

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 29

TUESDAY, 11 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 **DEATHS OF KOREAN MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That this House—

- (1) expresses its profound sympathy at the loss of the lives of Ministers and officials of the Government of the Republic of Korea in the bomb explosion in Rangoon, Burma, on Sunday, 9 October;
- (2) reaffirms its abhorrence of and opposition to terrorism;
- (3) reaffirms its support for the people of the Republic of Korea and calls on all nations with interests and concerns in the Korean Peninsula to exercise restraint and moderation at this difficult time, and
- (4) requests the Speaker to convey the terms of this resolution to the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

Debate ensued

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—put and passed.

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

Mr Adermann, Mr Andrew, Mr Cadman, Mrs Darling, Mr Drummond, Ms Fatin, Mr Hand and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Brumby, Mrs Darling and Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Adermann, Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Burr, Mr Hodgman and Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be amended to prevent inconsistencies with the principles of justice and equality and that a conscience vote on the Bill be permitted to all Members of Parliament.

Mrs Darling and Dr Everingham—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mr O'Neil and Mr Porter—from certain residents of South Australia; and Mr Sinclair—from certain residents of New South Wales; in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

- Mr Milton and Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that a moratorium on uranium mining and treatment be declared, that certain other action be taken in relation to the mining, processing and export of Australia's uranium and that the Roxby Uranium Mine development be discontinued.
- Mr Andrew—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 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 Carlton—from certain citizens praying that certain infertility treatments be included on the Commonwealth Rebate List.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be passed.
- Mr Fry—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that Havelock House be made available to the community for use as low-cost accommodation.
- 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 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 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 legislation be enacted to require the production of annual statistics on the numbers of live animals involved in research and that humane and responsible standards of conduct for researchers using live animals in laboratories be developed and enforced.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that asbestos at Narrabundah College, A.C.T., be contained as soon as possible to allow classes to recommence with the assurance that the asbestos will be removed at a later date.
- 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 for the removal of the sections in the Medicare legislation giving minors living in a family situation the right to their own Medicare card and the right to seek medical treatment apart from that determined by their parents.
- 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 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 Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that plans to introduce a withholding tax be discontinued or its implementation delayed.
- Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to relieve the grain growing industry of the tariff duty on imported grain harvesters.
- Mr West—from certain citizens praying that a select committee be established to investigate the creation of a Ministry of Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.

Petitions received.

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

5 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT AND PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1982-83, together with certificates of exempt accounts in respect of prescribed departments and organisations and a report of the independent auditor relating to the Auditor-General's Office, accompanied by the Minister for Finance's Statements.

Mr Bowen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General for the year 1982-83, and

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

6 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Operation of National Research Granting Schemes, dated 1 September 1983.

7 **POPULATION FORECASTS FOR AUSTRALIA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following paper:

Population forecasts for Australia for 1983-86 with projections for selected years to 2021—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Report, dated August 1983.

Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** 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 Bills:

7 October 1983—Message No. 57—

Salaries and Wages Pause Act Repeal 1983.

Public Service Amendment 1983.

Income Tax (International Agreements) Amendment 1983.

9 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House:

Proposed work in the Parliamentary zone—Commonwealth Avenue and Kings Avenue extensions, pier protection, bus shelters and street light—Report, dated 6 October 1983.

Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved—That the report be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ASEAN-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr MacKellar had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The developing crisis in Australia's relations with ASEAN because of the decision of ASEAN to postpone the Australian-ASEAN forum meeting in protest about Australia's policy towards Vietnam and its occupation of Cambodia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr MacKellar addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 **EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 8 (1983):** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) moved Excise Tariff Proposals No. 8 (1983).  
Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION AMENDMENT (EMIGRATION OF CERTAIN CHILDREN) BILL 1983:** Message No. 79, dated 7 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Migration Act 1958'*".  
Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Message No. 78, dated 7 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Family Law Act 1975'*".  
Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **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.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Administrative Services, \$363,091,000—

Department of Housing and Construction, \$313,106,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industry, \$146,912,000—debated and agreed to.

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

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The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

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

- 15 **PECUNIARY INTERESTS—ALLEGED COMPANY ACTIVITIES OF MINISTER:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), by indulgence of the Chair, added to an answer to a question without notice asked earlier this day concerning the alleged activities of a family company, Coomel Pty Ltd.

*Papers:* Mr Dawkins presented the following papers:

Coomel Pty Ltd—Copy of letter from Mr R. W. Dunn, Liquidator, to Mr Dawkins concerning the transactions of Coomel in shares in Metro Industries Ltd, dated 11 October 1983.

Metro Industries Ltd—Monthly share price history, December 1975 to May 1983.

Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 16 **MINISTER FOR FINANCE:** Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That the Minister for Finance be condemned for the double standards he has just displayed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

## The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 40

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Lusher	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr MacKellar	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr McGauran	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McVeigh	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron*	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Lloyd	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 17 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1983-84:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Industry and Commerce, \$178,943,000—

Department of Science and Technology, \$521,304,000—

together debated.

Mr Shipton addressing the committee—

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

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negatived:* The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

18 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House; at 11.22 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

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**PAPER:** The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 11 October 1983:

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Health—R. S. McClory.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mrs Child, Mr Cohen, Mr Coleman, Mr Fife\*, Mr Goodluck, Mr Gorman, Mr Groom, Mr Hicks, Mr Jacobi, Mr Keating, Mr Keogh, Mr McLeay, Mr Morrison and Mr Rocher.

\*On leave

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**D. M. BLAKE**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives