

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 107

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1982

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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Distinguished visitor: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Honourable J. B. Bolger, M.P., New Zealand Minister of Labour, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitor a very warm welcome.

Questions without notice continued.

3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Aborigines of the Northern Territory—Social impact of uranium mining—Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report for period 1 October 1981 to 31 March 1982.

Australian Honey Board—Interim Report for year 1981-82.

Pursuant to statute:

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Academic Salaries Tribunal—1982 Review—

Determination, dated 10 August 1982—Academic staff of the Australian National University, the Canberra College of Advanced Education, the Australian Maritime College and the Australian Film and Television School.

Reports, dated 10 August 1982—

Academic staff of other institutions of tertiary education.

Vice-Chancellors, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Principals and Deputy Principals.

Statement.

4 **SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS—PAPER—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Sports Development Program Grants for 1982-83.

Mr J. J. Brown, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

5 **AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), pursuant to statute, presented the following papers:

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

Australian science and technology in international co-operation and development assistance, dated 10 May 1982.

New telescopes for Australian astronomy in the 1990's, dated 11 May 1982.

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

Australian Science and Technology Council—Reports—Ministerial statement, 23 September 1982.

Mr Viner (Minister for Defence Support) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 **COMMONWEALTH ADMINISTRATION—REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's decision to establish a Review of Commonwealth Administration, and of the terms of reference of the review, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Administration—Review—Ministerial statement, 23 September 1982.

Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 7 **CROWN SOLICITOR'S DIVISION—ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—JOINT MANAGEMENT REVIEW—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr N. A. Brown (Acting Attorney-General), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Crown Solicitor's Division—Attorney-General's Department—Joint management review—Report, dated June 1980, of P. A. Consulting Services Pty Ltd, Sydney—
Volume 1—Main report.

Volume 2—Appendices—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers.

- 8 **AUSTRALIAN POSTAL COMMISSION—MONOPOLY POSITION—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Communications), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Postal Commission—Monopoly position—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated August 1982.

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

Australian Postal Commission—Monopoly position—Report of Committee of Inquiry—Ministerial statement, 23 September 1982.

Mr Hodges (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

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

22 September 1982—Message—

No. 296—Sales Tax Amendment (Nos. 1 to 9) 1982 (*without requests*).

- No. 297—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment 1982.
- No. 298—Air Navigation Legislation (Validation and Interpretation) 1982.
- No. 299—Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment 1982 (*without requests*).
- No. 300—Live-stock Export Charge Amendment 1982 (*without requests*).

10 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hodges (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 12 October 1982, at 1.45 p.m., unless Mr Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.
Question—put and passed.

11 **ALLEGED THREAT TO MEMBER FOR MELBOURNE PORTS (MR HOLDING):** Mr Holding raised with Mr Speaker a matter of an alleged threat to himself received in the mail.
Mr Speaker undertook to refer the matter to the Australian Federal Police for investigation.

12 **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.

13 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposal for Physics Division Building, Materials Research Laboratories at Maribyrnong, Vic. (12th report of 1982).
Ordered to be printed.

14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEDICAL FRAUD AND OVERSERVICING:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Dr Blewett had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The belated and inadequate response of the Government to the problems of medical fraud and overservicing".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Dr Blewett addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

15 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
Mr Falconer and Mr Mildren—from certain citizens praying that the Income Tax Assessment Act be properly administered with regard to the provision of retirement benefits for private employees and that legislation be enacted to allow proper levels of retirement benefits.
Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Family Radio Limited's application for a broadcasting licence be supported and more category "S" F.M. licences be made available in Brisbane.
Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying that the Queensland charitable organisation, A New Start for the Under Achiever, be assisted in meeting the growing needs of disabled children.
Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that 0.1% of defence spending be allocated for work on peace
Petitions received.

- 16 **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:
22 September 1982—Message No. 192—Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) 1982.
- 17 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 18 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Wilson (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to social security.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Wilson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 **PAPERS:** Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following papers:
Copies of—
Certificate of incorporation on change of name of company—Change of name of P. M. Andersen Manufacturing Pty Ltd to Kimip Pty Ltd, dated 30 May 1980.
Letter from Corporate Affairs Commission of New South Wales to the Director, P. M. Andersen Manufacturing Pty Ltd, dated 15 April 1980 concerning extension of time to hold annual general meeting.
Notices of address of registered office and of office hours and of particulars of changes—
Kimip Pty Ltd, dated—
17 June 1980.
15 December 1980.
24 April 1981.
P. M. Andersen Pty Ltd, dated 16 May 1980.
Notice of situation of office where branch register of members kept or of change in situation or discontinuance—Kimip Pty Ltd, dated 14 May 1980.
Particulars and changes of particulars in register of directors, managers and secretaries of—
Kimip Pty Ltd, dated—
21 May 1980.
17 June 1980.
19 February 1981.
8 February 1982.
Metro-Group Holdings Ltd—
dated 27 June 1977.
undated.
Nattly Pty Ltd, dated—
7 December 1979.
18 December 1979.
30 April 1980 (2).
17 June 1980.
16 March 1981.
P. M. Andersen Manufacturing Pty Ltd, dated—
7 December 1979.
7 May 1980.
16 May 1980.
Puorg Ltd, dated—
7 December 1977.
16 January 1978.

31 January 1978.
Smorp Ltd, dated—
21 February 1978.
19 April 1978.

- 20 **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after order of the day No. 12, government business.
- 21 **STRAW COMPANIES AND CRIMES (TAXATION OFFENCES) ACT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Sir James Killen (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 22 September 1982*), viz.:

Straw companies and the *Crimes (Taxation Offences) Act 1980*—

Documents tabled in response to Senate motion No. 47 (given 7 September 1982).

Ministerial statement, 22 September 1982—

Debate resumed by Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Government no longer possesses the confidence of the House and the people of Australia because of its culpable negligence in failing to collect tax revenue, thereby increasing the burden on the community, and because of its failure to prosecute persons it knew to be conspiring to defraud the Commonwealth”.

Debate continued.

Mr Holding rising to address the House—

Closure: Sir James Killen moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Cunningham	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison
Dr Blewett	Mrs Darling	Dr Jenkins	Mr Mountford*
Mr Bowen	Mr Dawkins	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mrs Kelly	Mr Uren
Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mr Kent	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Hayden	Mr Kerin	Mr West
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Young
Mrs Child	Mr Howe	Mr Maher	
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milton	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the papers—put and passed.

- 22 **OMBUDSMAN AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Fife (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Federal Affairs and Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ombudsman Act 1976*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Papers: Mr Fife, by leave, during his speech, presented the following papers:
Administrative Review Council—Review of the *Ombudsman Act 1976*—Working paper.
Government response to the Council's recommendations in the working paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **COMMONWEALTH AND STATE MEAT INSPECTION SYSTEMS—COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—NOTES TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Commonwealth and State meat inspection systems—Committee of Inquiry—Notes taken by Mr J. Landos, Executive Officer.
Mr Nixon, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Commonwealth and State meat inspection systems—Committee of Inquiry—Notes taken by Executive Officer—Ministerial statement, 23 September 1982.
Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 **STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) BILL 1982:** Mr Fife (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory for and in relation to schools and other matters.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 **STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Fife (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1981*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FORT QUEENSCLIFF, QUEENSCLIFF, VIC.—REDEVELOPMENT:** Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report:
Redevelopment of Fort Queenscliff, Queenscliff, Vic.
Mr Hunt presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

- 27 **REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, DAW PARK, S.A.—REPLACEMENT OF OPERATING THEATRES AND REFURBISHMENT OF SURGICAL WARDS—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport 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: Replacement of operating theatres and refurbishment of the surgical wards at the Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park, S.A.
Question—put and passed.
- 28 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 22 TO 24 (1982):** Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 22, 23 and 24 (1982).
Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 29 **PAPER:** Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Products of the forging, foundry, die casting, sheet metal industries and other fabricated metal products, dated 31 August 1981 (No. 277).
- 30 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
23 September 1982—Message No. 301—States (Tax Sharing and Health Grants) Amendment (No. 2) 1982.
- 31 **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:
23 September 1982—Message No. 193—Customs and Excise Amendment 1982.
- 32 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1982-83:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$68,043,000—

Department of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, \$105,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$818,642,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Defence, \$3,902,509,000—

Department of Defence Support, \$428,711,000—

together debated.

Mr Holding addressing the committee—

It being 10 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

Adjournment negatived: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 33 **MOTION—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED:** Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) asked leave to move a motion.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 34 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103:** Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
- 35 **TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the assessment and collection of a tax in respect of certain unpaid company 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.
- 36 **TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) BILL 1982:** Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax in respect of certain unpaid company 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.
- 37 **TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1982:** Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make certain amendments consequent upon the enactment of the *Taxation (Unpaid Company Tax) Assessment Act 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.
- 38 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (ADDITIONAL TAX) BILL 1982:** Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act 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.
- 39 **RANGER URANIUM—TAILINGS DAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr McVeigh (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning alleged faults in the tailings dam at the Ranger uranium mine.
Mr West, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

40 **REPATRIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Thomson (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to repatriation and related matters.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Thomson 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.

41 **PAPER:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Copy of letter from J. B. Reid to Mr W. J. O'Reilly, Commissioner of Taxation, dated 23 September 1982, concerning allegations made in the Parliament regarding his involvement with certain companies.

42 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.14 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 12 October 1982, at 1.45 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

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 Innes, Mr C. K. Jones, Dr Klugman, Sir Phillip Lynch*, Mr McLean, Mr McMahon, Mr Mildren, Mr Robinson, Dr Theophanous and Mr Willis.

* On leave

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