

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

TUESDAY, 24 MAY 1983

- 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 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
  - Mr Adermann, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Cowan, Mr Free, Mr Groom, Mr Hicks, Mr Jones, Mr Lusher and Mr McGauran—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
  - Mr Cross, Mr Humphreys and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
  - Mr Braithwaite and Mr Cross—from certain residents of Mackay, Qld, praying that the Mackay Directory Assistance Centre not be closed.
  - Mr Dobie and Ms McHugh—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 Fife and Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that podiatry services be extended to cover all pensioners.
  - Mr Hunt and Ms McHugh—from certain residents of New South Wales in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
  - Mr Blanchard—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 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 Dobie—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 Fry—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 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 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 the Australia Council be asked to reverse its decision to cut funding for the Popular Theatre Troupe of Queensland.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that carcass trade be promoted and that exports of live animals for slaughter be banned.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the House condemn the actions of the previous Government in approving, in principle, the establishment of an uranium enrichment plant in south-east Queensland, that residents of the area be consulted and a safety study be undertaken.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to prevent sand mining on Moreton Island, Qld, and that action be taken to declare Moreton Island a national park.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain electors of Queensland praying that television programs captioned for the deaf be broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Commission in Queensland.
- Mr Katter—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 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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
- Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that approval be given for construction of an overpass at the railway crossing on Highway 1, near Port Augusta, S.A.
- 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a Parliamentary delegation from The Philippines, led by the Honourable R. M. Sarmiento, Minister of State for Transport and Communications, was present in the gallery.  
Mr Speaker also informed the House that the Honourable J. J. Harman, M.L.A., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, was present in the gallery.  
On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
Australia-New Zealand closer economic relations—Text of trade agreement, signed on 28 March 1983.  
Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.  
Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions—12th meeting, Hobart, Tas., 15 October 1982.  
Australian National Gallery—Ceremonial opening—Booklet.  
Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—13th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.  
Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—10th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.  
Department of Education—Report for 1982.

- National Gallery Act—Council of the Australian National Gallery—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.  
 Student Assistance Act—Report by Minister on operation of Act for 1982.  
 Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- 6 **MEDICARE—GOVERNMENT DECISIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of decisions made by the Government in respect of the operation of the Medicare health insurance scheme, and presented the following paper:  
 Medicare—Government decisions—Ministerial statement, 24 May 1983.  
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Mountford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **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 May 1983—Message No. 20—World Heritage Properties Conservation 1983.
- 8 **SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER—ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the sessional order of 4 May 1983 amending standing order 48A, relating to the adjournment of the House, be suspended for this sitting.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 9 **WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Marketing Act 1979*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr McVeigh), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 11 **PARLIAMENTARY CONTRIBUTORY SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT 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. 21, dated 20 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 Dawkins (Minister for Finance), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 **ECONOMIC STATEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED:**  
 The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Young (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 19 May 1983*), viz.:  
 Economic statement—  
 Ministerial statement, 19 May 1983.  
 Attachment A—May statement of economic measures—Functional summary.  
 Attachment B—Supporting statement on new tax arrangements relating to retirement lump sums.

Income equalisation deposits—Statement by Mr Keating—

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches:* 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 60 minutes, and Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) and Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) each speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed by Mr Peacock 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 Treasurer’s statement places an unfair burden on the vast majority of Australian families while failing to address Australia’s fundamental economic problems”.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Party of Australia) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

*Suspension of standing orders—Further extension of time for speech:* Mr Young, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hawke completing his speech.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Fife be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

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

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- 13 **HOUSING POLICY INITIATIVES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Young (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 19 May 1983*), viz.:

Housing policy initiatives—Ministerial statement, 19 May 1983—

Debate resumed by Mr Fife 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, whilst the Government’s stated aim of further assisting the housing industry is to be supported, the Government should be condemned for taking action contrary to this aim and particularly condemned for its reduction in assistance to current home purchasers by effectively increasing their interest payment burden, and for its overall reduction in housing assistance”.

Amendment negatived.

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

- 14 **ECONOMIC PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Shipton moved the following amendment: Clause 9, page 5, omit paragraph (f) of sub-clause (1), substitute the following paragraphs:

“(f) 2 members selected after consultation between the Minister or his representative and such organisations (other than the organisations referred to in paragraph (fa)) that are representative of business as the Minister considers appropriate;

(fa) 1 member selected after consultation between the Minister or his representative and organisations representative of small business as the Minister considers appropriate;”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Young (Special Minister of State), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 **COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT 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 Macphee who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House—

(1) is of the opinion that the Government should acknowledge that permanent jobs will only be created when economic recovery occurs and should do its utmost to implement policies consistent with the following extracts from the National Economic Summit Communique:

(a) There is a recognition that to achieve recovery will require restraint in expectations and claims from all sections of the community except the impoverished (paragraph 2);

(b) It is a legitimate expectation that income of the employed shall be increased in real terms through time in line with productivity (paragraph 8), and

- (c) The preservation of the private sector as a profitable operating sector is essential to Australia's well-being and to encourage job creating investment both from within Australia and abroad (paragraph 9), and
- (2) resolves that the Government should seek to extend the wages pause and subsequent wage restraint until economic recovery, increased investment and consequent job creation have commenced strongly".

Amendment negatived.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 22, dated 20 May 1983, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Young (Special Minister of State), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.09 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 May 1983:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1983—No. 6—Survey of community and personal services industries.

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1983—Amendment No. 1.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr McLeay and Mr Wilson.

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**D. M. BLAKE**

Clerk of the House of Representatives