

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 1983

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **AMERICA'S CUP—WIN BY AUSTRALIA II:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That this House—

- (1) congratulates all members of the *Australia II* team on its magnificent achievement in winning the America's Cup, recognised as the most prestigious of international yachting events;
- (2) highly commends the sportsmanship, competitive spirit and technical proficiency of the Australian team who with skill and determination won world acclaim and brought great credit to this nation;
- (3) recognises the contribution particularly of Alan Bond, Warren Jones, John Bertrand and Ben Lexcen to the success of this venture;
- (4) acknowledges with appreciation the sportsmanship and sterling performance of Dennis Conner and the crew of *Liberty* who together, in true American tradition, put up such a great contest, and
- (5) requests the Speaker to convey the terms of this resolution to those concerned.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) and Mr Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment), Senator Grimes (Minister for Social Security) was acting as Minister for Health and Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) was acting as Minister for Home Affairs and Environment. Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) was representing the Acting Minister for Health in this House.

4 **PETITIONS:** The Acting Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Chynoweth, Mr Cohen, Mr Connolly, Mr Cowan, Mrs Darling, Mr Gayler, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr Millar, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr O'Neil, Mr Porter and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Dr Blewett, Mr Jacobi, Mr O'Neil and Mr Wilson—from certain residents of South Australia praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mrs Darling—from certain residents of Queensland, in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

- Mr Cadman and Mr Connolly—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 R. F. Edwards and Ms Fatin—from certain citizens praying that certain infertility treatments be included on the Commonwealth Rebate List.
- Mr Charles—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
- Mr Charles—from certain citizens praying that pensioners be absolved from increases in telephone charges and be charged for calls only.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be passed.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Family Radio Limited's application for a broadcasting licence be supported and more category 'S' FM licences be made available in Brisbane.
- 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 Keating—from certain citizens praying that the proposed amendments to the taxing formula on lump sum superannuation payments be withdrawn.
- 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 O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- 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.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation) presented the following papers:

Superannuation—Tax payable on lump sum payments—Pilots aged 55 years or over—Tables (3).

Questions without notice continued.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Certain thick plywood, dated 11 July 1983 (No. 327).

Heavy commercial motor vehicles, parts and accessories—Interim report, dated 1 July 1983 (No. 325).

Stranded wire, cables, cordage, ropes, etc., of iron or steel wire (developing country preferences), dated 22 April 1983 (No. 317).

Tableware and certain other goods, of pottery (developing country preferences), dated 25 March 1983 (No. 316).

Primary Industry Bank Act—Primary Industry Bank of Australia Limited—5th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

22 September 1983—Message No. 68—Loan (No. 2) 1983.

8 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

29 September 1983—Message No. 54—Loan (No. 2) 1983.

1 October 1983—Message—

No. 55—

Income Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy) 1983.

Medicare Levy 1983.

States (Tax Sharing and Health Grants) Amendment (No. 2) 1983.

No. 56—Health Legislation Amendment 1983.

- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—JOB CREATION POLICIES:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Macphee had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government of fulfil its promises to formulate policies to create jobs". The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Macphee addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 10 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 14 (1983):** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 14 (1983).
Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1983-84:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Defence, \$4,585,935,000—

Department of Defence Support, \$385,220,000—
together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Trade, \$301,577,000—

Department of Resources and Energy, \$101,878,000—
together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Transport, \$183,810,000—

Department of Aviation, \$430,812,000—
together debated.

Papers: Mr Lusher, by leave, presented the following papers:

Alice Springs-Darwin railway—

Communications (21) between Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) and Mr Everingham (Chief Minister of the Northern Territory), dated May to August 1983.

Joint memorandum from the Premier of South Australia and the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory in support of the railway.

Notes of meeting on 18 August 1983 between Mr Hawke and representatives of the Northern Territory and South Australian Governments and officials of the Department of Transport.

Planning and design—Paper by D. P. Smith prepared for International Rail Track Conference, Newcastle, N.S.W., 12-16 September 1983.

Submission to Mr Hawke by the Lord Mayor of Darwin and the Mayors of Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

Summary of documents.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, \$518,441,000—

Department of Education and Youth Affairs, \$730,303,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$458,586,000—

Department of Finance, \$59,287,000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$150,000,000—

Minister for Finance—Special Funds, \$53,000,000—

together debated.

Dr Theophanous addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Mildren reported accordingly.

- 13 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 October 1983:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 170.

Australian Antarctic Territory Act—Ordinance—1983—No. 1—Migratory Birds (Amendment).

Australian Capital Territory Representation (House of Representatives) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 177, 182.

Commonwealth Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 176, 181.

Companies (Acquisition of Shares—Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 185.

Companies (Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 184.

Dairy Produce Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 175.

Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 174.

Dried Fruit (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 173.

Edible Oils (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 189.

Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 187.

Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169.

- Family Law Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 192.
 Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 172.
 Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 188.
 Health Insurance Act—Statements of particulars of Ministerial determinations made pursuant to section 106AA relating to—
 Dr Ian Anderson, dated 16 August 1983.
 Dr Arunachalam Lakshmanan, dated 16 August 1983.
 Dr Antoine Sanki, dated 16 August 1983.
 Heard Island and McDonald Islands Act—Ordinance—1983—No. 1—Migratory Birds (Amendment).
 Lands Acquisition Act—
 Land acquired for telecommunications services, Pambula, N.S.W.
 Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorized under sub-section 7 (1).
 Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 191.
 Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 180.
 Northern Territory Representation Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 178, 183.
 Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1983—Amendment No. 2.
 Public Accounts Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 179.
 Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department—
 Health—N. K. Atkinson.
 Social Security—D. A. Collins, A. E. Meredith, D. J. Smith.
 Determination—1983—No. 18.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1983—
 No. 26—Sewerage Rates (Amendment).
 No. 27—Crimes (Amendment).
 Sewerage Rates Ordinance—Determination of charges, dated 23 September 1983.
 Securities Industry (Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 186.
 Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 171.
 Wool Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 190.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andrew, Mr Bilney, Dr Blewett, Mrs Child, Mr Cohen, Mr Coleman, Ms Fatin, Mr Fife*, Mr Goodluck, Mr Gorman, Mr Groom, Mr Hayden, Mr Hicks, Mr Hunt, Mr Jacobi, Mr Keating, Mr Keogh, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay, Mr Morrison, Mr Newman, Mr Rocher and Mr White.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
 Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives