

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 17

THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 1985

- 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 **BOUNTY (INJECTION-MOULDING EQUIPMENT) AMENDMENT 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.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 16, dated 26 March 1985, 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 J. J. Brown (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1984-85:** 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 Gear addressing the House—
It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 4 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, as amended by sessional order, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
Paper: Mrs Sullivan, by leave, presented the following paper:
Passports—Minutes of meeting held on 18 December 1982.
Debate continued.
It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106, as amended by sessional order.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Maranoa (Mr I. M. D. Cameron) for again interjecting after having been warned by the Chair.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Maranoa be suspended from the service of the House.
Question—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Mr Blanchard	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Tickner
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hawke	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hayden	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys*	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Slipper
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Dr Watson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Hodges	Mr Reith	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Robinson	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher	
Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.40 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Industries Assistance Commission—Interim report—Chemicals and plastics industries—End-use under security by-laws, dated 15 March 1985 (No. 361).

Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Report of an investigation of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme, dated 29 March 1985—

Volume 1.

Volume 2—Shipment of wheat to Tasmania.

7 COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—TAX SHARING RELATIVITIES 1985—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants

Commission—Report, dated 30 March 1985, on tax sharing relativities 1985—

Volume I—Main report.

Volume II—Appendixes and consultants' reports.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) 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 ELECTORAL COMMISSIONS—1984 REDISTRIBUTION—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following papers:

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Electoral Divisions, 1984—

Determinations by the augmented Electoral Commissions (Volumes I) for the States of—

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Maps of the proposed and final Electoral Divisions and microfiche of suggestions, comments and objections relating to the redistribution (Volumes II) of the States of—

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Determinations by the augmented Electoral Commissions, together with maps of proposed and final Electoral Divisions and microfiche of suggestions, comments and objections relating to the redistribution of—

Australian Capital Territory.

Tasmania.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

9 AUSTRALIAN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMPANIES WITH COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a proposed code of conduct for Australian companies with commercial interests in South Africa, and presented the following paper:

Australian code of conduct for companies with commercial interests in South Africa—Ministerial statement, 18 April 1985.

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

Debate ensued.

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

10 AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) presented the following paper:

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—8th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84—

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

Mr Connolly, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

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

Mr Bilney, Mr Blanchard, Mr Jull, Mr Price and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.

Mr Kent, Mr Milton, Mr Scott 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 Cleeland and Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Drummond and Mr Miles—from certain citizens praying that the Industries Assistance Commission recommendation that no assistance be provided to the frozen pea industry be rejected and proposals for import restrictions and other measures of support be accepted.
- 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 Blanchard—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the customs regulation prohibiting the importation of obscene, indecent or blasphemous materials be restored.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Jull—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.
- Mr Langmore—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 Sharp—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 Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the Government reconsider the assets test.
- 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.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the decision to assist the testing of MX Peacemaker missiles be reversed, and Australia's commitment to a nuclear free zone in the South Pacific be maintained.

Petitions received.

- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ACTU AND QUEENSLAND:** 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 continuing failure of the Government to act against the ACTU's attack on the people of Queensland, and the consequences of this failure of leadership for Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Cadman (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

225th Report—Stratplan—Department of Social Security ADP re-equipment program—

Volume 1—First report.

Volume 2—Appendices to first report—Occupational health and safety aspects of VDU use.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- 14 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 15 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STATE HEAD OFFICE BUILDING FOR TELECOM AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY:** Mr West (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 State head office building for Telecom Australia, Sydney.
Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 16 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—TERMINAL AREA DEVELOPMENT—TOWNSVILLE AIRPORT:** Mr West (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: Development of terminal area, Townsville Airport.
Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 17 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1984-85:** 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 Slipper addressing the House—

- 18 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 April 1985:
Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—Order—1985—No. 1—Marine, Part 10.
Public Service Act—
Appointment—Department of Social Security—Wallace, G. P.
Determinations—1985—Nos. 19, 23, 24, 25.
Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act—Declaration under sub-section 9 (1) deeming to amend Schedule 7 of the Act, dated 14 April 1985.

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

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives