

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 48

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1977

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- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Dr Klugman and Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that private nursing homes be subsidised to allow pensioner patients to retain \$6 per week for personal use and that certain other action be taken in connection with pensioner benefits.
- Mr Neil and Mr E. G. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying for the reversal of the decision withdrawing financial assistance from students of non-State tertiary institutions.
- Mr Gillard—from certain citizens of Bathurst, N.S.W., praying that the facts for and against the proposed mining and export of uranium be publicised and a referendum be held on the issue.
- Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying for the negotiation of an excursion air fare for all points in Europe at the level currently charged to Great Britain and certain major European cities.
- Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.
- Petitions received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:
- By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Self-propelled harvesters (By-law), dated 28 July 1977.
- Pursuant to statute:
- Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975-76.
- Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—51st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1976.
- 5 MEMBER FOR MACKELLAR (MR WENTWORTH)—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Wentworth, by leave, made a statement with respect to his resignation from the Liberal Party of Australia.
- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—STRIKES AND ABUSE OF UNION POWER: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House that Mr Shipton, Mr Innes and Mr Neil had each 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 Shipton, namely, "The current wave of strikes and abuse of union power throughout Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Shipton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 8 LANDS ACQUISITION 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 Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
11 October 1977—Message No. 58—Family Law Amendment 1977.
- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1977–78: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Health, \$1,790,410,000—

Department of Social Security, \$256,034,000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$328,850,000—
together further debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 11 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF TASMANIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—
That the House of Representatives approve of the redistribution of the State of Tasmania into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs J. R. Lennard, C. C. A. Butler and J. M. Windsor, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on 21 September 1977, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated in the map referred to therein, be adopted.
Debate ensued.
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.
The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

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Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr Scholes	
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Keating	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1977-78: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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together further debated, and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$90,774,000—debated.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11.01 p.m.—Mr Acting Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 October 1977, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1977—

No. 47—Cemeteries.

No. 48—Interpretation (No. 2).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Chipp, Mr Drummond, Mr Garrick*, Mr Holten*, Mr Howard, Dr Jenkins, Mr Kelly*, Mr King, Mr Lusher, Mr McLean, Mr Moore, Dr Richardson, Mr Snedden and Mr Yates.

* On leave

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