

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 40

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST 1976

1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr Anthony (Minister for National Resources), Mr Lynch (Treasurer), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), Mr Aldred, Mr Baume, Mr Bradfield, Mr Burr, Mr Connor, Mr Fisher, Mr Garrick, Mr Gillard, Mr Graham, Mr Groom, Mr Jarman, Dr Jenkins, Mr L. R. Johnson, Dr Klugman, Mr Lusher, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Scholes, Mr Simon, Mr Stewart, Mr Sullivan and Mr Wentworth—from certain citizens praying that social security payments be adjusted instantly and automatically with increases in the Consumer Price Index and certain other benefits be adjusted.

Mr Sinclair, Mr Bouchier, Mr Connor, Mr Crean, Mr Garland, Mr Gillard, Mr Lusher, Mr McLean, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr McVeigh, Mr Ruddock, Mr Scholes, Mr Short and Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the indexed value of education spending be maintained and the recommendations of several reports on education be implemented.

Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), Mr Bungey, Mr Drummond, Mr Garland, Mr Hayden, Mr Hyde, Mr Martyr, Mr McLean and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that the means test on all aged pensions be abolished immediately.

Mr Brown, Dr Cass, Mr Falconer and Mr Fisher—from certain members of community organisations praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister)—from certain members of the Warrnambool and District Environment Group; Mr Keating—from certain members and friends of the Bankstown Conservation Society; and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens; in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Anthony, Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), Mr Bradfield, Mr Connor, Mr Dobie and Mr W. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the Government reverse the decision to cut 1975-76 overseas development assistance, reaffirm Australia's commitment of assistance of a minimum of 0.7% of G.N.P. and establish an independent statutory authority to administer such assistance.

Dr Cass, Mr Garrick, Dr Jenkins, Mr Scholes, Mr Short and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be maintained.

- Mr Fraser, Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Viner, Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that a commission of inquiry be initiated into the Aurukun Associates Agreement Act, no mining take place on the Aurukun Aboriginal Reserve until a full environmental impact study has been made and an export licence to the consortium concerned be refused until negotiations are held with the Aurukun people and an agreement has been reached.
- Mr Aldred, Mr Baillieu, Mr Brown and Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Carige—from certain electors of the Division of Capricornia in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Hayden, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that the decision to curtail the home mortgage interest tax deduction scheme be reconsidered and the benefits be upgraded by indexation.
- Mr Lynch, Mr Sinclair, Mr Burr and Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the Industries Assistance Commission proposals for the apple and pear industry be rejected and the alternative proposals put forward by the industry be adopted.
- Mr Baillieu, Mr Bouchier, Mr Falconer and Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the Government reverse the decision to cut 1975–76 overseas development assistance and send some of our more productive cows to the Indian sub-continent.
- Mr Jacobi, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that milk substitutes for children up to 6 years of age be restored to the schedule of pharmaceutical benefits.
- Mr Garrick, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr J. L. McMahon and Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be maintained, advertising on the A.B.C. be rejected, public funding of the Commission be developed and any general inquiries into broadcasting be conducted publicly.
- Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), Mr Connor and Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain residents of Australia praying that the House (1) support a moratorium on whaling, (2) support research into marine biology and alternatives to whale products, (3) close down whaling operations at Cheynes Beach, W.A., (4) ban the import of all whale products and (5) encourage the end of whaling throughout the world.
- Dr Cass and Mr Simon—from certain citizens and certain residents from overseas praying that tertiary fees be not introduced for overseas students, the concept of free education be upheld and Australia's commitment of overseas development assistance of a minimum of 0.7% of G.N.P. be reaffirmed.
- Mr Ellicott and Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that grants to under-privileged schools in the Sydney inner city area be retained.
- Mr Lynch—from certain electors of the Division of Flinders praying that the Family Law Act be amended.
- Mr Simon—from certain electors of the Division of McMillan in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Lloyd and Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the assistance package for the dairy industry put forward by the United Dairyfarmers of Victoria be accepted.
- Mr Anthony—from certain members of the Order of the White Cross praying that a Market Planning Commission be appointed to regulate the production of farm produce, chemical food additives be banned and regulations concerning the labelling of food packages be made.

- Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that the number of Commonwealth post-graduate awards be not reduced in 1977 and proposals to re-introduce tuition fees for post-graduate and second degree students be withdrawn.
- Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that the House protest at the lack of retrospectivity of the superphosphate bounty as re-introduced on 11 February 1976.
- Mr Ellicott—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to interfere with existing television program standards or easier entry into Australia, or production in Australia, of pornographic material be permitted.
- Mr Ellicott—from certain citizens praying that films which portray either excessive violence, moral perversion, drug use or sado-masochism as normal or desirable behaviour be not classified for screening in Australia.
- Mr Viner—from certain citizens praying that all Australian whaling licences be immediately revoked and the importation of all whale produce be banned.
- Mr Baillieu—from certain citizens praying that the principles of Medibank be strengthened and extended from general revenue.
- Mr Brown—from certain citizens praying that further mining and export of uranium, except for bio-medical purposes, be banned and the Australian Atomic Energy Commission be transformed into an Australian Energy Commission.
- Mr Brown—from certain citizens praying that the Government call upon the U.S.S.R. to fulfil its obligations in the field of human rights, and to recognize and respect the rights of Jews in the U.S.S.R.
- Mr Burr—from certain citizens of Glamorgan, Tas., praying that the decision to cut overseas development assistance be reversed and the allocation of overseas aid be increased to at least 0.55% of G.N.P.
- Mr C. R. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that subsidies for nursing home patients be increased.
- Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying that Medibank be made truly universal and the Medibank levy be reduced.
- Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that all current woodchip export licences be cancelled, more funds be provided for research into the recycling of used packaged material and future applications for woodchip leases be preceded by an environmental inquiry.
- Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that the Government remove or substantially increase the \$300 limit on income tax deductibility on personal residential land and water rates.
- Mr Connor—from certain citizens praying that the A.B.C. television program "Bellbird" be returned to its previous time slot from Monday to Thursday.
- Mr Connor—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be supported.
- Mr Cotter—from certain citizens of Western Australia praying that the decision to implement the recommendations of the Industries Assistance Commission report on the production of gold be reversed or its implementation deferred.
- Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying that the Government take all steps within its power to have the policy of apartheid abolished in South Africa and democratic government instituted there.
- Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying that the activities of certain newsmen in connection with an incident at Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education, Brisbane, on 28 May 1976 be investigated, together with the issue of media bias and its social implications.
- Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying that grants to institutions for the sick aged, such as the Lauriston Centre, be restored.
- Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that Mr Ignazio Salemi be permitted to remain in Australia.

- Dr Klugman—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of television and radio licence fees, the imposition of a tax levy for Medibank and the introduction of higher charges for drugs dispensed under the pharmaceutical benefits scheme be prevented.
- Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that Government actions in reducing the Australian Broadcasting Commission budget be condemned, the budget be restored, dismissed staff be re-instated and management of the A.B.C. not be interfered with in future.
- Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that overseas aid be increased to at least 0.55% of G.N.P.
- Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that a commission of inquiry be initiated into the Aurukun Agreement and an export licence to the consortium concerned be refused until negotiations are held with the Aurukun people and an agreement has been reached.
- Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that the allowance for education expenses as taxation deductions be increased to \$750.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Newcastle, N.S.W., praying that the Government place immediate orders with the Newcastle State Dockyard and implement the plan to build a graving dock in Newcastle.
- Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the Community Health Centre program be continued and permanent accommodation be provided for the centres.
- Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme payments be increased and recommendations of the Williams Committee be implemented.
- Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that cuts in the budget of the Children's Commission be restored and no further cuts be made in children's services.
- Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that immediate steps be taken to support dairy farmers until the industry is stabilised.
- Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the mining of uranium in Australia be restricted to that needed for physical and bio-medical research and medical diagnosis.
- Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that the Community Mental Health Program be continued in Victoria.
- Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that the Government reverse the decision to cut 1975-76 overseas development assistance and reaffirm Australia's commitment of assistance of a minimum of 0.7% of G.N.P.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Capital Territory Police—Report for year 1974-75.

Australian Government Administration—Report of Royal Commission—
Report.

Appendixes—Volumes 1 to 4.

Defence Service Homes Scheme—Its nature, history and operations—Report by
the Australian Housing Corporation.

Industries Assistance Commission—
Reports—

Domestic refrigerating appliances, etc. (Chest freezers of up to 350 litres
capacity)—Interim report, dated 7 July 1976.

Paints, varnishes and lacquers, dated 24 December 1975.

Railway and tramway locomotives, rolling stock, etc., dated 7 June 1976.

Short term assistance to commercial theatre, dated 1 July 1976.

Temporary Assistance Authority—Reports—

Orange juice, dated 15 July 1976.

Sheets and plates of iron or steel, dated 7 May 1976.

Textiles Authority—Report—Knitted and woven apparel, dated 20 April 1976.

Manufacturing industry—Policies for development—Report by the Committee to Advise on Policies for Manufacturing Industry—Volume II, dated April 1976—Statistics.

National Training Council—Second Annual Report, for 1975.

Poultry Research Advisory Committee—Third Report, for year 1974–75.

Pursuant to statute:

Fishing Industry Research Act—Fishing Industry Research Committee—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1974–75.

- 5 ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1975–76—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: Mr Lynch (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Advance to the Treasurer for year 1975–76—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901.

Ordered—That the statement be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House at the next sitting.

- 6 RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER (MR W. J. BRIDGMAN): Mr Speaker informed the House of the retirement during the Winter adjournment of the Principal Parliamentary Reporter, Mr W. J. Bridgman, O.B.E., and, after referring to Mr Bridgman's long service to the Parliament, expressed the hope that he would have a long and enjoyable retirement.

Mr Speaker also informed the House that, consequent upon Mr Bridgman's retirement, Mr K. R. Ingram would be Acting Principal Parliamentary Reporter.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and other honourable Members associated themselves with the remarks of Mr Speaker.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEDIBANK: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Chipp had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr E. G. Whitlam, namely, "The Government's failure to maintain Medibank".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 ADJOURNMENT DEBATE—TIME LIMITS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, in lieu of the time limit specified in standing order 91 for speeches on the "Motion for adjournment of House to terminate the sitting—", the following time limit shall operate:

"Each Member . . . 5 minutes (no extension of time to be granted):

Provided that, if no other Member rises to address the House, a Member who has already spoken to the motion may speak a second time for a period not exceeding 5 minutes".

- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, this sessional order shall operate for the remainder of this year.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 ADJOURNMENT OF SITTING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, in lieu of the final proviso to the sessional order of 18 February 1976 relating to the adjournment of sittings, the following proviso be substituted:

“Provided further that, if at 11 p.m. the question before the House is—
That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall interrupt the debate, at which time—

(f) a Minister may require that the debate be extended until 11.10 p.m. to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised in the preceding adjournment debate; at 11.10 p.m., or upon the earlier cessation of the debate, the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting,

(g) if no action is taken by a Minister under paragraph (f), the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.”

- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, this amendment of the sessional order of 18 February 1976 shall operate for the remainder of this year.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT BILL 1976: 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Amendments—

Clause 2—

Page 1, line 9, omit “ sub-section (2) ”, substitute “ sub-sections (2) and (3) ”.

Page 1, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:

“(3) Sections 3A, 12A and 14A shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 1976.”.

New clause—

Page 2, after clause 3 insert the following new clause:

“ 3A. Section 87A of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:—

‘ 87A. Where the Minister has, under section 86, suspended ^{Review of} or revoked a licence on or after 1 July 1976, the licensee may ^{decisions.} apply to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review of the decision of the Minister to suspend or revoke the licence.’.”.

Amendments—

Clause 4, page 2, line 27, omit “ relating to”, substitute “ for, or for the smoking of,”.

Clause 7—

Page 3, line 5, omit “ section is”, substitute “ sections are”.

Page 3, before proposed section 105AA insert the following sections:

“ 105AAA. In this Division—

Definitions.

‘ metropolitan broadcasting area ’ means an area determined by the Board under sub-section (1) of section 105AAB to be an area appropriate to be served by metropolitan broadcasting stations;

‘ metropolitan broadcasting station ’ means a commercial broadcasting station situated within a radius of 50 kilometres from the General Post Office in the capital city of a State;

‘ metropolitan television area ’ means an area determined by the Board under sub-section (2) of section 105AAB to be an area appropriate to be served by metropolitan television stations;

‘ metropolitan television station ’ means a commercial television station the principal studio of which is situated within a radius of 32 kilometres from the General Post Office in the capital city of a State.

“ 105AAB. (1) For the purposes of this Division, the Board shall determine an area in each State as the area appropriate to be served by the metropolitan broadcasting stations in the State, being an area that includes the capital city of the State.

Determination of metropolitan areas.

“ (2) For the purposes of this Division, where there are 2 or more metropolitan television stations in a State, the Board shall determine an area in the State as the area appropriate to be served by those metropolitan television stations, being an area that includes the capital city of the State.

“ (3) The Board may vary a determination under sub-section (1) or (2).

“ (4) The Board shall keep copies of maps showing the boundaries of all areas determined by it under sub-sections (1) and (2) and any person may inspect, and may make a copy of, such a map.

“ 105AAC. An application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review of the making of a determination by the Board under section 105AAB.”.

Review of determinations.

Page 3, after proposed sub-section (3) insert the following sub-sections:

“ (3A) In making recommendations under this section the Board shall have regard to the principle that, subject to the necessity of ensuring that the needs of the community in the area concerned are adequately served, it is desirable that a broadcasting translator station licence for the purpose of the re-transmission of programs for reception in an area that is not within a metropolitan broadcasting area should be granted for the purpose of the re-transmission of the programs of a station that is not a metropolitan broadcasting station in preference to a broadcasting translator station licence for the purpose of the re-transmission of the programs of a metropolitan broadcasting station.

“ (3B) The Board shall not recommend the granting of a licence for a broadcasting translator station for the purpose of the re-transmission of programs for reception in a particular area unless the Board has published in the *Gazette*, and in a newspaper circulating in the area, a notice—

- (a) stating that it is considering the need for the grant of such a licence; and
- (b) notifying interested persons that they may, not later than a specified date (not being earlier than 21 days after the date of publication of the notice in the *Gazette*), apply to the Board for, or make to the Board written objection to, the grant of such a licence,

and the date so specified has passed.

“(3c) If, on or before the date specified in the relevant notice under sub-section (3B)—

- (a) 2 or more applications are duly made for the grant of a broadcasting translator station licence as referred to in the notice; or
- (b) the licensee of a commercial broadcasting station makes written objection to the grant of such a licence,

the Board shall not recommend the grant of such a licence unless it has conducted an inquiry in accordance with this Act into the applications or objection.”.

Page 3, after proposed section 105AA insert the following section:

“105AB. (1) An application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review of a decision of the Board to make a recommendation to the Minister that a licence under section 105AA be granted for a broadcasting translator station for the purpose of the re-transmission of the programs of a metropolitan broadcasting station for reception in an area that is not within a metropolitan broadcasting area. Review of decisions.

“(2) Where the Board makes a decision referred to in sub-section (1), the Board shall, before making the relevant recommendation to the Minister, notify, by such means as it considers appropriate, all persons who, on or before the date specified in the relevant notice under sub-section (3B) of section 105AA, applied for, or made written objection to, the grant of a broadcasting translator station licence as referred to in the notice.”.

Clause 8, pages 3 and 4, omit paragraph (b), substitute the following paragraph:

“(b) by inserting after sub-section (2) the following sub-sections:—

‘(2A) Where the Board is of the opinion that satisfactory reception of television programs from a commercial television station or commercial television stations is being obtained in an area, but the Board is also of the opinion that those programs do not adequately serve the interests of the community in that area by reason of the fact that they are designed to serve primarily the different interests of a community in another area, the Board may recommend that a licence be granted for a television translator station to serve the needs of the community in that first-mentioned area.

‘(2B) In making recommendations under this section the Board shall have regard to the principle that, subject to the necessity of ensuring that the needs of the community in the area concerned are adequately served, it is desirable that a television translator station licence for the purpose of the re-transmission of programs for reception in an area that is not within a metropolitan television area should be granted for the purpose of the re-transmission of the programs of a station that is not a metropolitan television station in preference to a television translator station licence for the purpose of the re-transmission of the programs of a metropolitan television station.

‘(2C) The Board shall not recommend the granting of a licence for a television translator station for the purpose of the re-transmission of programs for reception in a particular area unless the Board has published in the *Gazette*, and in a newspaper circulating in the area, a notice—

- (a) stating that it is considering the need for the grant of such a licence; and
- (b) notifying interested persons that they may, not later than a specified date (not being earlier than 21 days after the date of publication of the notice in the *Gazette*), apply to the Board for, or make to the Board written objection to, the grant of such a licence,

and the date so specified has passed.

‘ (2D) If, on or before the date specified in the relevant notice under sub-section (2C)—

- (a) 2 or more applications are duly made for the grant of a television translator station licence as referred to in the notice; or
 - (b) the licensee of a commercial television station makes written objection to the grant of such a licence,
- the Board shall not recommend the grant of such a licence unless it has conducted an inquiry in accordance with this Act into the applications or objection.’; and ”.

New clauses—

Page 4, after clause 8 insert the following new clause:

“ 8A. After section 105B of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

‘ 105BA. (1) An application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review of a decision of the Board to make a recommendation to the Minister that a licence under section 105B be granted for a television translator station for the purpose of the re-transmission of the programs of a metropolitan television station for reception in an area that is not within a metropolitan television area. Review of decisions.

‘ (2) Where the Board makes a decision referred to in sub-section (1), the Board shall, before making the relevant recommendation to the Minister, notify, by such means as it considers appropriate, all persons who, on or before the date specified in the relevant notice under sub-section (2C) of section 105B, applied for, or made written objection to, the grant of a television translator station licence as referred to in the notice. ’ ”.

Page 4, after clause 12 insert the following new clause:

“ 12A. After section 119 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

‘ 119A. An application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for a review of a decision of the Board under sub-section (2) of section 119 made on or after 1 July 1976.’ ”. Review of decisions.

Amendments—

Clause 13—

Page 5, line 6, after “area” (second occurring) insert “from a nearby television station or television stations”.

Page 5, line 10, after “area” insert “from a television station the normal range of which includes that area”.

New clause—

Page 5, after clause 14 insert the following new clause:

“ 14A. The Schedule to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act* 1975 is amended by omitting Part VI.”. Amendment of *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act* 1975.

Amendments—

Schedule—

Page 5, clauses 1 and 2, omit “, 87A (1)”.

Page 6, clause 4, omit—

“ Sections 87A (1), (2) and (4) | Omit ‘ Commonwealth Industrial Court ’ (wherever occurring), substitute ‘ Australian Industrial Court ’.”,

Substitute—

“ Section 90 (1) (definition of ‘ metropolitan commercial broadcasting station ’) | Omit ‘ thirty miles ’, substitute ‘ 50 kilometres ’.”.

Page 6, clause 4, after the item relating to section 91AB (2) insert—

“ Section 92 (1) (c) .. | Omit ‘ thirty miles ’, substitute ‘ 50 kilometres ’.”.

Title, page 1, add “and for related purposes”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments, and with an amended title.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1976: 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.

- 12 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.49 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 August 1976, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired for telecommunications purposes—Callala Beach, N.S.W.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Beazley, Mr Cohen, Mr Corbett, Mr Giles and Mr Hamer.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives