

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 35

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 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 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Bilney, Dr Blewett, Mr Brumby, Mr Cadman, Mr Cohen, Mr Cowan, Mr Drummond, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gayler, Mr Hawker, Mr Hunt, Mr Holding, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr Lusher, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr O'Neil, Mr Robinson, Mr Ruddock and Mr Spender—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Peacock—from Mrs M. McClellan of North Balwyn, Vic., in the same terms.
 - Mr Beazley, Mr Bilney, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Charles, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Dobie, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Holding and Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
 - Mr J. J. Brown, Mr O'Neil and Mr Tuckey—from certain residents of New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia, respectively, praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
 - Mr Groom and Mr Hodgman—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.
 - Ms McHugh and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that all foreign bases be removed from Australia.
 - Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
 - 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 the motor vessel *Krait* remain in the care and maintenance of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and not be removed to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.
 - Mr Cowan—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands.
 - Mr Duffy—from certain citizens praying that closure of the directory assistance service at Dubbo, N.S.W., be halted.
 - Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that the Canberra City Blood Bank not be moved to the Woden Valley Hospital.

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 Howard—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that Parents and Citizens Associations and other such bodies be granted exemption from the Bank Account Debits Tax Administration Act.

Mr Keating—from certain members of the Naval Association of Australia, Canterbury-Bankstown Sub-Section, and others praying that the decision to disband the fixed wing element of the Naval Fleet Air Arm be reconsidered.

Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that removal of Glucose Nutramigen and Pregestimil from the National Health Scheme be reviewed.

Mrs Mayer—from certain residents of Victoria praying that Victorian parent clubs be recognised as education auxiliaries and be exempted from bank account debits tax.

Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to relieve the grain growing industry of the tariff duty on imported grain harvesters.

Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that any restrictions limiting television coverage for Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Pirie, S.A., be removed.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Committee of Review into the Impact of Radford College, A.C.T., not to be implemented and certain other action be taken in respect of education funding.

Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the establishment of nuclear power plants in Australia and the export of Australian uranium be prohibited and a moratorium on all mining and treatment of uranium be declared.

Petitions received.

3 LIVING AWAY FROM HOME FACILITIES FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN—STUDY—REPORT OF COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bowen (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 18 October 1983*), viz.:

Living away from home facilities for isolated children—Study—Report of Commonwealth Schools Commission, dated 30 November 1982—

Debate resumed by Mr Moore who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House calls on the Government to implement, without delay, the recommendations of the Commonwealth Schools Commission to provide necessary additional funding for boarding schools and for hostels to meet the needs of isolated students”.

Debate continued.

Mr Simmons addressing the House—

It being 3 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution of the House of 20 October 1983, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence abroad of Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, Minister for Administrative Services and Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), Mr Cohen (Minister for Home Affairs and Environment) was acting as Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism and Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) was acting as Minister for Administrative Services and Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Electoral Office Act—Australian Electoral Office—Report for year 1982-83.
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for year 1982-83.

Dairying Research Act—Australian Dairy Research Committee—11th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Department of Primary Industry—Report for year 1982-83.

Marine oil spill risk in Australia—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated March 1983.

Oilseeds Levy Collection and Research Act—Oilseeds Research Committee—Report for year 1982-83.

Tobacco Industry Act—Report for year 1982-83.

7 IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS—GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED: Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) seeking leave to make a ministerial statement—

Privilege: Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) raised, as a matter of privilege alleged political party advertising on the cover of certain copies of the proposed ministerial statement.

Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) addressed himself to the matter raised.

Mr Speaker stated that no question of privilege was involved.

Mr West, by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining the Government's achievements in implementing its pre-election immigration and ethnic affairs policies, and presented the following papers:

Immigration and ethnic affairs—Government achievements—

Immigration program for 1983-84.

Migrant settlement—Budget allocations.

Ministerial statement, 1 November 1983.

Temporary entry.

Mr Bowen moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Mr Hodgman moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House condemns the Minister and the Government for scandalous misuse of public moneys in producing blatant political propaganda material for the ALP in the cover ‘LABOR’S POLICIES IN ACTION’ attached to certain copies of the ministerial statement, the cost of the said material being paid for by the taxpayers of Australia”.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr West moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 58

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jacobi	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Reeves
Mr Beddall	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Simmons
Dr Blewett	Mr Gayler	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Bowen	Mr Gear	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr McLeay	Mr Steedman
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Maher	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the papers—put and passed.

8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported—

(a) agreeing to the amendments made by the House in the following Bill: 20 October 1983—Message No. 97—Freedom of Information Amendment 1983.

(b) returning the following Bills without amendment:

21 October 1983—Message—

No. 98—Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment 1983.

No. 99—Industries Assistance Commission Amendment (No. 2) 1983.

No. 100—Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Amendment 1983.

No. 101—Bounty (Tractor Cabs) 1983.

No. 102—Bounty (Injection-moulding Equipment) Amendment 1983.

9 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:

20 October 1983—Message—

No. 68—Family Law Amendment (Legal Aid Costs) 1983.

No. 69—Overseas Students Charge Amendment 1983.

24 October 1983—Message—

No. 70—Social Security Legislation Amendment 1983.

No. 71—Repatriation Legislation Amendment 1983.

28 October 1983—Message—

No. 72—Meat Inspection 1983.

No. 73—Family Law Amendment 1983.

No. 74—Migration Amendment (Emigration of Certain Children) 1983.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FOREIGN POLICY—GRENADA:

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 disturbing trend in Australian foreign policy, and particularly the failure to support peace initiatives in Grenada".

The proposed discussion having receiving the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

12 TRANSFER OF PRISONERS 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 Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 **TRANSFER OF PRISONERS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Dr Theophanous presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

206th Report—Finance Minute on Report 182—Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme—Chemists' Remuneration—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 15 **PUBLIC SERVICE AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES 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.

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

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Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Simmons
Dr Blewett	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr Bowen	Mr Gear	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Steedman
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hayden	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wells
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr Mildren	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hurford	Mr P. F. Morris	

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Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr Coleman	Mr Hawker	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Cowan	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Industrial Matters), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 **COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES (REDEPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT) 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—

Question—put.

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Industrial Matters), the Bill was read a third time.

17 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES (EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS) REPEAL 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.

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

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Mr Beddall	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Industrial Matters), the Bill was read a third time.

18 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.24 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 November 1983:

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 227, 228.

Dairy Produce Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 226.

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1983, Nos. 224, 225.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1983, No. 219.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances—1983—

No. 39—Real Property (Amendment).

No. 41—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment).

No. 53—Casino Control.

Regulations—1983—No. 21 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—
Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 39.

Telecommunications (General)—Amendment No. 39.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Cadman, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Mrs Child, Mrs Darling, Mr Fife*, Mr Fry, Mr Hunt, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kent, Mr Millar, Mr Mountford, Mr Newman, Mr O'Neil, Mr Scott, Mr Shipton and Mr Tuckey.

* On leave

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives