

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 6

WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 1983

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr Adermann, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cadman, Mr Cowan, Mr Drummond, Mr Lusher, Mr Millar and Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Carlton and Mr Gorman—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mr McLeay 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 Braithwaite—from certain residents of Mackay, Qld, praying that the Mackay Directory Assistance Centre not be closed.

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 Charles—from certain citizens praying that the commercial exploitation of kangaroo by-products be banned.

Mr Coleman—from certain citizens praying for the re-introduction of the universal health scheme and reassessment of funding to the States for health care.

Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that alcoholic wines be taxed to a degree comparable to other alcoholic beverages, no tax be imposed on non-alcoholic wines and imposts on all alcoholic beverages be adjusted annually.

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.

Petitions received.

3 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE CAPABILITY:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat to Australia's defence capability through the actions of the Labor Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 4 **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Willis moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **STATES (TAX SHARING AND HEALTH GRANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Keating (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States (Tax Sharing and Health Grants) Act 1981*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Keating moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Howard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr J. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr J. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 **INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 23 of the *Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr J. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953*, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Carlton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 **BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT (ELECTION BLACKOUT) BILL 1983:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 116 of the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Duffy moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Lloyd), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **CHRISTMAS ISLAND AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Christmas Island Agreement.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 1982-83:** 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—Mr Moore addressing the House—  
It being 12 noon, the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 13 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—  
*Paper:* Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) presented the following paper:  
Trade in technology-intensive product groups by O.E.C.D. countries, per head of population, 1980—Graph, dated March 1983.  
Questions without notice continued.
- 14 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1981-82.  
Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—National Standards Commission—Report for year 1981-82.
- 15 **ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNTRON—IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR OF CADETS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the outcome of investigations into reports of improper behaviour at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and presented the following papers:  
Royal Military College, Duntroon—Improper behaviour of cadets—Copies of—  
Final report (edited) of the Commandant, dated 22 April 1983, together with annexes (5).  
Minute from Mr Scholes to the Chief of the General Staff, dated 10 May 1983.  
Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 16 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 1982-83:** 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 Beazley (Minister for Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 1982-83:** 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.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1982-83:** 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.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in addition to the Leader of the House or his nominee and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or his nominee, Mr Campbell, Mr Cross, Mr Gorman, Mr Griffiths, Mr

Hall, Mr Hodgman, Mr Millar, Mr Simmons and Mr Spender be members of the Committee of Privileges; 5 to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

- 20 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, *ex officio* members, the following Members be members of the Standing Orders Committee; 5 to form a quorum, viz.: Mr Groom, Mr Humphreys, Mr Lindsay, Mr Millar, Mr Mountford, Mr Rocher and Mr Sinclair.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 **MR DAVID COMBE—ASSOCIATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning Mr David Combe, his association with Mr Ivanov of the Soviet Embassy and the Government's decision that Ministers not deal with him in his capacity as a consultant lobbyist.

Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 22 **EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Expenditure:

Mr Baldwin, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Free, Mr McLeay, Mr A. A. Morris and Mr Mountford had been nominated by the Government Whip, Mr Goodluck, Mr Tuckey and Mr Wilson had been nominated by the Opposition Whip, Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Lusher had been nominated by the National Party Whip and Mrs Kelly had been nominated by the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts.

- 23 **TAXATION (INTEREST ON OVERPAYMENTS) BILL 1983:** 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. 11, dated 4 May 1983, 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 Duffy (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION BILL 1983:** 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 Lloyd who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "the House is of the opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with until—

(1) the legal action against the Australian Broadcasting Commission instituted by the Premier of New South Wales is concluded, and

(2) an assurance is given by the Government—

(a) that no action will be taken to alter the existing membership of the Commission until the Bill is again before the House at the conclusion of those legal proceedings, and

(b) that there will be no Government interference with the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission in its programming policy".

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Duffy—Minister for Communications), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

25 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.58 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hayden, Mr Katter, Mr Kerin, Mr Robinson, Mr Street and Mr Tuckey.

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