

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1982

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- 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:
 - Mrs Child, Mrs Darling, Mr Hodgman, Mr Hurford, Mr Johnson and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that the proposed sales tax on books, magazines and newspapers be withdrawn from the Budget proposals.
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Jull and Mr Moore—from certain residents of Queensland praying that any attempt to impose a sales tax on all essential goods be rejected.
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Katter and Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that the Senate's requested amendments to the Sales Tax Bills be supported.
 - Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the Government's sales tax legislation be withdrawn or repealed.
 - Mrs Darling and Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the proposed 17½ per cent sales tax on manufactured pet foods be withdrawn.
 - Mr Humphreys and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the 1981 Budget amendments to sales tax legislation be repealed and the Sales Tax Amendment Bills be withdrawn.
 - Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that Australia Day be celebrated on 26 January each year and that a public holiday be declared on that day, regardless of which day of the week it falls.
 - Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that the annual registration fee for periodicals be reviewed with a view to exempting smaller clubs and organisations from its requirements.
 - Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that all provisions of the Heritage Act and the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act be fully complied with in respect of national estate areas.
 - Mr Charles—from certain residents of Victoria praying that musicians dismissed from the ABC Melbourne Showband be re-instated and that funds be made available to enable the band to continue.
 - 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 Child—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to grant a service pension to ex-service personnel who did not serve overseas.
 - Mrs Child—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment and in the provision of unemployment benefits, based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.
 - Mrs Child—from certain citizens praying that funding in the area of child care not be reduced and certain other action be taken to ensure that funds are allocated for part-time occasional care centres.

Mrs Child—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.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Family Radio Limited's application for a broadcasting licence be supported and more category "S" FM licences be made available in Brisbane.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill 1981 be passed.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to establish a ceiling on the allowable amount of savings in pensioners' non-interest bearing accounts not be proceeded with.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the decision to reduce funding for the Family Planning Association be reversed and certain other action be taken in regard to funding women's services.

Mr Free—from certain citizens praying that adequate funds be provided for all children's services including vacation programs.

Mr Free—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of oil exploration within the Great Barrier Reef region and that the entire region be declared a marine park.

Mr Free—from certain citizens praying that theatre in Australia be supported by the increase of grants to a realistic level.

Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that their concern for Marie-France Claude and their wish that she be released from prison be passed on to the Haitian Government.

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

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be enacted to require the production of annual statistics on the numbers of live animals involved in research and that the National Health and Medical Research Council be required to develop humane and responsible standards of conduct for research using live animals in laboratories.

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 requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.

Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the national roads construction program not be subjected to the tendering system.

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

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that plant variety rights legislation not be introduced until full and informed public discussion of the issues has taken place.

Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that disabled people be recognised as citizens who should have equal rights and that certain actions be taken to enable adequate planning of services needed by partially or totally disabled people to be undertaken.

Mr Scott—from certain residents of South Australia praying that home loans on the same terms as those offered to certain Members of Parliament be extended to young couples in South Australia.

Mr Scott—from certain residents of the Electoral Division of Hindmarsh 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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Member named: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Wills (Mr Hawke) for refusing to withdraw an unparliamentary expression.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Wills be suspended from the service of the House.

Several Members having addressed the Chair and disorder in the House continuing, Mr Speaker stated that to enable the House to proceed he would not put the motion in relation to the honourable Member for Wills and would call the next question.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian fishing zone—Taiwanese access—Copy of letter, together with 3 appendices, from Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) to Mr K. F. Chen, Chairman, Kaohsiung Fishing Boat Commercial Guild, dated 28 October 1981, and counter-signed by Mr Chen and Mr M. G. Kailis of Kailis Kaohsiung Fishing Co. Pty Ltd on 18 November and 30 October 1981 respectively, constituting an acceptance of terms and conditions for fishing operations by the Guild in the Australian fishing zone.

Finance—Advance to Minister for Finance—Statements for—
November 1981.
December 1981.
January 1982.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report, for year 1980-81.

National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—Report, for year 1980-81.

Remuneration Tribunal—Report, for year 1980-81.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980-81.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1980.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—32nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980-81.

Taxation—Taxation Statistics 1979-80 (Supplement to the 59th Report of the Commissioner of Taxation).

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—6th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980-81.

Transport—Department of Transport—Report for year 1980-81, including the report by the Minister pursuant to the Air Navigation Act.

5 COMMONWEALTH RESEARCH CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fife (Minister for Education), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Research Centres of Excellence Committee—Report, dated 30 November 1981.

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

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

6 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 order adopted on 20 August 1981).

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY:

Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Uren had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The critical situation in the home building industry as a consequence of the Government's economic policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Uren addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Duffy addressing the House—

Mr McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	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 Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tambling
Mr Carlton	Mr Harris	Mr Moore	Mr Thomson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hicks	Mr Newman	Mr Tuckey
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Nixon	Mr Viner
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr White
Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8 STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement concerning his decision not to proceed with action following the naming of the honourable Member for Wills earlier this day (*see* entry No. 3).

9 REVITALISATION OF AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Revitalisation of Australian Shipping—Report of Committee—

Overview, dated November 1981.

Attachment A (Submission of Shipowners' Committee).

Attachment B (Submission of Maritime Union Committee).

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

Revitalisation of Australian shipping—Report of Committee—Ministerial statement, 18 February 1982.

Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

- 10 **ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—SESSIONAL ORDER:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, for this session, standing order 101 be amended to read “101. The House shall proceed each day with its ordinary business in the following routine: 1. Giving notices. 2. Questions without notice. 3. Presentation of papers. 4. Ministerial statements, by leave. 5. Matter of public importance. 6. Presentation of petitions. 7. Notices and orders of the day: Provided that on those alternate sitting Thursdays when ‘Grievance debate’ is first order of the day, government business, under standing order 106 or when general business has precedence on the Notice Paper under standing order 104, ‘Grievance debate’ or general business, as the case may be, shall precede ‘5. Matter of public importance.’”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 **CANNED FRUITS MARKETING LEGISLATION REPEAL AND AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the marketing of canned fruits.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 **CANNED FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canned Fruits Levy Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 **DAIRY PRODUCTS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge upon the inspection of dairy products for export.

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 **DAIRY PRODUCTS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the collection of the charge imposed by the *Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982*.

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.

- 15 **EDIBLE OILS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge upon the inspection of edible oils for export.

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.

- 16 **EDIBLE OILS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the collection of the charge imposed by the *Edible Oils (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982*.

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.

- 17 **EGGS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge upon the inspection of eggs for export.

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.

- 18 **EGGS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the collection of the charge imposed by the *Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982*.

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.

- 19 **HONEY (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge upon the inspection of honey for export.

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.

- 20 **HONEY (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the collection of the charge imposed by the *Honey (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982*.

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.

- 21 **INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (SHARE INCREASE) BILL 1982:** Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the purchase of additional shares of the capital stock of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and of the International Finance Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 22 **STATES (TAX SHARING AND HEALTH GRANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States (Tax Sharing and Health Grants) Act 1981*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 23 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 24 **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES) 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 Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 25 **DOMICILE 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.

- 26 **DOMICILE (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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 N. A. Brown (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 27 **DRIED SULTANA PRODUCTION UNDERWRITING 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 Governor-General: Message No. 120, dated 29 October 1981, from His Excellency the Governor-General 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 MacKellar (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

- 28 **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 Baume), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 29 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr MacKellar (Minister for Health) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 10.40 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 1.45 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 February 1982, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Determinations—

1981—No. 60—Uniform Maintenance Allowance, Recreation Leave, Leave for Members Under Training, Recreation Leave Bonus.

1982—

No. 1—Additional Compensation for Members of the Reserve.

No. 2—Higher Duties Allowance.

No. 3—Medical and Dental Officers—Refresher Training Bounty, Maternity Leave, Recreation Leave Bonus, Long Service Leave.

No. 4—Field Allowance, Antarctic Allowance, Recreation Leave.

No. 5—District Allowance.

No. 6—High Electricity Charges Allowance.

No. 7—Field Allowance, Insurance on Removal of Urgently Required Household Items.

No. 8—War Service Leave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Jacobi and Mr Lloyd.

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