee's consideration of proposed expenditures concluded at 10.05 p.m.

A. B. HUME,
Clerk to the Committee