

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 31

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER 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 Braithwaite, Mr Free, Mr Hollis and Mr Saunderson—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Porter—from D. Bakker of Yankalilla, S.A., in similar terms.

Mr Anthony—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Burr—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—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be passed.

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

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Milton—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 Porter—from certain electors of the Division of Barker praying that the proposals in Medicare legislation to allow children privacy in medical matters be withdrawn.

Mr Reeves—from certain residents of the Northern Territory praying that the transcontinental (north-south) railway be commenced and completed at an early date.

Petitions received.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Message No. 83, dated 7 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Freedom of Information Act 1982', and for related purposes*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 4 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Duffy (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Spender), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT (EMIGRATION OF CERTAIN CHILDREN) BILL 1983:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Duffy (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Spender), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (LEGAL AID COSTS) 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 Duffy (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 7 **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 Social Security, \$653,298,000—

Department of Health, \$493,045,000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$707,504,000—

together debated.

It being 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—Progress to be reported.

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.

- 8 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 9 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Australian Egg Board, report for year 1982-83.
Australian Wool Corporation—Interim report for year 1982-83.
- 10 **CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES, NEW SOUTH WALES—REVIEW—REPORT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:**
Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) presented the following papers:
Customs administration and procedures, New South Wales—Review—Report by F. J. Mahony, dated 13 April 1983—
Volume 1—Report.
Volume 2—Submissions.
Government decisions on and responses to recommendations of the report.
Statement by Senator Button (Minister for Industry and Commerce).
Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 11 **FEDERATED SHIP PAINTERS AND DOCKERS' UNION—5TH INTERIM REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION AND STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Duffy (Minister representing the Attorney-General) presented the following papers:

Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union—5th Interim Report of Royal Commission—Volume 1, dated 25 July 1983 together with statement by Senator Evans (Attorney-General).

Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 12 **SPECIAL PROSECUTOR R. F. REDLICH—REPORT AND STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Duffy (Minister representing the Attorney-General) presented the following papers:

Special Prosecutors Act—Special Prosecutor R. F. Redlich—Report for period 21 October 1982 to 30 June 1983 together with statement by Senator Evans (Attorney-General).

Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

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

13 October 1983—Message—

No. 84—Dairy Industry Legislation Amendment 1983.

No. 85—Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Amendment 1983 (*without requests*).

No. 86—Dairy Industry Stabilization Levy Amendment 1983 (*without requests*).

- 14 **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:

12 October 1983—Message No. 65—

Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1983.

Television Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1983.

Barley Research Levy Amendment 1983.

Ombudsman Amendment 1983.

Ombudsman (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1983.

- 15 **PAPER:** Mr Aldred, during a personal explanation, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Labor Party—Copy of Minutes of Camberwell Branch meeting, 2 August 1983.

- 16 **PAPER:** Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), during a personal explanation, by leave, presented the following paper:

Record unemployment rate—News release by the Hon. John Howard, MP, dated 13 October 1983.

- 17 **PAPERS:** Mr Tuckey, by leave, presented the following papers:

Coomel Pty Ltd—Sale of land at Armadale, W.A.—Copies of—

Memo to members of Coomel.

Letter to Mr C. Gardiner, Liquidator, from Mr G. J. Robertson, dated 6 April 1979.

- 18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SUGAR INDUSTRY:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s shameful attitude to the Australian sugar industry”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Anthony addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 19 **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

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Department of Social Security, \$653,298,000—

Department of Health, \$493,045,000—

Department of Veterans’ Affairs, \$707,504,000—
together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General’s Department, \$208,671,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$153,455,000—

Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$185,775,000—
together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$910,031,000—debated.

Mr Bilney addressing the committee—

It being 10 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

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

Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) 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 expenditure agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 **APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1983-84:** 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—

Mr Tuckey addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 62

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Johnson	Mr Reeves
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Sanderson
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 Hayden	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
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Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron*	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Robinson	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House) moved—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

The committee proceeding to a division—

Point of order: During the ringing of the bells, Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) raised a point of order that it was not in order for the Chairman to accept a motion to report progress while there was a question before the Chair.

Chairman's ruling: The Chairman (Mr Johnson) ruled that the Minister could move to report progress at that time.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Mr Beddall	Dr Everingham	Mr Kent	Mr Scott
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Simmons
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Ms McHugh	Mr Steedman
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Maher	Dr Theophanus
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Sinclair moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

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And so it was negatived.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

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

21 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at 11.26 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 October 1983:

Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—1983—

No. 10—Marine Orders, Part 12.

No. 11—Marine Orders, Part 41.

No. 12—Marine Orders, Part 48.

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

*On leave

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives