

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 72

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 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 Beddall, Mr Cadman and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Cadman and Mr Dobie—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.

Mrs Darling and Mr Moore—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Mr Hunt and Mr Keating—from certain citizens praying that regulations amending the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations and Customs (Cinematograph Films) Regulations and the ordinance superseding the ACT Objectionable Publications Ordinance be disallowed and certain other action be taken in relation to censorship matters.

Mr Ruddock and Mr Sinclair—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 Beddall—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Beddall—from certain residents of the Divisions of Fadden and Oxley praying that the current services offered by the Kalbar Post Office, Qld, be retained.

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, NSW, be rejected.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.

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

Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that proposed assets test legislation be abandoned and that action be taken to institute a retirement income policy which is fair and equitable.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be reviewed.

Petitions received.

3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) 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 by Mr Braithwaite 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 notes the Government’s failure to honour its pre-election promise in regard to the level of funding of general grants to local government”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

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

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Coleman | Mr Howard | Mr Newman |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Connolly | Mr Hunt | Mr O’Keefe |
| Mr Andrew | Mr Cowan | Mr Katter | Mr Porter |
| Mr Blunt | Mr Drummond | Mr Lusher | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Fife | Mr McArthur | Mr Rocher |
| Mr Burr | Mr Goodluck | Mr McGauran | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Groom | Mr MacKellar | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Hall | Mr McVeigh | Mr Spender |
| Mr E. C. Cameron* | Mr Hawker | Mr Macphee | Mr Tuckey |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hicks* | Mr Millar | Mr White |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Hodgman | Mr Moore | Mr Wilson |

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 144, dated 7 May 1984, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

4 LOAN (INCOME EQUALIZATION DEPOSITS) 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 by Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for—

- (1) deposits to be deductible in full;
- (2) interest to be payable on the investment component only of deposits where the investment component is equal to the balance of the deposit as if tax had been payable in the year of deposit at the rate applicable to a producer’s average income, and
- (3) interest to be payable at the rate of 9.5% per annum”.

Debate continued.

Mr Hawker 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.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

6 PAPER: The following paper was presented:

Big Brother Movement—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs notes outlining the history of the Movement’s relations with the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, dated 8 May 1984.

7 PAPER: Mr Cadman, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Family migration application statistics—Letter, dated 5 April 1984, from Philip Richards, Immigration Policy Branch, Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, to Joan Andrews, Alan Cadman’s Electoral Office, together with a table headed “Applications for family migration by category, by country of last residence (cases)”.

8 COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) presented the following papers:

Commonwealth Schools Commission—Reports, together with statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—

Commonwealth standards for Australian schools—Recurrent resource goals, dated April 1984.

Funding policies for Australian schools, dated 12 April 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.

9 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for year 1982-83, together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Reference on community law reform in the ACT—Copy of letter from Hon. Mr Justice M. D. Kirby, Chairman, Law Reform Commission, to Senator Evans, Attorney-General, dated 20 March 1984, together with attachments and a statement by Senator Evans.

Legal Aid Office (ACT)—Report of inquiry by F. C. Pryor, Special Consultant, dated 2 May 1984, together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RETIREMENT INCOMES: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) and Dr Theophanous had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to

the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Peacock, namely, "The continuing alarm and confusion created by the Government's latest blunders on retirement incomes".

The proposed discussion having received 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. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 **REFERENDUM (MACHINERY PROVISIONS) BILL 1984:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the submission to the electors of proposed laws for the alteration of the Constitution.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Young moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hall), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 **STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1983* and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hall), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1981* and the *States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment Act 1983* and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **STATES GRANTS (EDUCATION ASSISTANCE—PARTICIPATION AND EQUITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Act 1983*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National University Act 1946*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 **CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canberra College of Advanced Education Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 10, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 20 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES COMMISSION RETENTION BILL 1984:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Australian National Airlines Repeal Act 1981*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Beazley 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.
- 21 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National Airlines Act 1945*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Beazley 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 **AIR NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Navigation Act 1920*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Spender), and the resumption of the debate made and order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 14, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 25 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE (INTERIM PROTECTION) BILL 1984:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to preserve and protect places, areas and objects of particular significance to Aboriginals, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Porter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 16 and 17, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 27 **LOAN (INCOME EQUALIZATION DEPOSITS) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (see entry No. 4)—*

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

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| Mr Baldwin | Mr R. F. Edwards | Mr Keating | Mr Punch |
| Mr Beazley | Dr Everingham | Mrs Kelly | Mr Reeves |
| Mr Beddall | Ms Fatin | Mr Kent | Mr Saunderson |
| Mr Bilney | Mr Free | Mr Keogh | Mr Scholes |
| Mr Blanchard | Mr Fry | Mr Kerin | Mr Scott |
| Mr J. J. Brown | Mr Gayler | Dr Klugman | Mr Snow |
| Mr R. J. Brown | 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 Tickner |
| Dr Charlesworth | Mr Hayden | Mrs Mayer | Mr Uren |
| Mr Chynoweth | Mr Holding | 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 Young |
| Mrs Darling | Mr Hurford | Mr Morrison | |
| Mr Dawkins | Mr Jacobi | Mr Mountford | |
| Mr Duffy | Mr Jones | Mr O'Neil | |

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Connolly | Mr Katter | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Cowan | Mr Lusher | Mr Rocher |
| Mr Andrew | Mr Fife | Mr McArthur | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Blunt | Mr Goodluck | Mr McGauran | Mr Shipton |
| Mr Braithwaite | Mr Groom | Mr MacKellar | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hall | Mr McVeigh | Mr Spender |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Hawker | Mr Macphee | Mr Tuckey |
| Mr E. C. Cameron* | Mr Hicks* | Mr Millar | Mr White |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hodgman | Mr Newman | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Howard | Mr O'Keefe | |
| Mr Coleman | Mr Hunt | Mr Porter | |

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 145, dated 7 May 1984, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

28 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (INCOME EQUALIZATION DEPOSITS) 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

29 TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983 [NO. 4]:

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.

Debate adjourned (Mrs Kelly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 30 **COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS SELF-DETERMINATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1984:** Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain laws in connection with the Act of Self-Determination by certain residents of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 31 **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904* and the *Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act (No. 2) 1983*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 32 **PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM BILL 1984:** Mr Dawkins (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to reform of the Australian Public Service, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

Mr Young (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Ordered—That Mr Dawkins be granted an extension of time.

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

- 33 **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (STAFF) BILL 1984:** Mr Dawkins (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the employment of consultants and staff by Ministers, certain office-holders, Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 34 **MERIT PROTECTION (AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) BILL 1984:** Mr Dawkins (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a Merit Protection and Review Agency and to define its functions and powers, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

35 **ALIENS ACT REPEAL BILL 1984:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Aliens Act 1947* and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Adjournment debate: Mr Young, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent debate on the motion for the adjournment of the House continuing for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed for debate on the motion having expired—

The Deputy Speaker, at 8.16 p.m., adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 9 May 1984:

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia, dated 30 April 1984.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr Bowen, Mr Dobie, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fisher and Mr Lloyd.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives