

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 1983

- 1 The House met, at 10.30 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 Andrew, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cross, Mr Fisher, Mr Robinson, Mr Scott, Mr White and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Andrew and Mr Bilney—from certain citizens praying that the excise on grape spirit used in fortifying wine be either withdrawn or modified in its method of application and collection.
 - Mr Cross and Mr Free—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
 - 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 Cross—from certain residents of Mackay, Qld, praying that the Mackay Directory Assistance Centre not be closed.
 - Mr Fisher—from certain citizens praying that the House not ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Mr Free—from certain residents of Mt Riverview, N.S.W., praying that a Post Office Agency be situated in the Mount Riverview Shopping Centre.
 - Mr A. A. Morris—from certain citizens praying that all foreign bases be removed from Australia.
 - 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 required General Motors-Holden to continue its operations at the Woodville Plant, S.A.
 - Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that legislation introducing a means test for pensioners over 70 years of age be withdrawn.
 - Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that pensioners be absolved from increases in telephone charges and be charged for calls only.
- Petitions received.
- 3 **SALARIES AND WAGES PAUSE ACT REPEAL BILL 1983:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Salaries and Wages Pause Act 1982* and for related purposes.
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.

- 4 **OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Overseas Students Charge Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 5 **HEALTH LEGISLATION 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—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Bowen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Carlton speaking for a period not exceeding 65 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed by Mr Carlton who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the House declines to give the bill a second reading as it is of the opinion that the Australian system of health care delivery and financing should be based on—

- (1) the private professional practice of doctors and other health professionals charging a fee for service supported by a private sector insurance system, and sympathetic government assistance to the aged and the disadvantaged, and
- (2) public and private provision of hospital and other institutional facilities and community health care, accessible to private practitioners for the treatment of their patients, supported by a private sector insurance system, and sympathetic government assistance to the aged and the disadvantaged”.

Debate continued.

It being 12.45 p.m., 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.

- 6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Member named: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Franklin (Mr Goodluck) for again interjecting after a warning had been given by the Chair.

Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Franklin be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) having addressed the Chair, and Mr Goodluck having apologised to the Chair, the motion for the suspension of the honourable Member for Franklin was withdrawn, by leave.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Mr Sinclair, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance)—

Mr Dawkins laid upon the Table the following paper:

Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 5 September 1983, page 25.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented the following paper:

Department of Foreign Affairs—Note No. 83 to the Embassy of the Soviet Union relating to the destruction of a Korean airliner by Soviet armed forces, dated 14 September 1983.

Questions without notice concluded.

- 7 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report for year 1982-83.

National Railway Network (Financial Assistance) Act—Supplemental agreement relating to financial assistance for projects by way of improvement of main railway lines in Victoria—

Statement by Mr Morris (Minister for Transport).

Supplemental agreement, dated 26 May 1983.

Parliament Act—Proposal, together with a site plan and design sketch, for the construction, within the Parliamentary zone, of 2 bus shelters and one additional street light—

Proposal.

Statement by Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government).

Petroleum Products Pricing Act—Petroleum Products Pricing Authority—3rd Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

- 8 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That standing order 48A, as amended by the sessional order of 24 August 1983, relating to the adjournment of the House, and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS POLICIES:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hodgman had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The alarm and anxiety aroused in the Australian community by the Hawke Government's radical changes in immigration and ethnic affairs policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hodgman addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

14 September 1983—Message—

No. 56—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 3) 1983.

No. 57—First Home Owners 1983.

No. 58—Home Deposit Assistance Amendment 1983.

No. 59—Housing Loans Insurance Amendment 1983.

- 11 **HEALTH LEGISLATION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Carlton (see entry No. 5)*—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 65

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr Street
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Newman	Mr White
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson
Mr Dobie	Mr Howard	Mr Porter	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 65

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

NOES, 40

Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr Street
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Newman	Mr White
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Messages from the Governor-General: The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 45, dated 8 September 1983, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill, and

No. 46, dated 14 September 1983, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of an amendment to be moved to the Bill by a Minister.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Clauses 1 to 11, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 12—

Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) moved—That the clause be omitted and the following clause substituted:

“12. Section 10 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

Entitlement to medicare benefit

‘10. (1) Where, on or after 1 February 1984, medical expenses are incurred in respect of a professional service rendered in Australia to an eligible person, medicare benefit calculated in accordance with sub-section (2) is payable, subject to and in accordance with this Act, in respect of that professional service.

‘(2) A medicare benefit under sub-section (1) in respect of a professional service is an amount equal to—

- (a) 85% of the fee specified in respect of the service in the table in relation to the State in which the service is rendered; or
- (b) if the amount calculated under paragraph (a) is less by more than \$10 than the fee from which it is calculated—an amount that is less by \$10 than that fee.

‘(3) Subject to this Act, where—

- (a) a claim (in this sub-section referred to as the “threshold claim”) for medicare benefit is made by a claimant in respect of a professional service—
 - (i) which was rendered to a person, being either the claimant or another person (in this sub-section referred to as the “patient”); and
 - (ii) in respect of which the medical expenses are incurred by the claimant in a year,
 and the claim is accepted for payment by the Commission;
- (b) the claimant has, or another claimant or other claimants has or have made other claims (in this sub-section referred to as the “prior claims”) for medicare benefit in respect of professional services—
 - (i) which were rendered to the patient; and
 - (ii) in respect of which the medical expenses were incurred by the relevant claimant in that year,

and the prior claims were accepted for payment by the Commission before the time when the threshold claim is accepted for payment (in this sub-section referred to as the “relevant time”); and

- (c) the Commission is satisfied at the relevant time that—
 - (i) the first-mentioned claimant has paid the medical expenses in respect of the professional service to which the threshold claim relates;
 - (ii) a claimant has, or claimants have, paid the medical expenses in respect of professional services to which some or all of the prior claims accepted by the Commission for payment before the relevant time relate;
 - (iii) the sum of the patient contributions in respect of the prior claims referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) is less than the relevant amount for that year; and
 - (iv) the sum of the patient contribution in respect of the threshold claim and the patient contributions in respect of the prior claims referred to in

sub-paragraph (ii) is equal to or exceeds the relevant amount for that year,
the medicare benefit payable—

- (d) in respect of the professional service to which the threshold claim relates—shall be increased by the amount of the excess (if any) referred to in sub-paragraph (c) (iv);
- (e) in respect of a professional service—
 - (i) to which a prior claim accepted for payment by the Commission before the relevant time relates; and
 - (ii) in relation to which the Commission becomes satisfied, after the relevant time, that the claimant has paid the medical expenses, shall be increased by an amount equal to the patient contribution in respect of that claim; and
- (f) in respect of a professional service—
 - (i) to which a claim for medicare benefit that is accepted for payment by the Commission after the relevant time relates;
 - (ii) which was rendered to the patient; and
 - (iii) in respect of which the medical expenses are incurred by the claimant in that year, shall be increased by an amount equal to the patient contribution in respect of that claim.

‘(4) Where an amount calculated in accordance with sub-section (2) is not a multiple of 5 cents, the amount of cents shall be increased to the nearest higher amount that is a multiple of 5 cents.

‘(5) For the purposes of sub-sections (3) and (6), but without prejudice to the meaning of an expression in any other provision of this Act—

- (a) where a person to whom medicare benefit is payable in respect of a professional service is given or sent a cheque under sub-section 20 (2) for the amount of the medicare benefit, the person shall be taken to have paid so much of the medical expenses in respect of that service as is represented by the amount of the medicare benefit;
- (b) the question when medical expenses are incurred in respect of professional services relating to prescribed items shall, notwithstanding anything in this Act, be determined in accordance with the regulations; and
- (c) a reference to a professional service is a reference to a professional service (including a medical service rendered outside Australia)—
 - (i) in respect of which medicare benefit is payable; and
 - (ii) the medical expenses in respect of which exceed the amount of medicare benefit that, but for sub-section (3), would be payable in respect of the service.

‘(6) In this section—

“patient contribution”, in relation to a claim for medicare benefit in respect of a professional service, means an amount equal to the difference between—

- (a) the fee specified in respect of the service in the table in relation to the State in which the service is rendered or, if the medical expenses in respect of the service are less than that fee, those medical expenses; and
- (b) the amount of medicare benefit that, but for sub-section (3), would be payable in respect of the service;

“relevant amount” means—

- (a) in relation to a year, being the period of 5 months commencing on 1 February 1984—\$62.50 or, if a higher amount is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph, that higher amount; or
- (b) in relation to the year commencing on 1 July 1984 or a subsequent year—\$150, or if a higher amount is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph in respect of that year, that higher amount;

“year” means—

- (a) the period of 5 months commencing on 1 February 1984;
- (b) the year commencing on 1 July 1984; or
- (c) a subsequent year commencing on a 1 July.’”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Rocher, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

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

NOES, 40

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	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 White
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 13 to 17, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 18 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

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

NOES, 40

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr Street
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Newman	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 19 to 23, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 24 to 27, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Question—That the clauses be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

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

NOES, 41

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 28 to 30, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 31 to 45, by leave, taken together, and debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the clauses be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 40

Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Moore	Mr Street
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr White
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 46 to 48, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 49 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 50 to 56, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 57 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Rocher, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 38

Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Groom	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hawker	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Millar	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 58 to 63, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 64 debated and agreed to.

Clause 65 agreed to.

Clauses 66 and 67, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Question—That the clauses be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Rocher, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 36

Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipton
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Millar	Mr Street
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Dobie	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 68 to 70, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 71 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 72 and 73, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 74 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 75 to 84, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 85 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 86 and 87, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 88 to 131, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Dr Blewett, the following amendment was made: Schedule 3, page 64, omit paragraph (g) of the proposed Schedule.

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Blewett, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **MEDICARE LEVY 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **INCOME TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY) 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 3, page 2, after proposed sub-section 251R (1), insert the following sub-section:

“(1A) Where, during any period, a man and a woman have lived together as husband and wife on a *bona fide* domestic basis although they were not legally married to each other, this Part and any Act imposing levy have effect in relation to that period as if those persons were legally married to each other and neither of them was married to any other person.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Blewett, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 **STATES (TAX SHARING AND HEALTH GRANTS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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. 47, dated 8 September 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 motion of Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 3.09 a.m. adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 September 1983:

Defence Act—Determinations—1983—

No. 15—Recreation Leave.

No. 16—Linguists Bounty.

No. 17—Fiji Living Allowance.

Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—1983—

No. 8—Marine Orders, Part 43.

No. 9—Marine Orders, Part 44.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—
Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No.
37.

Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 30.

Telecommunications (General)—Amendment No. 37.

Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 42.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Child, Mr Cowan, Mr Fife*, Mr Gorman, Mr Lusher, Mr Reeves and Mr Tuckey.

* On leave

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives