

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

MONDAY, 30 MAY 1977

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1 The House met, at 2 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 Jones and Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries be implemented.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that private clinics be prevented from performing abortions in the A.C.T. and that abortions not be financed through Medibank.

Mr K. M. Cairns—from certain citizens praying that stricter control over television and radio programs be implemented.

Mr Carige—from certain electors of the Division of Capricornia praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Dobie—from certain members of the Service Station Association of N.S.W. Ltd and others praying that in implementing the findings of the Royal Commission on Petroleum the needs of the motoring public and the retail petroleum industry be given every consideration.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to end commercial whaling.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that education expenditure be increased and certain other action be taken in connection with student assistance.

Mr Graham—from certain citizens praying that an organisation concerned with better quality television for children be created.

Mr Hyde—from certain citizens praying that representatives of the Rhodesian Government be invited to Australia.

Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying that the mining and export of uranium cease until safe disposal methods have been guaranteed and certain other action be taken in connection with energy matters.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes not be introduced.

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

Mr I. L. Robinson—from certain electors of the Division of Cowper praying that legislation be enacted to safeguard the public against irresponsible strikes.

Mr Simon—from certain citizens of the Division of McMillan praying that estate duty be phased out over the next 5 years.

Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that increases in the Consumer Price Index be applied to pensions and that future pensions not be reduced as a result of any revision of the Index.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Anthony (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Senator Cotton (Minister for Industry and Commerce) and Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), Senator Durack (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) would act as Minister for Industry and Commerce and Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) would act as Minister for Transport. Mr Anthony stated that the Acting Minister for Industry and Commerce would be represented in this House by Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs).

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

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

6 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the establishment of the National Aboriginal Conference, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented the following paper:

National Aboriginal Conference—Ministerial statement, 30 May 1977.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate ensued.

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

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

27 May 1977—Message—

No. 21—Appropriation (No. 3) 1976–77 (*without requests*).

No. 22—Appropriation (No. 4) 1976–77.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 20

Mr Speaker,

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day, and requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein:

“That, for the remainder of the present period of sittings, the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence and its sub-committees be granted leave to meet during sittings of either House of the Parliament.”.

C. L. LAUCKE  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27 May 1977

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Killen (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House concurs in the resolution transmitted in message No. 20 of the Senate relating to the granting of leave to the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence and its sub-committees to meet for the remainder of the present period of sittings during sittings of either House of the Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

9 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That the Publications Committee, or any sub-committee thereof, when conferring with a similar committee or sub-committee of the Senate, have power to move from place to place.

- (2) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by message.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 10 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1977-78: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hurford, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House, noting the failure of the Government’s economic strategy, condemns its rigid resistance to feasible and constructive alternatives such as cutting indirect taxes and initiating selective stimulatory spending”—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Amendment negatived.  
 Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1977-78: 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—  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 WOOL INDUSTRY 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 WOOL TAX AMENDMENT BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 5) 1977: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—  
 Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bills were together read a third time.
- 14 STATES (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 30 May 1977, were reported—
- (a) returning the following Bill without amendment: Message No. 25—Income Tax (Companies and Superannuation Funds) Amendment 1977.
  - (b) acquainting the House that the Senate had, this day, resolved that the Senate Publications Committee, or any sub-committee thereof, when conferring with a similar committee or sub-committee of the House of Representatives, have power to move from place to place: Message No. 23.

- 16 INCOME TAX (RATES) 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.

Mr Hayden addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived:* It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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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 Viner, the Bill was read a third time.

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

30 May 1977—Message—

No. 28—Australian National Railways Amendment 1977.

No. 29—Housing Loans Insurance Amendment 1977.

No. 30—Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1977.

- 18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Abel, Mr Brown, Mr Bryant, Mr Connor, Mr Drummond, Mr Fraser, Mr W. McMahon, Mr Moore, Mr Nicholls\*, Mr Nixon, Mr Peacock, Dr Richardson and Mr Simon.

\*On leave

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