

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 1985

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- 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 **DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR (THE HONOURABLE SIR KENNETH ANDERSON):** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable Sir Kenneth Anderson, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honourable Sir Kenneth McColl Anderson, KBE, who died on 29 March 1985, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his wife and family.
And Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
 - 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Hurford (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) and Mr Jones (Minister for Science), Mr Young (Special Minister of State) was acting as Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and representing the Minister for Finance in this House, Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) was acting as Minister for Science and Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) and Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) were representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce and the Minister for Resources and Energy, respectively, in this House.
 - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:
Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 15 April 1985.
Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—
 - (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts—April 1985, and
 - (2) That the paper be printed.Question—put and passed.
 - 6 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Canberra Retail Markets Trust—Report for year 1983-84.

Parliament House Construction Authority Act—Parliament House Construction Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Report and statement of receipts and payments certified by the Auditor-General, for year 1983-84.

7 LAW REFORM COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

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

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

8 METAL AND ELECTRICAL TRADES—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN TRIPARTITE MISSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented the following paper:

Metal and electrical trades—Report of the Australian Tripartite Mission to study the training of skilled workers in Denmark, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

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

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

9 AUSTRALIAN DAIRY CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—9th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

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

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

10 AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Cohen (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Bicentennial) presented the following paper:

Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1983-84.

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

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

11 FIRST HOME OWNERS SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to changes to the First Home Owners Scheme, and presented the following paper:

First Home Owners Scheme—Ministerial statement, 16 April 1985.

Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 12 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—FIRST HOME OWNERS AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent a First Home Owners Amendment Bill being presented at this sitting and a motion being moved for the second reading of the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **FIRST HOME OWNERS AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *First Home Owners Act 1983*, 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.

- 14 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Beddall, Mr Dawkins, Mr Jull, Mr Keating and Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that post-secondary tuition fees not be reintroduced and certain other action be taken in regard to post-secondary education.

Mr J. J. Brown, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Dobie, Mr Fitzgibbon and Mr Gorman—from certain citizens praying that the export of koalas be discontinued, their habitats be revegetated and funding be made available for research into koala diseases.

Mr Cunningham, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Lloyd, Mr Mildren and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

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

Mr J. J. Brown, Mr R. J. Brown and Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that a national park be set aside for wild horses and action be taken to ensure that killing of feral animals be undertaken in a humane manner.

Mr Blanchard, Mr Kent and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the Government support the stand taken by the New Zealand Government on nuclear vessels and that the policy of developing zones of peace and nuclear free zones in the Indian and Pacific Oceans be implemented.

Mr Hodges, Mr O'Neil and Mr Snow—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.

Mr Andrew—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the words of the National Anthem be altered to recognise God.

Mr Baldwin—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 Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the House of Representatives Expenditure Committee concerning Telecom's zonal charging policies be implemented.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain electors of the Division of Dawson praying for legislation to reverse the extension of certain entitlements to de facto and homosexual partners of parliamentarians and public servants and to confer proper recognition upon traditional de jure marriage.

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

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the ordinance superseding the ACT Objectionable Publications Ordinance be disallowed and certain other action be taken in relation to censorship matters.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the Social Security and Repatriation Assets Test Abolition Bill be passed.

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.

Mr Keating—from certain citizens praying that any attempt to reintroduce tertiary fees be rejected.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the “user pays” system of education be rejected and certain other action be taken in relation to post secondary education.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.

Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that the Government reaffirm its obligation to fully fund tertiary education and certain action be taken in relation to tertiary education funding.

Mr O’Neil—from certain citizens praying that residents of rest homes be funded equally to those in other institutions.

Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying for Commonwealth and State co-operation and financial commitment in making certain aircraft available for fighting bushfires in New South Wales.

Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that there be no increase in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be reaffirmed.

Petitions received.

15 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:

29 March 1985—Message—

No. 9—Quarantine Amendment 1985.

No. 10—

Trust Recoupment Tax 1985.

Trust Recoupment Tax (Consequential Amendments) 1985.

Honey Levy Legislation Amendment 1985.

No. 11—Sugar Agreement 1985.

No. 12—Marriage Amendment 1985.

No. 13—Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment 1985.

5 April 1985—Message No. 14—

Trust Recoupment Tax Assessment 1985.

Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles) Amendment 1985.

International Development Association (Special Contribution) 1985.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ACTU BLOCKADE OF QUEENSLAND: The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Shack had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to protect the rights and interests of Australian citizens who live in Queensland against the ACTU planned blockade of that State”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Shack addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—GENERAL REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Millar (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—48th General Report—

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

- 18 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 19 **BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—
Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Bowen, the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 **SOIL CONSERVATION (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1985:** 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 Brumby addressing the House—
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- 21 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.
Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security) required the debate to be extended.
The debate continuing until 11.06 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 16 April 1985:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic report within specified period—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board, report for year 1983-84.

Australian National University Act—Statute—No. 183—Parking and Traffic Amendment No. 1.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1985—No. 1—Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment).

Defence Act—Determinations—1985—
No. 12—Overseas Outfit Allowance.
No. 13—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.
No. 14—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and other allowances.
No. 15—Compensation for Loss of, or Damage to, Clothing or Personal Effects and Emergency Evacuation Overseas—Allowances and Compensation.
No. 16—Vehicle Allowance and other allowances.

Drug Trafficking—Royal Commission of Inquiry—Report, dated 25 February 1983—Corrigendum.

Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 37.

Fisheries Act—Notices, Nos. 131A, 137.

Health Insurance Act—
Order under sub-section 6 (2), dated 26 February 1985.
Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 36.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 32.

Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department—
Aboriginal Affairs—Corowa, C. E.
Transport—Spierig, J. M.
Determinations—1985—Nos. 17, 22.

Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determination—1985—No. 1.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 34.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1985—
 No. 14—Dog Control (Amendment).
 No. 15—Lakes (Amendment).
 Regulations—1985—No. 9 (Building and Services Ordinance).
 Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 9 April
 1985.
 Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 35.
 Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 33.
 Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—
 By-laws—
 Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment
 No. 54.
 Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 45.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr
 Carlton, Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jones, Mr
 McGauran and Mr Macphee.

D. M. BLAKE
 Clerk of the House of Representatives