

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

TUESDAY, 17 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 OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER:** Anthony Austin Street made and subscribed the oath of allegiance required by law.
 - 3 **RETURN TO WRIT—WANNON DIVISION:** Mr Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General a return to the writ which His Excellency had issued on 7 April 1983 for the election of a Member to serve for the Division of Wannon, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Right Honourable John Malcolm Fraser, C.H., and that, by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that David Peter Maxwell Hawker had been elected.
 - 4 **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER:** David Peter Maxwell Hawker was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath of allegiance required by law.
 - 5 **BRUCE BY-ELECTION:** Mr Speaker informed the House that he had, on 13 May 1983, issued a writ in connection with the by-election for the Division of Bruce, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on 3 May 1983.
 - 6 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that Senator Ryan (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) would be represented in this House by Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance).
 - 7 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Adermann, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cowan, Mr Hicks, Mr Lloyd and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of Mackay, Qld, praying that the Mackay Directory Assistance Centre not be closed.
 - Mrs Child—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 Duffy—from certain citizens praying that Telecom's proposed charges increase be stopped and that the future viability of the manual assistance telephone network be ensured.
 - Mr Fisher—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the FM transmitter at Goschen, Vic., be installed as soon as possible.
 - Mr Howard—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that podiatry services be extended to cover all pensioners.
 - Ms McHugh—from certain citizens in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr Kent—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 Lloyd—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 McGauran—from certain residents of Victoria praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that the requirement for declarations to be completed by pensioners and health care cardholders when presenting prescriptions, be abolished.

Mr MacKellar—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 MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

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.

8 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a Parliamentary delegation from New Zealand, led by Mr D. M. J. Jones, M.P., Deputy Chairman of Committees of the House of Representatives, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

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

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

Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee—Report for year 1981-82.

Australian Capital Territory Schools Authority—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980-81.

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—35th Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.

Curriculum Development Centre Act—Curriculum Development Centre Council—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1980-81.

Department of Finance—Guidelines for the form and standard of financial statements of Commonwealth undertakings, dated May 1983.

11 **SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES—ROYAL COMMISSION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the appointment of a Royal Commission to review Australian security and intelligence agencies, and presented the following paper:

Security and intelligence agencies—Royal Commission—Ministerial statement, 17 May 1983.

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

Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) 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 terms of reference should be amended by omitting paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph:

'(c) further to the inquiry in relation to paragraphs (a) and (b) above:

(i) all the circumstances, including the actions of the Government, surrounding the expulsion from Australia of Mr Valeriy Nikolayevich Ivanov, First Secretary, Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the involvement of Mr Harvey David Mathew Combe in those circumstances; and

- (ii) whether or not the Prime Minister, the Special Minister of State or any other Minister or any senior Government adviser disclosed confidential information in any way relating to the decision to expel from Australia Mr Valeriy Nikolayevich Ivanov; and' ”.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Bowen (Deputy Prime Minister) moved—That the question be now put.

*Question—*That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mr Johnson	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Kerin	Mr Simmons
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Steedman
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hawke	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wells
Mrs Child	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	
Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mountford	

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Sir James Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr Street
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr White
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson
Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- 12 **C.S.I.R.O. LABORATORIES—SAFETY STANDARDS AND THE DEATH OF DR R. BERGAMASCO—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) presented the following paper:

C.S.I.R.O. Applied Organic Chemistry and Advanced Materials Laboratories at Fishermen's Bend, Melbourne—Safety standards and the death of C.S.I.R.O. employee Dr R. Bergamasco—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated 9 May 1983.

Mr Jones, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report and presented the following paper:

C.S.I.R.O. laboratories—Safety standards and the death of Dr R. Bergamasco—Report of Committee of Inquiry—Ministerial statement, 17 May 1983.

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

Dr H. R. Edwards 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.

- 13 **LIBRARY COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr Hawker be a member of the Library Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SOUTH EAST ASIA—GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr MacKellar had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The uncertainty created by the Government's confusing, contradictory and provocative statements in relation to South East Asia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr MacKellar addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 15 **BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT (ELECTION BLACKOUT) 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.

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

- 16 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 6 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6.28 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 May 1983:

Family Law Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 56.

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

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1983—

No. 124—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.†

No. 125—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

No. 126—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.

Nos. 127 to 140—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 141—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Australian Government Employment and another.†

No. 142—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 143—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.†

No. 144—Amalgamated Metals Foundry and Shipwrights' Union and others.

No. 145—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 146—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Australian Public Service.†

No. 147—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.†

No. 148—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.†

No. 149—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 150—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 151—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 152—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 153—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 154 and 155—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

(† Not accompanied by statement)

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hayden.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives