

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 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 Bilney, Mr Burr, Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie, Mr Drummond, Mr Free, Mr Jacobi, Mr Lusher, Mr Maher and Mr O'Neil from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Dobie, Mr Fife, Mr Fry, Mr MacKellar and Mr A. A. Morris from certain citizens praying that a select committee be established to investigate the creation of a Ministry of Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.
 - Mr Gorman and Mr Lusher from certain residents of New South Wales praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
 - Mrs Darling and Ms Fatin from certain residents of Queensland and Western Australia, respectively, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Groom, Mr Hawker, Mr Newman and Mr Porter from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Mr P. F. Morris, Mr O'Neil and Mr Reeves from certain residents of the Northern Territory praying that the transcontinental (north-south) railway be commenced and completed at an early date.
 - Mr Bilney and Mr O'Neil from certain citizens praying that the House not ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Ms Fatin and Mr Scott from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Mr Kent and Mr Milton from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
 - Mr Maher and Mr Ruddock from certain citizens praying that an assurance be given that no abortion clinic will be established in the Australian Capital Territory.
 - Mr Beddall from certain residents of the electoral Division of Fadden praying that the post office facilities in Loganlea, Qld, be replaced.
 - Mr Cadman from certain citizens praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme allowance be increased immediately to the same level as the single unemployment benefit and be maintained at that level.
 - 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.

- Ms Fatin from certain citizens praying that the Philippines' authorities be urged to cease harassment of Father Gore.
- Mr Hawker from certain citizens praying that holders of health care cards and pensioner health benefit cards be provided with free dental care through private dentists and dental care be included in the formulation of Medicare.
- Mr Hawker from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
- 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 Milton from certain citizens praying that pensioners be absolved from increases in telephone charges and be charged for calls only.
- Mr Milton from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.
- 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 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 Rocher from certain citizens praying that there be no requirement for tax to be deducted from payments to owner-drivers of trucks.
- 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 White from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase tax on superannuation be rescinded.

Petitions received.

3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 54

Mr Speaker,

The Senate, having considered Message No. 62 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following Resolution in connection therewith:

That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 62 of the House of Representatives relating to an extension of time for the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform to report.

D. McCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 24 August 1983

4 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RURAL COMMUNITIES—STABILITY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr McVeigh had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The serious threat to the stability of Australia's rural communities caused by the Government's contemptuous and discriminatory treatment of primary industries".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support

Mr McVeigh addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 6 September 1983, unless Mr Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question put and passed.

6 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read

Question proposed That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 12 noon, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106 (as amended by sessional order adopted on 4 May 1983).

Question That grievances be noted put and passed.

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

8 **PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Reserve Bank Act Reserve Bank of Australia Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

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

Australian Telecommunications Commission Services and business outlook for year 1983-84.

Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Report for year 1982-83.

National Energy Advisory Committee Report for year 1981-82.

Royal Australian Air Force Schedules of special flights for period 1 January to 30 June 1983.

10 **COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION COMMISSIONS—FUNDING GUIDELINES—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the

Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) presented the following papers:

Commonwealth Education Commissions —Funding guidelines for 1984

Report—Participation and equity.

Statement by Senator Ryan (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs).

Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 **AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Wheat Marketing Act Australian Wheat Board Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 December 1981 to 30 September 1982

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

Mr McVeigh, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

12 **AUSTRALIAN TOBACCO BOARD—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Tobacco Marketing Act Australian Tobacco Board Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1982

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

13 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Fry (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Reports on proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs

75th series (Item 2) and 79th series.

80th series.

Ordered That the reports be printed.

Mr Fry, Mr Ruddock and Mrs Kelly, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

- 14 **LEGISLATION PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House), by leave, made a ministerial statement announcing the Government's legislation program for the 1983 Budget period of sittings.
Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 15 **NATIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE—PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 23 August 1983*), viz.:
National Economic Summit Conference Documents and proceedings 11-14 April 1983
Volume 1 Government documents.
Volume 3 Documents submitted: Participants and observers
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
- 16 **NATIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Young That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 3 May 1983*), viz.:
National Economic Summit Conference Ministerial statement, 3 May 1983
Question put and passed.
- 17 **NATIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE—PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Young That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 21 April 1983*), viz.:
National Economic Summit Conference
Documents and proceedings Volume 2 Record of Proceedings, dated 11-14 April 1983.
Forward Estimates of Budget Outlays, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 Report by the Department of Finance, dated March 1983.
Information paper on the economy, dated April 1983, together with addenda (2).
Prices surveillance Notes, dated April 1983.
Projections of the Australian economy to 1985-86, dated April 1983.
Special analysis of unemployed persons registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service for full time employment as at 17 March 1983, dated 13 April 1983 Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.
Structure and role of the Economic Planning Advisory Council Notes, dated April 1983
Question put and passed.
- 18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 11 (1983):** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 11 (1983).
Debate adjourned (Mr Peacock Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1983-84—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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 Gorman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 6 September 1983, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Charlesworth, Mr Fife and Mr Porter.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives