

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 81

WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 1977

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 Nixon (Minister for Transport), Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), Mr Abel, Mr Dobie and Mr Jones—from certain citizens praying that the continuation and growth of symphony orchestras throughout Australia be ensured. Mr McVeigh, Mr Martyr and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Australian Council of Local Government Associations for the allocation of funds for roads be adopted and the Government's long-term policy be to provide 50 per cent of all funds for roads.

Mr FitzPatrick and Mr L. R. Johnson—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 Graham and Mr W. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads for the funding of local roads in New South Wales be adopted.

Mr Nixon—from certain citizens praying that the Wireless Telegraphy Act be updated to provide for Citizens Band radio.

Mr Corbett—from certain electors praying that chiropractors' fees be covered by health insurance and be tax deductible.

Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that the nomination of Ms Elizabeth Reid to the United Nations Secretariat for the Social and Economic Development Council be supported.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that increases in the Consumer Price Index be applied to age and invalid pensions and that any revision of the Consumer Price Index will not result in reductions in the value of future pensions.

Mr L. R. Johnson—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 L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the freeze on the alienation of vacant Crown land in the Northern Territory be extended and the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976 be amended.

Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that support for child care be continued and expanded.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Parliaments of Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa—Report of Seventh Conference, Rarotonga, 28 June to 1 July 1976.

The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Fire Board—Report for year 1975–76.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Brassieres, dated 30 November 1976.

Copper foil; and primary shapes produced by rolling, drawing, extruding of non-ferrous metal, dated 5 November 1975.

Files and rasps—Interim report, dated 20 October 1976.

Pursuant to statute:

Airlines Agreements Act—Ansett Transport Industries Limited—Airline activities—Financial statements for year ended 26 June 1976.

Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Thirteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of guarantees and payments for year 1975–76.

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Sixteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Twenty-seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to modernisation of H.M.A. Naval Dockyard (stage 2), Williams-town, Vic. (First report of 1977).

Ordered to be printed.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Young had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's refusal to recognise the problems of Australia's manufacturing industries".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT (FIRST DIVISION OFFICERS) 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.

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

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Mr Abel	Mr Corbett	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	
Mr Carige	Mr Hodges	Mr Millar	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	

Tellers:

Mr D. M. Cameron  
Mr Fisher

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Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Beazley	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Bowen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	
Mr Bryant	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	
Dr Cass	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis	Mr James
Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Street (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Public Service Matters), the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 CRIMES (BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS) 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.

Mr Bryant rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr D. M. Cameron moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 9 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS) BILL 1977: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to ensure that Senate Elections are held at the same time as House of Representatives Elections.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr E. G. Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 10 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATE CASUAL VACANCIES) BILL 1977: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to ensure so far as practicable that a Casual Vacancy in the Senate is filled by a Person of the same Political Party as the Senator chosen by the People and for the balance of his Term.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr E. G. Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RETIREMENT OF JUDGES) BILL 1977: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to provide for Retiring Ages for Judges of Federal Courts.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr E. G. Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (REFERENDUMS) BILL 1977: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to allow Electors in Territories, as well as Electors in the States, to vote at Referendums on Proposed Laws to alter the Constitution.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr E. G. Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 DEFENCE 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.

Mr Armitage moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Carige	Mr Hodges	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Chipp	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr McLeay (Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.02 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 February 1977:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Asian-Oceanic Postal Union—Third Congress, Melbourne, 19–27 November 1975

—Acts (including the Asian-Oceanic Postal Convention) and resolutions (*in substitution for the paper presented on 8 December 1976*).

Pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—H. D. Suters.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr MacKellar, Mr Nicholls, Dr Richardson and Mr Yates.

J. A. PETTIFER,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives