

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 58

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 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 DEATH OF SENATOR THE HONOURABLE I. J. GREENWOOD: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Senator the Honourable I. J. Greenwood, and moved— That this House expresses its deep regret at the death, this day, of Senator the Honourable Ivor John Greenwood, Q.C., Senator for the State of Victoria from 1968, a Minister of the Crown from 1971 to 1972 and from 1975 to 1976, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1972 to 1975, and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate from 1975 to 1976, 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 E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and other honourable 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., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.
- 5 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Keating, Mr Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—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 Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the M.V. *Australian Trader* be restored to the Tasmanian service.
- Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General)—from certain citizens of Sydney, N.S.W., praying that steps be taken to withdraw any proposed regulation or repeal any regulation made under the Customs Act having the effect of imposing a quarantine on imported cheeses.
- Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Post and Telecommunications)—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.
- Dr Cass—from certain students and associates of Melbourne University, Vic., praying that the indexed value of education spending be maintained and that other action be taken in connection with certain educational assistance schemes.
- 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.

Dr Edwards—from certain citizens praying that support for child care be continued and expanded.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the 1976–77 Budget be re-drafted to provide for economic recovery within the guidelines laid down in the 1975–76 Budget.

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 Young—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be continued as recommended in the report tabled in Parliament on 4 March 1976.

Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that a total economic boycott of South Africa be implemented, all diplomatic and political links with that country be cut and victims of apartheid be offered immediate aid.

Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the House call on Sir John Kerr to resign as Governor-General.

Petitions received.

6 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Fraser (Prime Minister)—

Mr Fraser laid upon the Table the following paper:

Performing Arts—Copy of reference to Industries Assistance Commission, dated 6 October 1974.

Questions without notice continued.

Papers: Mr Scholes, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General)—

Mr Ellicott laid upon the Table the following papers:

Discretionary authority of Dominion Governors—Article by H. V. Evatt, *Canadian Bar Review*, vol. XVIII, No. 1, January 1940.

Double Dissolution—

1914—Copy of Memorandum by Griffith, C. J., dated 5 October 1914.

1951—Extracts from the *Age* of 15 March 1951 and the *Canberra Times* of 14, 15 and 16 March 1951.

Questions without notice continued.

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

“Fawnmac Group”—Fawns & McAllan Pty Ltd, Rotary Tableting Corporation Pty Ltd and Croydon Investments Pty Ltd—Report and financial accounts, for year 1975–76.

Industries Assistance Commission—Interim report—High alloy steels, dated 10 June 1976.

National Highway linking Adelaide and Darwin (Port Augusta to Northern Territory Border)—Report by a Steering Committee, dated 24 September 1976.

Pursuant to statute:

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Fifty-second Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Twenty-eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year 1975–76.

8 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:

12 October 1976—Message—

No. 86—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment 1976.

No. 87—Television Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1976.

- 9 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had nominated Mr Baume to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in place of Mr Bungey, resigned.
- 10 PAPER: Mr Bryant, by leave, presented the following paper:
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to Europe by delegation led by the Hon. G. M. Bryant, E.D., M.P., Minister for the Capital Territory, 9–28 June 1975 (in substitution for the paper presented on 3 June 1976).
- 11 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRADE WITH UNITED STATES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Keating had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to establish a definite trade relationship with the Government of the United States and the limiting effect of this failure upon access to the United States domestic market for Australian beef”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Keating rising to address the House—

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Shipton
Mr Bourchier	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr O’Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 26

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Keating moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Blaxland moving a motion relating to the Government’s failure to establish a definite trade relationship with the Government of the United States and the limiting effect of this failure upon access to the United States domestic market for Australian beef.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abel	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Adermann	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Thomson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	
Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Dr Richardson	Mr Corbett

NOES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahan	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Scholes addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr Kelly	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Street
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hodges	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr Newman	
Mr Cotter	Mr Howard	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahan	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Sinclair moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Katter	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Kelly	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mc McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges	Mr Millar	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 28

Mr Armitage	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Beazley	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Mr Bryant	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr Nicholls
Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	

NOES, 68

Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Kelly	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr Macphee	
Mr Carige	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Hyde	Dr Richardson	Mr Corbett

And so it was negated.

- 13 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1976: Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act* 1953, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1976: Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act* 1973, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1976–77: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education, \$380,005,000—further debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 22 September be varied by next considering the proposed expenditure for the Attorney-General's Department.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$54,617,000—
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.05 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 October 1976, pursuant to statute:

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Book Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Returns for 1975 and for period 1 January to 30 June 1976.

Metal Working Machine Tools Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Refrigeration Compressors Bounty Act—Return for year ended 3 February 1976.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—

Determination—1976/10—Holders of public offices on the National Committee on Aboriginal Education and other bodies.

Report—1976/3—Judges—President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Brown*, Mr Bungey*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Chipp*, Mr FitzPatrick*, Mr Martin*, Mr Martyr, Mr Peacock and Mr Simon.

* On leave

N. J. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives