

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 106

WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 1982

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- 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 were asked.
 - 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 - Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1981-82.
 - Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report for year 1981-82.
 - National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—59th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
 - 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 - 21 September 1982—Message No. 295—Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) 1982.
 - 5 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
 - 21 September 1982—Message No. 189—Special Prosecutors 1982.
 - 6 **RADIOACTIVE WASTES FROM MINING AND MILLING OF RADIOACTIVE ORES—CODE OF PRACTICE ON MANAGEMENT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:
 - Environment Protection (Nuclear Codes) Act—Code of practice (1982) on the management of radioactive wastes from the mining and milling of radioactive ores—Order of His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 26 August 1982, together with code of practice—
 - and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper.
 - Mr West and Mr Holding, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
 - Mr McVeigh, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
 - 7 **AUSTRALIAN URANIUM INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), by leave, made a ministerial statement

informing the House of progress in the Australian uranium producing industry, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian uranium industry—Ministerial statement, 22 September 1982.

Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Keating, by leave, during his speech, presented the following paper:

Installed nuclear generating capacity—Japan, United States of America and the Western world—Tables (3).

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

8 STRAW COMPANIES AND CRIMES (TAXATION OFFENCES) ACT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Howard (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Straw companies and the *Crimes (Taxation Offences) Act* 1980—Documents tabled in response to Senate motion No. 47 (given 7 September 1982).

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

Straw companies and the *Crimes (Taxation Offences) Act* 1980—Ministerial statement, 22 September 1982.

Mr Howard, by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act* 1908, authorises the publication of the documents relating to straw companies and the *Crimes (Taxation Offences) Act* 1980.

Question—put and passed.

Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX AVOIDANCE—RETROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION: 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 urgent need for retrospective legislation to recover tax revenue totalling over \$2 billion lost through over 20 tax avoidance schemes already outlawed by the Government”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Dawkins addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

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

Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that funding of children’s services be restored to at least 1975-76 levels, budget allocations for children’s services be spent in full for the purposes designated and a means test not be imposed on the users of child care services.

Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that funding for pre-school education be maintained at a level consistent with increasing recurrent costs and that there be no further cuts in funding.

Mr West—from certain residents of the Illawarra region, N.S.W., praying that funding of children’s services be restored to at least 1975-76 levels, a means test not be imposed on the users of child care services and certain other action be taken to improve the quality and quantity of child care provision in the Illawarra region.

Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the Office of Child Care be removed from the Department of Social Security and a Children's Commission be established.

Petitions received.

- 11 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—12TH REPORT:** Mr Baume (Chairman) presented the 12th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

12TH 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, recommends that the following be printed:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 7 September 1982.

Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Cable and Subscription Television Services for Australia—Report of the Inquiry, dated August 1982—

Extract from Report—Main Conclusions and Recommendations.

Volume 1—Report (Part A).

Volume 2—Report (Part B).

Volume 3—Appendixes.

Volume 4—Demand Studies.

Volume 5—Social, Economic and Education Studies.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Annual Report (7th), for year 1981-82.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Annual Report (6th), for year 1981-82.

Australian Development Assistance Bureau—Development Co-operation—Annual Review, for year 1980-81.

Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council—Report for 1981.

Australian Postal Commission—Service and Business Outlook for year 1982-83.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Annual Reports, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1981-82.

Commonwealth Functions (Statutes Review) Act—Legislative Drafting Institute—Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 1 July 1981 to 8 December 1981.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—49th Report (1982), on Special Assistance for States.

3rd Report (1982), on Special Assistance for the Northern Territory.

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Commonwealth Teaching Service—Annual Report, for 1981.

Defence Report, for year 1981-82.

Department of Science and Technology—Annual Report, for year 1981-82.

Export Expansion Grants Act and Export Market Development Grants Act—Export Development Grants Board—Annual Report (7th), for year 1981-82.

Finance—Functional Classification of Outlays—Departmental Estimates 1982-83—Information Document by the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon.

Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, dated August 1982.

Fishing Industry Act—Annual Report (25th), for year 1980-81.

Housing Industry—Indicative Planning Council—Report, dated 3 August 1982.

Industries Assistance Commission—

Fluorescent and Filament Lamps, dated 25 February 1982 (No. 298).

- Miscellaneous Manufacturing Group B: Dolls, Toys and Models, dated 10 December 1981 (No. 290).
- Miscellaneous Manufacturing Group C: Articles of Adornment, including Clothing and Toilet Accessories, etc., dated 2 December 1981 (No. 288).
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Certain flat steel products, pipes and tubes of iron, dated 9 July 1982 (No. 55).
- Marine Sciences and Technologies Research Grants Scheme—Australian Marine Sciences and Technologies Advisory Committee—Funding Advisory Panel—Report of grants approved for year 1981-82.
- Meat Industry—Report of Royal Commission into Australian Meat Industry, dated September 1982.
- National Aboriginal Sports Foundation—Annual Report, for year 1980-81.
- Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Annual Report (58th), for year 1981-82.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—Triennium 1982-84; Report for 1983, dated 24 August 1982.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Annual Report (12th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1981-82.
- Tertiary Education Commission Act—Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Report for 1982-84 Triennium—Volume 3: Recommendations for 1983, dated 20 August 1982.
- Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Annual Report (8th), for year 1981-82.
- Transport of slaughter cattle in Australia—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated February 1982.

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M. E. BAUME,
Chairman

Mr Baume, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

- 12 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE 1 EXTENSIONS TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL:** Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act* 1974, the House of Representatives approves the following proposal contained in the report of the Joint Committee on the New Parliament House presented to the House on 21 September 1982, namely: Construction of stage 1 extensions to the National Library of Australia.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 **COTTON LEVY 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.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr McVeigh (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **COTTON RESEARCH 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 190, dated 9 September 1982, 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 McVeigh (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 **STATES (WORKS AND HOUSING) ASSISTANCE 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 191, dated 16 September 1982, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Wilson (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 **NORTHERN TERRITORY (SELF-GOVERNMENT) 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Wilson (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.23 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 September 1982, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 221.

Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 224.

Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 222.

Census and Statistics Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 228.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 219.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 217.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 220.

Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 229.

Postal Services Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 230.

Protection of the Sea (Discharge of Oil from Ships) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 226.

Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 227.

Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy Collection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 225.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1982—

No. 74—Plumbers, Drainers and Gasfitters Board.

No. 75—Sewerage Rates (Amendment).

No. 76—Sewerage Rates (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 77—Water Rates (Amendment) (No. 3).

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 231.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia, dated 14 September 1982.

Telecommunications Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 218.

Wheat Tax Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 223.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bradfield, Mr Dobie*, Mr Drummond, Dr Edwards, Dr Everingham*, Mr Fry, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Katter, Dr Klugman, Sir Phillip Lynch*, Mr McLean, Mr McMahon, Mr Robinson, Dr Theophanous and Mr Willis.

* On leave

D. M. BLAKE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives