

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 22

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 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 Beddall, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Dobie, Mr Hawker, Mr Holding, Mr Hollis, Mr Jacobi, Mr Macphee, Mr Maher, Mr Moore, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr O'Neil, Mr Porter, Mr Shipton, Mr Wells and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Burr and Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - Mr Drummond and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that there be no requirement for tax to be deducted from payments to owner-drivers of trucks.
 - Mr Groom and Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
 - Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the withholding tax as it applies to the building industry be revoked.
 - Mr Gear—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment and in the provision of unemployment benefits, based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.
 - Mr Groom—from certain residents of the north-west coast of Tasmania praying that Christian FM broadcasters be granted a permanent licence to broadcast in the north-west region of Tasmania.
 - Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
 - 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 Lusher—from certain citizens praying that a select committee be established to investigate the creation of a Ministry of Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.
 - Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
 - 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.
 - Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that Australia raise in the United Nations a request that the Polish Government honour its obligations under the Helsinki Agreement.

Petitions received.

- 3 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without requests:
- 14 September 1983—Message—
- No. 60—Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Amendment 1983.
 No. 61—Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Amendment 1983.
 No. 62—Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Amendment 1983.
 No. 63—Edible Oils (Export Inspection Charge) Amendment 1983.
- 4 **INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953*.
- Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hurford moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PERTH AIRPORT, W.A.—INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL COMPLEX AND PARALLEL TAXIWAY:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Perth Airport international terminal complex and parallel taxiway.
- Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Question—put and passed.
- 6 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ACCOMMODATION FOR AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD, MELBOURNE, VIC.:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Australian Wheat Board accommodation at Ceres House, 528 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, for Head Office and Victorian Branch.
- Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Question—put and passed.
- 7 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 2 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 8 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, general business, given for Thursday, 15 September 1983, by the Leader of the Opposition, being called on forthwith.
- Question—put and passed.
- 9 **LEBANON:** Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—
- (1) notes with grave concern the recent escalation of violence in the Lebanon and in particular abhors the provocative attacks on members of the multi-national peace-keeping force by Syrian-backed militiamen, and
 - (2) urges the phased withdrawal of foreign troops from the Lebanon and the re-establishment of peaceful co-existence amongst the Lebanese people.
- Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved, as an amendment—That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House—
- (1) notes with grave concern the violence and disorder in Lebanon and deplores the continuing presence of those foreign military forces, including the

Palestinian Liberation Organisation, who are provoking and exacerbating the bloodshed and destruction, and

- (2) considers that an essential step towards the establishment of peaceful co-existence amongst all Lebanese people lies in the cessation of the flow of arms from other countries and the withdrawal of all troops except those necessary to foster the conditions for the development of public order and who are in Lebanon at the genuine invitation of the government”.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

- 10 **BARLEY RESEARCH LEVY 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.
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.
- 11 **MEAT INSPECTION 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 Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Papers: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented the following papers:
Medicare program—Financial proposals by the Commonwealth Government, dated 30 June 1983.
Premiers' Conference and Loan Council Meeting, 30 June to 1 July 1983—Communique.
Questions without notice continued.
- 13 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Administrative Review Council—Reports to Attorney-General—
Review of taxation decisions by boards of review, dated 6 June 1983 (No. 17).
Rights of review under the *Migration Act 1958* and related legislation—Interim report on the constitution of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, dated 4 August 1983 (No. 19).
Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1982—Part 1—Report.
Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report for 1982—
Volume 1—Report.
Volume 2—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report.
Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Report for 1982—
Report.
Statement by Senator Ryan (Minister for Education and Youth Affairs).
Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—9th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.
- 14 **SCHOOLS FOR THE A.C.T.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF REVIEW INTO THE IMPACT OF RADFORD COLLEGE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) presented the following paper:
Schools for the A.C.T.: how public? how private?—Report of the Committee of Review into the Impact of Radford College—Volume 1, dated 14 July 1983.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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.

- 15 **ANZUS TREATY—REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's review of the ANZUS Treaty.

Mr MacKellar, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Hayden presented the following paper:

ANZUS Treaty—Review—Ministerial statement, 15 September 1983.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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.

- 16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PROTECTION POLICY:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The confusion and uncertainty caused for Australian industry by the conflict within the Government over protection policy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 17 **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION) 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. 48, 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 the motion of Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 **INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (QUOTA INCREASE) 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 49, 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 the motion of Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION) 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 50, 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 the motion of Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 **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.
Mr Maher addressing the House—
It being 6.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 21 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, as amended by sessional order, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
It being 10 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106, as amended by sessional order.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at 10.28 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.

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

* On leave

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives