

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 87

WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 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 Adermann, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Hollis, Mr Humphreys, Mrs Kelly, Mr Scott and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that there be no increases in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be re-affirmed.

Mr Cadman, Dr Klugman, Mr Lusher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Chynoweth, Mr Fife and Mr Gear—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Blunt and Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens praying that recurrent expenditure for technical and further education be increased.

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

Mr Cadman and Mr Drummond—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 Blunt—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

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

Mrs Kelly and Mr Macphee—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 O'Keefe and Mr Tickner—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 Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that moves to change the Australian flag be resisted and any contemplated change be put to the Australian people by referendum.

- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the decision to alter the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be abandoned.
- Mr Keogh—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of the district of Pioneer Valley, Qld, praying that the Government reverse its decision in respect of legislation concerning pornographic material.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that a suitable alternative site for the proposed airport at Scheyville, NSW, be found.
- Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain elected representatives and officers of local governments praying that funds raised through indexation of the Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program levy be used for road construction work.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that a curfew be retained on both runways when the redeveloped Brisbane Airport is commissioned.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that amending legislation be drafted in respect of the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to avoid discrimination against Queenslanders, in terms of hospital bed charges.
- Mr R. F. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that certain measures be taken to overhaul the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme.
- Mr Gear—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken in funding tertiary education.
- Mr Gorman—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.
- Mr Hall—from certain citizens praying that landing rights for foreign warships and aircraft that carry nuclear weaponry be ended and certain action be taken in relation to military bases and peace education.
- Mr Hall—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.
- Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that a parliamentary committee be established to inquire into and report on the effects of pornography.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that a program be developed to reduce class sizes in ACT government schools.
- Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the laws which banned the entry and sale of hard-core and violent pornography be re-enacted.
- Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that consideration be given to the inclusion of psychological services within Medicare.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be reviewed.
- 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.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that there be no airport in the area of Darkes Forest, NSW.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that assurances be made that Qantas will not take any action that will lessen the effectiveness of flight attendants in an emergency.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the Government negotiate with the ACTU for taxation relief for lower and middle income earners and improvements to the social wage.

Petitions received.

**3 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REGIONAL CONFLICT AND SUPERPOWER RIVALRY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hayden**

(Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence on regional conflict and superpower rivalry in the Horn of Africa. Mr MacKellar, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

**4 SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION (BUDGET MEASURES AND ASSETS TEST) 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 Carlton 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—

- (1) expresses its concern about the removal of the requirement that widows—being deserted or divorced wives not remarried—must take reasonable steps to pursue maintenance actions before being eligible to receive widows' pensions;
- (2) notes that the removal of this provision from that section of the Act relating to widows' pensions, and its retention in that section relating to supporting parents' benefits, makes the Act inconsistent and discriminatory, and
- (3) expresses its belief that individuals should take responsibility for their own actions and that wherever possible families should be supported by private rather than public means".

Debate continued.

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 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

**6 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following paper:

Visitor visa activity from Greece and Italy (Persons)—1979-80 to 1983-84—Table.

Questions without notice continued.

**7 CUSTOMS DECLARATION BY HON. M. J. YOUNG—INQUIRY—PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:

Customs declaration by Hon. M. J. Young—Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the making of a customs declaration by the Hon. M. J. Young, MP, on 5 July 1984—

Documents listed in appendixes E and F of the inquiry report.

Departmental papers concerning the inquiry.

Transcript of proceedings (6 volumes).

Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade), by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the transcript of proceedings relating to the inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the making of a customs declaration by Hon. M. J. Young, MP.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Bowen 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.

**8 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Capital Territory—Gaming and Liquor Authority—Report for year 1982-83.

National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Documents relating to the provision of financial assistance to Queensland for the Burdekin Falls Dam in 1983-84.

- 9 **PAPER:** Mr Hodgman, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:  
 Entry visas for Italian citizens—Copy of letter from H. E. Gr. Uff. Avv. Francesco Cribari, President, Associazione Italia Australia, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emigration Department, Farnesina, Rome, dated 31 July 1984.
- 10 **PAPERS:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:  
 Australian National Line—Copies of—  
 Media release by Mr Braithwaite, Shadow Minister for Northern Development and Local Government, dated 3 September 1984.  
 Telegram from Mr Braithwaite to Hon. Peter Morris, Minister for Transport, dated 8 August 1984.
- 11 **SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM AND PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO FIJI—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to his attendance at the 15th South Pacific Forum in Tuvalu and his official visit to Fiji, and presented the following paper:  
 15th South Pacific Forum, Funafuti, Tuvalu, 27-28 August 1984—Communique, dated 28 August 1984.  
 Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Porter had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The incompetent and insensitive handling of the Government's administration of Aboriginal affairs and its policy of imposing uniform land rights on the States".  
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
 Mr Porter addressed the House.  
*Papers:* Mr Porter, by leave, presented the following papers:  
 Aboriginal Development Commission—Involvement with Aboriginal arts and crafts—Copy of telex from K. C. Martin, Aboriginal Development Commission, to Mr Kevin Waltz, Acting Chief Executive, Aboriginal Arts and Crafts Pty Ltd, dated 8 November 1983.  
 National Aboriginal Day Observance Committee—Postponement of celebration—Copy of telegram from J. Moriarty, National Chairman, NADOC, to Miss S. Grant, Information Section, Department of Social Security.  
 Discussion ensued.  
 Discussion concluded.
- 13 **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2 and notices Nos. 1 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 **BANK ACCOUNT DEBITS TAX ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the taxation of bank account debits.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Hurford 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 **BANK ACCOUNT DEBITS TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bank Account Debits Tax Act 1982*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Hurford moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 16 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1984 [NO. 2]:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to income tax.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Drummond presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the construction of a submarine warfare systems centre, HMAS Watson, South Head, NSW (16th report of 1984), together with minutes of evidence.

- 18 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (STATUS AND RIGHTS OF CHAIRMAN) BILL 1984:** Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the status and rights of the Honourable Donald Gerard Stewart, the present Chairman of the National Crime Authority.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 19 **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FURTHER PAYMENT) BILL 1984:** Mr Bowen (Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the making by Australia of a further payment to the International Development Association.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 20 **JUDICIAL AND STATUTORY OFFICERS (REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES) BILL 1984:** Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade), for Mr Young (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the remuneration and allowances payable to the holders of certain judicial and statutory offices.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen 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.

- 21 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act 1977*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 22 **DAIRY PRODUCTS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 23 DAIRY PRODUCTS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act 1982*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr McVeigh), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 EGGS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr McVeigh), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 EGGS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act 1982*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr McVeigh), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 EGG EXPORT LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1984:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Egg Export Control Act 1947* and the *Egg Export Charges Act 1947* and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr McVeigh), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27 QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1984:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of certain equipment for Qantas Airways Limited.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Beazley 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.
- 28 BOUNTY (COMPUTERS) BILL 1984:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain computers and related equipment.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr J. J. Brown 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.
- 29 AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT BOUNTY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1984:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 4 of the *Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Act 1977*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr J. J. Brown 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.

- 30 **BOUNTY (ELECTRIC MOTORS) BILL 1984:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain electric motors.

Bill read a first time.

Mr J. J. Brown 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.

- 31 **CHRISTMAS ISLAND ADMINISTRATION (MISCELLANEOUS 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 reforms of the administration of the Territory of Christmas Island and for other purposes.

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.

- 32 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION (BUDGET MEASURES AND ASSETS TEST) 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 (see entry No. 4)—*

Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 172, dated 24 August 1984, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

Clause 1, page 1, line 6, omit “*and Assets Test*”.

Pages 8-39, omit Part III (comprising clauses 33 to 64).

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 41

Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr White
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	

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Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milton
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris
Mr Beppard	Mr Duffy	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Mountford
Mr Blanchard	Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Punch
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Steedman
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Holding	Mr Maher	Mr Wells
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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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.

- 33 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

- 34 **LOAN 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 173, dated 3 September 1984, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), the Bill was read a third time.

- 35 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Dawkins 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 8.10 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Katter, Mr Newman, Mr Reeves, Mr Robinson, Mr Staples and Dr Theophanous.

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