

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 1984

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 Cadman, Mr Gorman, Mr Hawker and Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Coleman, Mrs Darling and Mr Gorman—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Carlton and Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying that the nation's total dependence on God the Creator in accordance with the Constitution and the standing orders of the House of Representatives be reaffirmed.

Mr Cohen and Mr Simmons—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.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that a suitable alternative site for the proposed airport at Scheyville, NSW, be found.

Mr Darling—from certain citizens praying that when the redeveloped Brisbane Airport becomes operative, no jet aircraft use the crosswind runway and the curfew be maintained from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to avoid discrimination against Queenslanders, in terms of hospital bed charges.

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

Mr Gorman—from certain citizens praying that an adequate general recurrent resource base for government schools be created and a planned program of improvements in government schools throughout the coming decade be ensured.

Mr Gorman—from certain parents representing government schools in New South Wales, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

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

Mr Hicks—from certain citizens praying that legislation be enacted to permit the biological control of Paterson's Curse.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the traffic link between Coronation Drive and Kaye Place, Canberra, not be closed.

Dr Klugman—from certain members of the Assyrian community praying that a permanent position be created in the Fairfield area of New South Wales for an Assyrian ethnic health worker.

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 Porter—from certain citizens praying that parent clubs in government schools be granted exemption from bank account debits tax.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that no further action be taken in respect of territorial or local government in the Australian Capital Territory until the findings of the inquiry into ACT finances have been made public and a further referendum of electors has been held.

Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the decision to proceed with the development of uranium mining at Roxby Downs be reversed and all uranium mining and export cease.

Petitions received.

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

27 March 1984—Message—

No. 183—Shipping Registration Amendment 1984.

No. 184—Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Amendment 1984 (*without requests*).

- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** 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 Bill:

27 March 1984—Message No. 119—Liquid Fuel Emergency 1984.

- 5 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JUDICIARY AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Message No. 182, dated 27 March 1984, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903'*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the second reading be made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 **PATENTS AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act 1952*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Dr H. R. Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (NATIONAL STANDARDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act 1960* and to repeal the *Metric Conversion Act 1970*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Dr H. R. Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 **SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1984:** 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 by Mr Lloyd who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that companies formed, or participated in by the Australian Telecommunications Commission and partnerships entered into by the Commission, should be subject to the same tax and dividend requirements, etc., as competing commercial companies”.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Lloyd, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 5—

Page 2, proposed section 10A, omit the definition of “relevant business”.

Page 2, proposed section 10A, omit sub-section (2).

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mrs Darling reported accordingly.

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

- 9 **ADVANCE AUSTRALIA LOGO PROTECTION BILL 1984:** 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 J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 **QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** 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 McLeay addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 11 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

A question having been asked of Mr Carlton relating to a notice of his intention to present a Bill and Mr Carlton proceeding to answer—

*Speaker's ruling:* Mr Speaker ruled that, in his answer, the Member was referring to the causes for the introduction of the Bill and was thus anticipating debate on the Bill and he was therefore out of order.

*Dissent from ruling moved:* Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Peacock	
Mr Coleman	Mr Howard	Mr Porter	

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Reeves
Mr Beddall	Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sanderson
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott*
Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Mr Kerin	Mr Simmons
Mr Bowen	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Steedman
Mr Brumby	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanos
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Tickner
Mr Charles	Mr Hawke	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mrs Child	Mr Holding	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Morrison	
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr Mountford	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

## 12 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

- Australian Capital Territory—Corporate Affairs Commission—3rd Annual Report, for year 1982-83.
- Bankruptcy Act—Report for year 1982-83, together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.
- Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Report for year 1982-83.
- Fishing Industry Act—27th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.
- Further development of Launceston General Hospital and the hospital development needs of North East Tasmania—Report of the Committee of Review, dated February 1984.
- National Gallery Act—Council of the Australian National Gallery—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.
- River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1982-83.

## 13 TRADE PRACTICES ACT—PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Trade Practices Act—Proposals for change—Discussion paper, dated February 1984, together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General, dated March 1984.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 **AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP—ANNUAL RETURN—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following paper:

Australian Citizenship Act—Return for year 1981-82.

Mr Young (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.

- 15 **LOBBYISTS—REGISTRATION SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the guidelines for a lobbyists' registration scheme, and presented the following paper:

Lobbyists—Registration guidelines and application form.

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

- 16 **COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS—SELF DETERMINATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**

Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the self determination by the Cocos (Keeling) Island people and the acceptance by the United Nations of an invitation by the Government to send a visiting mission to the Islands to witness the making of the act of self determination.

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

Mr Uren, by leave, made a further statement with reference to the matter.

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

- 17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIVATE INVESTMENT—GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND ATTITUDES:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The negative effect of current Government policies and attitudes on private investment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 18 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Fife (Vice-Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—47th General Report.

Report relating to the construction of a new building for the Australian Film and Television School, North Ryde, NSW (2nd report of 1984).

Report relating to the reconstruction of pyrotechnic section at the munitions filling factory, St Marys, NSW (5th report of 1984).

Supplementary report relating to the proposal for construction of facilities for a tactical fighter squadron, RAAF Base Darwin, NT—Engine run-up facility (1st report of 1984).

Mr Fife and Mr Cowan, by leave, made statements in connection with the 47th General Report.

- 19 **JUDICIARY AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 20 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Coleman, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report of the Standing Committee on Public Works relating to the construction of a new building for the Australian Film and Television School, North Ryde, NSW.
- 21 **PIG MEAT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the promotion of pork.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Kerin 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.
- 22 **AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Bicentennial Road Development Trust Fund Act 1982*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr P. F. Morris 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.
- 23 **ROADS GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 24 of the *Roads Grants Act 1981*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr P. F. Morris 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.
- 24 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1982*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr J. J. Brown 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.
- 25 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 17 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Carlton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COMMONWEALTH AND FAMILY COURTS, PERTH:** 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: Construction of Commonwealth and Family Courts, Perth.  
 Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 27 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
 28 March 1984—Message No. 186—Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Amendment 1984.

28 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1983: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 185

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to income tax*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House or Representatives.

D. McCLELLAND  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27 March 1984

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

29 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES COUNCIL: Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act 1964*, this House appoints Mr Hand as a member of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, to replace Mr Reeves, resigned, until the dissolution of the 33rd Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

30 QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1984: 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 Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

31 TORRES STRAIT TREATY (MISCELLANEOUS 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr Lindsay addressing the House—

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32 ADJOURNMENT: It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 March 1984:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, report for year 1982-83.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Order—1983—MQ 7/83—  
Sheepmeat and/or Goatmeat to EEC—1984 Control Scheme.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr  
Cunningham, Mr Dawkins, Mr Jacobi, Mr Macphee and Mr O'Neil.

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