

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

TUESDAY, 3 MAY 1983

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- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBERS:** Christopher John Hurford made and subscribed the oath of allegiance, and Graeme Campbell made and subscribed the affirmation of allegiance, required by law.
 - 3 **DEATH OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER (THE RIGHT HONOURABLE F. M. FORDE):** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Right Honourable Francis Michael Forde, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death on 28 January 1983 of the Right Honourable Francis Michael Forde, a Member for the Division of Capricornia from 1922 to 1946, a Minister of the Crown, Prime Minister and former High Commissioner to Canada, and that this House places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in its bereavement.
And Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
 - 4 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MR A. M. BLAIN, MR W. P. CONELAN AND MR D. MINOGUE) AND FORMER SENATOR (MR E. B. MAHER):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the deaths of:
Mr Adair Macalister Blain, on 28 April 1983, a Member of this House for the Northern Territory from 1934 to 1949;
Mr William Patrick Conelan, on 28 February 1983, a Member of this House for the Division of Griffith from 1939 to 1949;
Mr Daniel Minogue, on 7 January 1983, a Member of this House for the Division of West Sydney from 1949 to 1969, and
Mr Edmund Bede Maher, on 31 December 1982, a Senator for the State of Queensland from 1950 to 1965.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
 - 5 **BRUCE ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT:** Mr Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ, on Friday, 13 May 1983, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Bruce, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy

caused by the resignation of the Right Honourable Sir Billy Mackie Snedden, K.C.M.G., Q.C. The dates in connection with the election would be fixed as follows:

Date of nomination	Friday, 20 May 1983.
Date of polling	Saturday, 28 May 1983.
Date of return of writ	On or before Sunday, 31 July 1983.

6 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), Senator Walsh (Minister for Resources and Energy) was acting as Minister for Primary Industry and would be represented in this House by Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism and Minister for Administrative Services).

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

Mr Beazley, Mrs Child, Mr Holding, Mr Milton and Dr Theophanous—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 E. C. Cameron, Mr Holding, Mr Humphreys, Mrs Kelly and Mr Lusher—from certain citizens praying that the Federal Government take all possible steps to prevent the destruction of the lower Gordon and Franklin rivers in south-west Tasmania.

Mr Cunningham, Mr Holding, Mr Johnson and Mr P. F. Morris—from certain citizens praying that the requirement for declarations to be completed by pensioners and health care cardholders when presenting prescriptions be abolished.

Mr Cunningham, Mr Shipton and Mr Steedman—from certain citizens praying that an attendant care allowance for disabled persons be introduced immediately.

Dr H. R. Edwards, Ms McHugh and Mr Mountford—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that podiatry services be extended to cover all pensioners.

Mr Carlton and Mr Kerin—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 Cross and Mr Humphreys—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 Hicks and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Telecommunications Services in Australia be rejected.

Mr Anthony—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Richmond praying that the House intervene and prevent the construction of the dam on the Gordon below Franklin river system.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the findings of the Major Airport Needs of Sydney Committee be endorsed and proposals for an airport at Scheyville, N.S.W., be rejected.

Mr Carlton—from certain citizens praying that federal funds be allocated to enable full-time casual positions in the Adult Migrant Education Service in New South Wales to be made permanent.

Mr Charles—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Isaacs praying that local telephone calls continue to be charged on a per call basis and that Telecom remain a statutory authority and not be sold to private enterprise.

Mr Cross—from certain electors of Queensland praying that television programs captioned for the deaf be broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Commission in Queensland.

- Mr Free—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Macquarie praying that all steps be taken to preserve Telecom as a public utility.
- Mr Hayden—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
- Mr Hurford and Mr P. F. Morris—from certain residents of South Australia and New South Wales, respectively, in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that the decision to retrench employees in the aircraft manufacturing industry be reversed until the Parliament has considered the findings of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence in its current inquiry into the industry.
- Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that harp and hooded seals be listed on Appendix 1 of the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.
- Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that Australia appeal to the Canadian Government to stop the slaughter of baby seals in Canada.
- Mr Howard—from certain citizens praying that funds not be allocated for the development of roads or dams in south-west Tasmania but be provided instead for the preservation of the area.
- 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 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 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 the Government extend the provisions of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to cover syringes and needles required by diabetics.
- Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that donations to animal welfare organisations be tax deductible.
- Mr Jones—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 Katter—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 Katter—from certain citizens praying that a selection panel representing tertiary institutions travel to Mt Isa, Qld, each school year to interview applicants or that applicants be permitted to travel for interviews on a government warrant.
- Mrs Kelly—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 Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the House use all available power to stop construction of any dam on the Gordon and Franklin Rivers.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.

Mrs Kelly—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that action be taken to permit taxis to use the Civic public transport interchange.

Mrs Kelly—from certain parents and friends of Wanniasa High School, A.C.T., praying that action be taken to overcome the problem of excessive heat endured by students at the school during the summer months.

Mr Kent—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the importation of all seal products be halted and the slaughter of harp seals be discontinued.

Mr Kent—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of live animals for slaughter be banned.

Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the proposed sales tax on books, magazines and newspapers be withdrawn.

Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that government aid projects to The Philippines be stopped.

Mr Milton—from certain employees of Camaco Pty Ltd, Vic., praying that all Government organisations be required to buy Australian goods and services.

Mr Rocher—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.

Mr Scott—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Parliament require General Motors-Holden to continue its operations at the Woodville Plant, S.A.

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

Petitions received.

8 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

9 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:** Mr Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 2 May 1983.

Efficiency Audit—Administration of public hospitals by the Capital Territory Health Commission—Report of Auditor-General, dated 2 May 1983.

Mr Young (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 (a) the report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts and (b) the report of the Auditor-General on an efficiency audit of the administration of public hospitals by the Capital Territory Health Commission, and

(2) That the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—6th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Department of Defence Support—Report for year 1981-82.

Department of Employment and Industrial Relations—Report for year 1981-82.

Department of Industry and Commerce—Report for year 1981-82.

Industries Assistance Commission—Interim report—Certain Iron and Steel Products, dated 14 January 1983 (No. 312).

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Certain high alloy steel products, dated 23 December 1982 (No. 57).

National Training Council—8th Annual Report, for 1981-82.

Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—9th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1981-82.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

- 11 **NATIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the outcome of the National Economic Summit Conference and action the Government proposed to take in relation to it, and presented the following paper:

National Economic Summit Conference—Ministerial statement, 3 May 1983.

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

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Young, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 26 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

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

22 April 1983—Message—

No. 2—Appropriation (No. 4) 1982-83.

No. 3—Appropriation (No. 3) 1982-83 (*without requests*).

No. 4—Loan 1983.

No. 5—Social Security Amendment 1983.

- 13 **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:

27 April 1983—Message—

No. 5—

Appropriation (No. 3) 1982-83.

Appropriation (No. 4) 1982-83.

No. 6—Loan 1983.

No. 7—Social Security Amendment 1983.

- 14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WAGES POLICY:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to pursue a wages policy which will prevent a further rise in unemployment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 15 **PAPER:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence) presented the following paper:
Military low jet routes—Map, dated 6 October 1977.

- 16 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Ms Fatin presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed at the previous sitting, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Ms Fatin moved—That the Address be agreed to.

Mr Lindsay seconded the motion.

Debate continued.

Mr Baldwin addressing the House—

Adjournment negated: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Mr Baldwin continued his speech.

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

17 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.05 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 May 1983:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statutes—

No. 49—Staff Superannuation Amendment 1982.

No. 50—Courses and Awards Amendment 1983.

No. 51—Facilities Amendment 1983.

Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 18, 19.

Customs Tariff Act—Orders—

Developing Country—No. 10 (1982).

Forum Island Country—No. 4 (1982).

Separate Articles Direction—No. 1 (1982).

Defence Act—Determinations—1983—

No. 1—Recreation Leave Bonus.

No. 2—Gratuity for Members of the Emergency Reserve.

No. 3—Settling In and Settling Out Allowance.

No. 4—High Electricity Charges Allowance.

No. 5—Settling In and Settling Out Allowance.

No. 6—Hard Lying Allowance and others.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (2) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—

Determination—1983/1—Holders of public office on the Review of Commonwealth Administration and other bodies.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedule to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of Queensland and Western Australia, dated 18 April 1983.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr R. J. Brown, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Coleman, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mr Kerin and Mr Street.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives