

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 80

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE 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 Baldwin, Mr Blunt, Mr Brumby, Mr Cowan, Mr Drummond, Mr Duffy, Mr Hodgman, Mr Morrison, Mr Rocher, Mr Saunderson and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.

Mr Carlton and Mr Hodgman—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 taken in relation to censorship matters.

Mr Adermann—from certain citizens praying that the decision to alter the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be abandoned.

Mr Adermann, Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Miller—from certain citizens, and Mr Adermann—from T. Newell, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that religious and human rights persecution in the Soviet Union be condemned.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be implemented in its original form.

Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Brumby—from certain citizens praying that any legislation based on any international agreement, covenant or law be repealed or suspended until agreed to by referendum.

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

Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the present Australian flag, and the Queen, as head of state, be retained.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Hodgman—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 Millar—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

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

Mr Newman—from certain electors of the Division of Bass praying that the liquid petroleum gas subsidy to Tasmania be increased to compensate for Bass Strait freight charges.

Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that no military establishment be located in the Central Tablelands of New South Wales.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the situation concerning the investigation of Dr Martinick by the Department of Health be clarified and the Health Insurance Act be amended if necessary to ensure medical practitioners receive a fair and just hearing.

Mr Simmons—from certain electors of the Division of Calare praying that importation, production and supply of X-rated video-tapes be outlawed.

Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.

Petitions received.

3 SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill now be read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Carlton, viz.*—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 expresses its concern at the plight of pensioners and beneficiaries whose incomes will be reduced as a consequence of the artificial reduction in the Consumer Price Index caused by the introduction of Medicare”

Debate resumed.

Member named: The Deputy Speaker (Mrs Child) named the honourable Member for Franklin (Mr Goodluck) for continuing to interject after being warned by the Chair.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) having addressed the Chair, and Mr Goodluck having apologised to the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

Mr Brumby 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.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Industrial Relations Bureau—6th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

UNESCO General Conference 1983—22nd Session, Paris, 25 October to 26 November 1983—Report of Australian Delegation, together with statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education and Youth Affairs.

6 ACADEMIC SALARIES TRIBUNAL—1984 REVIEW—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following papers:

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Academic Salaries Tribunal—1984 Review—

Determination, dated 17 April 1984—Academic staff of the Australian National University, the Canberra College of Advanced Education, the Australian Maritime College and the Australian Film and Television School.

Reports, dated 17 April 1984—

Academic staff of other institutions of tertiary education.

Vice-Chancellors, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Principals and Deputy Principals.

Statement.

Inquiry into the phasing-in of increases in academic salaries by Hon. Justice Ludeke—

Commonwealth submission, dated 31 May 1984.

Copy of letter to the Hon. Justice J. T. Ludeke, Chairman, Academic Salaries Tribunal from Mr Young, Special Minister of State, dated 31 May 1984.

Decision, dated 5 June 1984.

Determination, dated 5 June 1984—Academic Staff of the Australian National University, the Canberra College of Advanced Education, the Australian Maritime College and the Australian Film and Television School.

Reports, dated 5 June 1984—

Academic staff of other institutions of tertiary education.

Vice-Chancellors, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Principals and Deputy Principals.

Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) 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.

7 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF REVIEW—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following paper:

Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—Looking forward—Report by the Council of the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs on consultations concerning the recommendations of the Committee of Review, dated 13 April 1984.

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.

8 PRIVATE OVERSEAS STUDENT POLICY—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF REVIEW—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following papers:

Private overseas student policy—Mutual advantage—Report of the Committee of Review, together with statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—

Parts 1 and 2—Summary of report, recommendations and financial implications, and report.

Part 3—Appendices.

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

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

9 BRITISH NUCLEAR TESTS IN AUSTRALIA—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented the following papers:

British nuclear tests in Australia, together with statement by Senator Walsh, Minister for Resources and Energy—

Indoctrinee force—Note on radiation levels experienced by its members in the Buffalo series tests conducted in 1956 at One Tree and Marcoo on the Maralinga Range, SA, dated 3 April 1984.

Report of the expert committee on the review of data on atmospheric fallout, dated 31 May 1984.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 10 **ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:**
Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's position on arms control and disarmament, and presented the following paper:

Arms control and disarmament—Ministerial statement, 6 June 1984.

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

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Young, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 42 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

- 11 **COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to progress in the implementation of the Community Employment Program.

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

- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ACTU—POSITION IN GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING:** The 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 dominant and privileged position of the ACTU in the Government's decision-making, at the expense of the rest of the community".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 **ROUTINE OF BUSINESS:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, for the next sitting—

(1) government business shall take precedence of general business;

(2) so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business being as follows:

1. Giving notices. 2. Questions without notice. 3. Presentation of papers. 4. Ministerial statements, by leave. 5. Presentation of petitions. 6. Matter of public importance. 7. Notices and orders of the day, and

(3) the sessional order relating to standing order 107 be suspended.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of the *Archives Act 1983*, this House appoints Mr Hollis as a member of the Advisory Council on Australian Archives for a period of 3 years from 6 June 1984.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—PROPOSED REFERENCE:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), for Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That, in accordance with paragraph 8 (1) (d) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*, this House refers to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts for investigation and report as necessary from time to time, the proposed purchase of automatic data processing facilities by the Commonwealth, or any department or

authority of the Commonwealth staffed under the *Public Service Act 1922*; notification of intention of which is to be conveyed to the committee by the Minister responsible for the intending purchaser.

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

16 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

Medical Benefits and Hospital Benefits Organizations—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Water Resources Council—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1985-87—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Special Broadcasting Service—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

National Occupational Health and Safety—Interim Commission—Report and ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Budget reform—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ACT self-government—Implementation—Report of task force—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Williamstown Dockyard—Commitment to continuation of reforms—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Homelessness—A Capital problem—Report of committee of inquiry—Publication of paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Commonwealth Schools Commission—Reports—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Middle East—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Road Safety—Standing Committee—Report on the impact of advertising standards on road safety—Government response—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Committee on Overseas Professional Qualifications—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Information communicated to Mr Justice Cross—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Aviation industry—Outlook—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Attributable aviation costs: Review of valuation methods—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Trade Practices Act—Proposals for change—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Migration program 1983-84—Progress and developments—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian citizenship—Annual return—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Special funds for Government programs—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Printing and publishing responsibilities—Charter—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Commonwealth Laboratories—Report of independent committee of inquiry—Papers and ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Transport services to the Northern Territory—Report of independent economic inquiry—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Drug trafficking—Royal Commission report—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Foreign policy—CHOGM Meeting—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Radiation safety for uranium mill operations, Jabiru, NT—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Advance to the Minister for Finance 1982-83—Statement of expenditure: Consideration in committee.

Broadcasting and television—Supplementary licence scheme—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Broadcasting system—Development of satellite-related services—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Schools for the ACT—Report of the Committee of Review into the impact of Radford College—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Grain harvesters—Report by Industries Assistance Commission—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 17 **BIOLOGICAL CONTROL BILL 1984:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the biological control of pests in the Australian Capital Territory, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION LEGISLATION 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 Carlton, viz.*—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 expresses its concern at the plight of pensioners and beneficiaries whose incomes will be reduced as a consequence of the artificial reduction in the Consumer Price Index caused by the introduction of Medicare”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 61

Mr Baldwin	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Beddall	Mr Fry	Mr Kerin	Mr Scott*
Mr Bilney	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Simmons
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gear	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Dr Blewett	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Mr Steedman
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brumby	Mr Hollis	Mrs Mayer	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr Uren
Mrs Child	Mr Humphreys*	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wells
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil	Mr Young
Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr Punch	
Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr Reeves	
Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson	

NOES, 30

Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Connolly	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr Cowan	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Dobie	Mr Macphee	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Millar	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Fife	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Robinson	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	

* 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 40, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 41 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58

Mr Baldwin	Mr Fry	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Beddall	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr Scott*
Mr Bilney	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Simmons
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Dr Blewett	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr Steedman
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr Maher	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brumby	Mr Howe	Mrs Mayer	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milton	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wells
Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil	Mr Willis
Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Punch	Mr Young
Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Reeves	
Mr Free	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson	

NOES, 30

Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr Cowan	Mr Lusher	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Drummond	Mr Millar	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Fife	Mr Robinson	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Blewett (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following reports from the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House:

Proposed works in the Parliamentary zone—Reports, dated 6 June 1984—
Australian National Gallery Amphitheatre.

Provisional Parliament House—

Temporary enclosure of verandahs, incorporating a dissenting report.

Temporary extensions.

Severally ordered to be printed.

20 ADJOURNMENT: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Dr Blewett moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 8.11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 June 1984:

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts shall come into operation—

Archives Act 1983—6 June 1984.

Copyright Amendment Act 1983—6 June 1984.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Bowen, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Campbell, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Cunningham, Mr Katter, Mr Mildren, Mr Moore and Mr Mountford.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives