

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 85

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 1977

1 The House met, at 10.30 a.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 Carige, Mr Giles, Mr Kelly, Mr McVeigh, Mr Porter and Mr Thomson—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 Abel, Mr Baume, Mr MacKenzie and Mr J. L. McMahon—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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr Cadman and Mr Sainsbury—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 Sinclair, Mr Connolly and Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the continuation and growth of symphony orchestras throughout Australia be ensured.

Dr J. F. Cairns—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that an organisation concerned with better quality television for Australian children be created.

Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens and residents from overseas praying that political asylum be granted to Mr Hishamuddin Rais.

Mr Simon—from certain citizens praying that the Government totally finance national highways and finance half the cost of all other public roads.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 YOUTH AFFAIRS—REPORT OF STUDY GROUP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Youth Affairs—Report of Study Group, dated February 1977.

Mr Fraser, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Youth Affairs—Report of Study Group—Ministerial statement, 24 February 1977.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

- 5 TOURISM—SELECT COMMITTEE—MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS: Mr Bonnett (Chairman) presented the minutes of proceedings of the Select Committee on Tourism relating to the report presented on 23 February 1977 (*see page 608*).
- 6 DEFENCE FORCE STAFF—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the forthcoming retirement of the Chief of Defence Force Staff, General Sir Francis Hassett, the appointment of Lieutenant-General A. L. MacDonald as his successor, and the appointment of Major-General D. B. Dunstan as Chief of the General Staff.
Mr Hayden, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 7 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 8 March next, at 3 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr Bungey be discharged from attendance on the Publications Committee, and that, in his place, Mr Gillard be appointed a member of the Committee.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a definite matter of public importance being submitted to the House and discussed at a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.
- 10 NATIONAL REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION BILL 1977: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make certain provisions with respect to Safety and with respect to the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons and to provide for the Payment of Benefits in respect of Incapacity or Death as the Result of Personal Injury.
Bill read a first time.
Mr E. G. Whitlam moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
It being 2 hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1 be extended.
Debate continued.
The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Bowen was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BEEF PRODUCERS: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Katter had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The plight of Australia’s beef producers”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Katter addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 12 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT (UNFINISHED INQUIRY): Mr Bryant (Deputy Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Select Committee on Aboriginal Land Rights in the Northern Territory:

Report that the Committee had been unable to complete its inquiry.

Ordered, after debate, to be printed.

- 13 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT (UNFINISHED INQUIRY)—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Ruddock (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs:

Report that the Committee had been unable to complete its inquiry into health problems of Aborigines.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- 14 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1977: 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)—

AYES, 70

Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Wentworth
Mr Carige	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Chipp	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

NOES, 25

Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated.

Mr Wallis rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 70

Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Dr Richardson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Wentworth
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

NOES, 25

Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 25

Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Cohen	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 8 and 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated.

Mr Young rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68			
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Worth
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter	Mr D. M. Cameron
			Mr Corbett
NOES, 26			
Mr Beazley	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68			
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter	Mr D. M. Cameron
			Mr Corbett
NOES, 27			
Mr Beazley	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 11—

Mr Young addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

Adjournment negated: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Debate continued.

Mr Bryant addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 26

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Kelly	Dr Richardson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Drummond	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

NOES, 25

Mr Beazley	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr L.K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	
Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis	Mr James
Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title—

Mr Bryant addressing the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the title be the title of the Bill—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Ellicott, the House adopted the report.

Mr Ellicott, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 68

Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr Luccock	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Chipp	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 25

Mr Beazley	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	
Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis	Mr James
Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

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

15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

24 February 1977—Message—

No. 210—Customs Tariff Validation 1977 (*without requests*).

No. 211—Defence Force (Retirement and Death Benefits Amendments) 1977.

16 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER—PRIVILEGE: Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to an article in the *Daily Mirror* of 15 February 1977 relating to Members' travelling allowances.

Mr Cohen proposed to move—That the matter be referred to the Privileges Committee.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) addressed himself to the matter.

Mr Cohen and Mr Speaker again addressed themselves to the matter which was not further proceeded with.

17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Wallis addressing 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, 68

Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hodges	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 21

Mr Beazley	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Morris	
Mr Bryant	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr Keating	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis	Mr James
Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 11.19 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 8 March next, at 3 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 February 1977, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 19.

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 18.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 20.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1977—No. 3 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Connor, Mr Gillard, Mr Innes, Mr MacKellar, Mr Millar, Mr Nicholls and Mr Viner.

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

APPENDIX 1

Messages from the Senate

Messages from the Senate returning the following Bills without amendment were received after the adjournment of the House on 24 February 1977:

25 February 1977—

- No. 212—Constitution Alteration (Simultaneous Elections) 1977.
- No. 213—Constitution Alteration (Senate Casual Vacancies) 1977.
- No. 214—Constitution Alteration (Retirement of Judges) 1977.
- No. 215—Constitution Alteration (Referendums) 1977.

APPENDIX 2

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General

ASSENT TO BILLS

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General intimating that His Excellency in the name of Her Majesty had assented to the following Bills, were received after the adjournment of the House on 24 February 1977:

28 February 1977—

- No. 157—Insurance (Deposits) Amendment 1976.
Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Amendment 1976.
Defence Amendment 1976.
- No. 158—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Amendment 1976.
Public Service Amendment (First Division Officers) 1976.
- No. 159—Crimes (Aircraft) Amendment 1976.
Crimes (Internationally Protected Persons) 1976.
Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Amendment 1976.
Extradition (Foreign States) Amendment 1976.
Crimes (Biological Weapons) 1976.
- No. 160—Customs Tariff Validation 1977.
Defence Force (Retirement and Death Benefits Amendments) 1977.
- No. 161—Commonwealth Electoral Amendment 1977.
Census and Statistics Amendment 1977.
Representation Amendment 1977.