

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 117

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 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 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence through illness of Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), he was acting as Prime Minister.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Question without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Agricultural policy—Issues and options for the 1980s—Report of Working Group, dated 24 September 1982.
 Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—115th Meeting, Rotorua, New Zealand, 26 July 1982.
 Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for year 1981-82.
 National Women's Advisory Council—4th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
 Pursuant to statute:
 Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—2nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1981-82.
 Australian Shipping Commission Act—Australian Shipping Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
 Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—21st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
 Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—8th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
 National Fitness Act—Report for year 1981-82.
- 5 **DRUG TRAFFICKING—REPORT OF COMMONWEALTH-NEW SOUTH WALES JOINT TASK FORCE—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Drug Trafficking—Report of Commonwealth-New South Wales Joint Task Force—Volume 2: Nugan Hand (Part 1), dated June 1982.
 Sir James Killen (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 Volume 2: Nugan Hand (Part 1) of the

Report of the Commonwealth-New South Wales Joint Task Force on Drug Trafficking, and

(2) That the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Drug Trafficking—Report of Commonwealth-New South Wales Joint Task Force—Volume 2: Nugan Hand (Part 1)—Ministerial statement, 9 November 1982.

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

Debate ensued.

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

6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

28 October 1982—Message—

No. 216—Drought Assistance (Primary Producers) 1982.

No. 217—Repatriation Legislation Amendment 1982.

30 October 1982—Message No. 218—

Income Tax (Individuals) 1982.

Income Tax (Companies, Corporate Unit Trusts and Superannuation Funds) 1982.

Income Tax (Mining Withholding Tax) Amendment 1982.

Income Tax (Rates) Amendment 1982.

Income Tax (Rates) 1982.

Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 5) 1982.

5 November 1982—Message—

No. 219—Loan (No. 2) 1982.

No. 220—

Diesel Fuel Taxes Legislation Amendment 1982.

Diesel Fuel Tax Amendment (No. 1) 1982.

Diesel Fuel Tax Amendment (No. 2) 1982.

No. 221—Public Service Acts Amendment 1982.

8 November 1982—Message No. 222—Health Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1982.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DEFENCE CAPABILITIES: Mr

Speaker informed the House that both Mr Scholes and Mr D. M. Cameron had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Scholes, namely, "The destabilising effect on Australia's defence capabilities of conflicting statements and the indecisive defence policies of the Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Scholes addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

Mr Bowen, Mr Cowan, Dr Edwards, Mr Fry, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Keating, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Sainsbury, Mr Scholes and Mr Spender—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 Campbell, Mr Katter, Mr Millar, Mr Scholes, Mr Tuckey and Mr Young—from certain residents of the Electoral Divisions of Kalgoorlie, Kennedy, Wide Bay, Melbourne Ports, O'Connor and Port Adelaide, respectively, praying that an efficient, effective public telegram service be maintained.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mrs Child, Mr Dawkins, Mr Duffy, Mr Scott and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the powers of the Australian Postal Commission to carry letters for reward be strengthened to ensure that the national postal service is retained in the interests of all Australians.
- Mr Cross, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jull, Mr Millar and Mr Thomson—from certain citizens praying that the importation of marine mammal by-products be banned and an international ban on the slaughter of marine mammals be supported.
- Mr Duffy, Dr Jenkins, Mr Kent and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that the Macedonian language be used in Government multi-lingual publications and be taught in secondary schools and tertiary institutions.
- Mr Campbell, Mr Holding and Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens praying that a Royal Commission be established to investigate the health and other problems of Australian Vietnam veterans exposed to toxic chemicals during the Vietnam war.
- Mr Dawkins, Mr Kerin and Mr McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a student loans scheme be rejected.
- Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Milton and Mr Scholes—from certain supporters of the animal rights campaign praying that carcass trade be promoted and that exports of live animals for slaughter be banned.
- Mr Free and Mr Jarman—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 Hodgman and Mr Newman—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.
- Mr Connolly—from certain residents of St Columban's College, North Turrumurra, N.S.W., praying that everything be done to prevent a miscarriage of justice with respect to charges filed against Father Brian Gore in The Philippines.
- Dr Edwards—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Berowra in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Cross—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Council be asked to reverse its decision to cut funding for the Popular Theatre Troupe of Queensland.
- Mr Dawkins—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 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 Duffy—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to protect Australian manufacturing industry.
- Dr Edwards—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 Fry—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory and surrounding region praying that the A.C.T. Schools Authority support neighbourhood schools and retain Watson High School.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.

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 action be taken to institute policies which will reduce mortgage repayments and preserve and maintain home ownership.

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 researchers using live animals in laboratories.

Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens praying that a suitable site be purchased for an international airport outside the Adelaide metropolitan area and planning for the new airport begin as a matter of urgency.

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

Mr Katter—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the Hungarian Government be asked to allow Mrs L. Irhazi and family to leave Hungary.

Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that Miss Lynda D. Morris be granted permanent resident status.

Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to reduce interest rates.

Petitions received.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1982: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 319

Mr Speaker

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to duties of Customs*", and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

HAROLD YOUNG
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 28 October 1982

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS

No. 1—Page 12, clause 25, at end of clause, add the following new sub-clauses:

"(2) A direction referred to in sub-section (1) has effect, or shall be deemed to have had effect, from and including such date (which, except in the case of a direction that may have the effect of increasing the duty payable in respect of goods, may be a date earlier than the publication in the *Gazette* of the notice containing the direction) as is specified in the notice.

"(3) The Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, revoke a direction referred to in sub-section (1).

"(4) A revocation under sub-section (3) has effect from and including such date (which, except in the case of a revocation that may have the effect of increasing the duty payable in respect of goods, may be a date earlier than the publication in the *Gazette* of the notice containing the revocation) as is specified in the notice.

“(5) The provisions of sections 48 (other than paragraphs (1) (a) and (b) and sub-section (2)), 49, 49A and 50 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply in relation to directions given under this section as if—

- (a) references in those provisions to regulations were references to directions; and
- (b) references in those provisions to the repeal of a regulation were references to the revocation of a direction.”.

No. 2—Page 13, clause 26, sub-clause (7), lines 33 to 38, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

“(7) The provisions of section 48 (other than paragraphs (1) (a) and (b) and sub-section (2)), 49, 49A and 50 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply in relation to directions given under this section as if—

- (a) references in those provisions to regulations were references to directions; and
- (b) references in those provisions to the repeal of a regulation were references to the revocation of a direction.”.

On the motion of Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hodgman, the House adopted the report.

10 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION (MANAGEMENT OF ORGANIZATIONS) 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 by Mr Hawke who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not generally opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House calls on the Government to extend the principle of disclosure of donations by organizations and to legislate immediately to require full disclosure by companies of all donations of a political nature made by them”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Hawke moved the following amendment: Clause 4, page 5, lines 14-18, omit proposed paragraph 132F (1) (b).

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Macphee (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12 **WHEAT MARKETING 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 Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 NATIONAL CRIMES COMMISSION 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 Jacobi addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Communications) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
 Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.
 Mr Ruddock 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.

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Communications) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.
Papers: Mr Ruddock, by leave, during his speech, presented the following papers:
 The King's School, Parramatta, N.S.W.—Speech day, 16 October 1982—
 Program.
 Transcript from tape.

Question—put and passed.
 And then the House, at 11.39 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

- PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 November 1982, pursuant to statute:

Australian Federal Police Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, Nos. 281, 282.
 Defence Act—Determinations—1982—
 No. 38—Separation Allowance.
 No. 39—Maternity Leave.
 No. 40—Solomon Islands Living Allowance.
 No. 41—Revocation of determinations.
 Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, Nos. 286, 287.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (2) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).
 National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 284.
 Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—1982—No. 4—Marine Orders, Part 30.
 Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 285.
 Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1982—Amendment No. 3.
 Public Service Act—Determination—1982—No. 13.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1982—
 No. 86—Careless Use of Fire (Amendment) (No. 2).
 No. 87—Liquor (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 88—Instruments (Amendment).
Regulations—1982—
No. 48 (Health Commission Ordinance).
Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 283.
Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—
Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment
No. 28.
Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 22.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Dobie*, Dr Edwards, Dr Everingham*, Mr Fraser, Mr Innes, Mr Katter, Mr Morrison, Mr Viner and Mr Young.

* On leave

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