

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 82

WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 1982

- 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr Morris, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Sinclair (Minister representing the Minister for National Development and Energy)—
 Mr Sinclair laid upon the Table the following paper:
 Snowy Mountains Scheme—Utilisation of water resources—Briefing note to minister, dated 24 March 1982.
 Questions without notice continued.
- 3 **PAPERS—LEAVE TO PRESENT NOT GRANTED:** Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to present certain papers relating to the activities of Nugan Hand Ltd.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 4 **AUSTRALIA COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Wilson (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:
 Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980-81.
 Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr B. O. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT—MEETING OF EMPLOYMENT MINISTERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of discussions held at a meeting of O.E.C.D. Employment Ministers, Paris, 4 and 5 March 1982, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development—Meeting of Employment Ministers, Paris, 4 and 5 March 1982—Ministerial statement, 24 March 1982.
 Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Bradfield), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 23 March 1982—Message No. 231—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Amendment 1982.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC SITUATION:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hurford had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Fraser Government's responsibility for the worsening economic situation disclosed by the latest Confederation of Australian Industry/Bank of N.S.W. report entitled 'Survey of Industrial Trends in Australia'".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hurford addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Free, Mrs Kelly, Mr McMahon, Mr Mountford and Mr Wallis—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 Beazley—from certain citizens praying that a curfew be implemented and a parallel runway constructed at Perth Airport and legislation be introduced to allow payment for injurious affection.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of north Queensland praying that sufficient expenditure be allocated to raise the standard of the national highway in north Queensland to Department of Transport standards.

Mr Burr—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that the Latrobe Community Youth Support Scheme, Tas., be re-funded.

Mr Charles—from certain residents of Victoria praying that musicians dismissed from the A.B.C. Melbourne Showband be re-instated and that funds be made available to enable the band to continue.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Australia call on the Canadian Government to end the harp seal hunt and halt the importation of products derived from the harp seal.

Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that the unemployed be allowed to earn at least \$30 without reduction in their unemployment benefit.

Mr Duffy—from certain members of the Australian Postal and Telecommunications Union praying that action be taken to seek the resignation or dismissal of the Minister for Communications because of the effects of staff ceilings imposed at his direction.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to re-establish the rural educator service of the New South Wales Family Planning Association.

Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to prevent the closure of the Community Youth Support Scheme at Circular Head, Tas.

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

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

Mr Morrison—from certain citizens praying that Australia appeal to the Canadian Government to put an end to the slaughter of seals.

Mr Wallis—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Grey in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill 1981 be passed.

Mr Wallis—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Grey praying that the conversion date of the Sheringa telephone exchange, S.A., to automatic operation be brought forward and placed on high priority.

Petitions received.

9 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—27TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Millar, by leave, presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—27th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Fiji, October 1981—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch—

and, by leave, moved—That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Millar and Mr Ruddock, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—QUEENSLAND ABORIGINALS AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS (SELF-MANAGEMENT AND LAND RIGHTS) BILL 1982: Message No. 230, dated 18 March 1982, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “An Act providing for the granting of Self-Management and Traditional Land in Queensland for the benefit of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders and for other purposes”.

Bill read a first time.

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

Mr Cross (seconder) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR PAYMENT OF INCREASES IN SALARIES AND WAGES FOR YEAR 1981-82—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1981-82: Message No. 129, dated 23 March 1982, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced—

(a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1982, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly; and

(b) recommending to the House of Representatives an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1982, for the payment of such increases in salaries and wages and payments in the nature of salary, for which provision is made in the attached particulars of proposed expenditure as have become payable or become payable, or have commenced or commence to be paid, during that year in accordance with any law, or in accordance with an award, order or determination made under a law.

Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1981-82*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1982.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

12 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE 1981-82—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1981-82: Message No. 130, dated 23 March 1982, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1982, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1981-82* for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1982.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to income tax.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 **CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS' LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 **AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Act 1963*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 16 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901* and the *Excise Act 1901*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 **EXCISE TARIFF (COAL) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** 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.

Mr Johnson addressing the House—

- 18 **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 Howard (Treasurer) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 10.36 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Cadman, Mr Campbell, Mrs Child, Mr Newman and Mr Scholes.

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