

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 82

TUESDAY, 8 APRIL 1986

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **DEATH OF SENATOR A. J. MISSEN:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Senator A. J. Missen, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death, on 30 March 1986, of Senator Alan Joseph Missen, a Senator for Victoria from 1974, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.  
And Mr Howard (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 **SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT:** As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator, the sitting was thereupon suspended until 8 p.m.
  - 4 **RESUMPTION OF SITTING:** At 8 p.m., Madam Speaker resumed the Chair.
  - 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 6 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Madam Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House:  
Proposed work in the Parliamentary zone—National Bicentennial Science Centre—Report, dated 21 March 1986.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - 7 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:  
Mr Blunt, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Charles, Mr Cowan, Mr Dobie, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Free, Mr Hawker, Mr Howe, Mr Hunt, Mr Macphee, Mr A. A. Morris and Mr P. F. Morris—from certain citizens praying that the standard pension be raised to 25% of average weekly earnings and certain other action be taken to assist pensioners and low income earners.  
Mr Beale, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Hawker, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Holding, Mr Jones, Mr McArthur, Mr Macphee, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Reith and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.  
Mr Andrew, Mr Cobb, Mr Conquest, Mr Hicks, Mr Hodges, Mr Hunt, Mr MacKellar, Mr Millar and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.

- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Blunt, Mr Cowan and Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Page praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.
- Mr Grace, Mr Hollis and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Government of Sri Lanka be persuaded to pursue a political solution to allow the Tamils to live in peace and dignity and certain other action be taken to aid the Tamils.
- Mr Jones, Mr Lloyd and Dr Watson—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Andrew and Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain residents of South Australia and the Division of Mallee, respectively, praying that the proposed capital gains tax legislation be introduced without delay and that it be rejected.
- Mr Blunt and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Blunt and Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Page, respectively, praying that the superannuation claim of the trade union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.
- Mr Free and Mr Grace—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
- Mr Hayden and Mr Humphreys—from certain residents of Queensland praying that a review of child care funding be conducted.
- Mr O'Neil and Mr Wilson—from certain residents of South Australia praying for a delay in the new funding arrangements for subsidised child care centres planned for April 1986 and that certain other action be taken in relation to children's services.
- Mr Porter and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that both the Australian Bill of Rights Bill and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Bill be rejected.
- Mr Baldwin—from certain members of the Portuguese community in Australia praying that the requirements for immigration under the family reunion and skilled migration categories be relaxed.
- Mr Blunt—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 Blunt—from certain citizens praying that those laws which automatically increase the price of petrol following an increase in the CPI be repealed.
- Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that the regulation requiring a licence fee to operate a marine band radio be rescinded.
- Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.
- Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain residents of the Division of Indi in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Cleeland—from certain citizens praying that a state park be set aside for wild horses.
- Mr Cobb—from certain residents of the Division of Parkes praying that the right to work be acknowledged and protected and that certain other action be taken to protect workers.
- Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the South Dubbo Post Office, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr Coleman—from certain citizens praying that action be taken towards ending the repression in Poland and the release of all political prisoners.

- Mr Conquest—from certain citizens praying that the importation and sale of hard core pornography and grossly obscene publications be prevented and that certain other action be taken in relation to censorship.
- Mr Duncan—from certain citizens praying that interest rates on home loans be reduced by 2% annually for the next 5 years or until they are 6%.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced or amended to permit negotiated employment contracts as an alternative for those who do not wish to have a trade union acting for them.
- Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that the further means testing of veterans' disability pensions not proceed.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that a television translator be erected to improve the reception of the Brisbane SBS UHF television station.
- Mr Kent—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 Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that the closure of North Randwick Post Office, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr Macphee—from certain electors of the Division of Macarthur praying that a larger and more modern telephone exchange be established in the Lakesland area, NSW.
- Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to reduce interest rates.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens and certain electors of the Division of Cowper praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill and associated bills be rejected, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission be abolished and ratification of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights be withdrawn.
- Mr O'Neil—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill 1985 be rejected.
- Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the north coast of New South Wales praying that the ABC radio studio in Grafton be retained and that the Grafton City Council's submission on the second regional radio network be heeded.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that no cut backs be made to the portfolio of Veterans' Affairs and certain action be taken to assist ex-servicemen and women.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that there be no taxation on illness and no special taxation on those who seek to insure themselves against the cost of private health care.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that Australia use its influence to establish a nuclear test moratorium and a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying for official recognition of the African National Congress and the South West Africa Peoples Organisation and that certain other financial and humanitarian support be given to the South African and Namibian people.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that new initiatives be taken to encourage all member states of the United Nations to conclude a treaty banning all nuclear weapons tests and that certain other action be taken in relation to nuclear weapons tests.
- Mr Tickner—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights.

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

Petitions received.

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986:** Message No. 232, dated 20 March 1986, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to enact certain transitional provisions and make certain amendments in consequence of the enactment of the ‘Customs Administration Act 1985’, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATES AND HOME LOANS:** The House was informed that Mr Carlton had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The fear, worry and insecurity created in countless Australian families by the Government’s high interest rate policies and its confused and inequitable actions on home loans”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Carlton addressed the House.

*Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Treasurer forthwith responding to the matter of public importance raised by the honourable Member for Mackellar (Mr Carlton) and directly relating to the high interest rate policies of the Government, that being a matter entirely within the Treasurer’s portfolio responsibility.

Debate ensued on the motion to suspend the standing and sessional orders.

*Closure:* Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 71

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O’Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lamb	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hayden	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Holding	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cleeland	Mr Howe	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jacobi	Mr P. F. Morris	

## NOES, 59

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 59

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

## NOES, 70

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Mr Young moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 70

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
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Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
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Mr Cleeland	Mr Howe	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wright
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Mildren	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	
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Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr Everingham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipper
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr McVeigh	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
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Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	
Mr Cobb	Mr Hodgman	Mr Rocher	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 10 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** It being past 10.15 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 negatived.

- 11 **BUILDERS LABOURERS' FEDERATION (CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION) BILL 1986:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to cancel the registration of The Australian Building Construction Employees' and Builders Labourers' Federation under the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Willis presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 **BUILDERS LABOURERS' FEDERATION (CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION—CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1986:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to enact certain provisions consequential upon the cancellation of the registration under the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904* of The Australian Building Construction Employees' and Builders Labourers' Federation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Willis presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 April 1986:

Archives Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 31.

Audit Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 36.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1986—

No. 2—Engineering construction survey.

No. 3—Survey of beach usage—Adelaide.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders—1986—

M28/86—Amendment to Order No. M24/85—1986 Performance.

MQ17/86—Amendments to the Corporation's 1986 Quota Administration Schemes for EEC covered by Order Nos. MQ14/85, MQ15/85 and MQ16/85.

Banks (Shareholdings) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 44.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement of disclosure of information—1986—No. 3—List of names and addresses of agricultural establishments for Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Christmas Island Act—Regulations—1986—No. 1 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Determination—1986—No. 1.

Companies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 33.

Companies (Acquisition of Shares) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 34.

Defence Act—

Defence Force Regulations—Declaration of defence practice area, dated 15 January 1986.

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—1985—Nos. 7, 9.

Determinations—1986—

No. 12—Cadet Forces Allowances.

No. 13—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.

No. 14—Outfit Allowance.

No. 16—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and other allowances.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 46.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1986—

No. 4—Prescribed Goods (General) (Amendment).

No. 5—Fish (Amendment).

Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 32.

Freedom of Information Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 45.

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

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Grants) Act—Determination pursuant to sub-section 6A (3) fixing wholesale price of liquefied petroleum gas, dated 26 March 1986.

Live-stock Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 40.

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 39.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 38.

Poultry Industry Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 42.

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

*Foreign States Immunities Act 1985*—Provisions other than sub-section 18 (2)—1 April 1986.

*Marriage Amendment Act 1985*—Sections 4, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 23—7 April 1986.

*Public Service and Statutory Authorities Amendment Act 1985*—Sections 33, 34, 36, 37, 38 and 39—1 April 1986.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1986—Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15.

Quarantine Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 37.

Rural Industries Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 41.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1986—

No. 2—Rates (Amendment).

No. 3—Motor Traffic (Amendment).

Securities Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 35.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 43.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—  
Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment

No. 64.

Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 41.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cowan, Mr Duncan, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Gayler, Mr Hodges, Mr Jull, Mr Kerin, Mr Milton and Mr Wilson.

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**A. R. BROWNING**

Clerk of the House of Representatives