

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 49

WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 1977

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1 The House met, at 2.55 p.m. 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.:

Mr Anthony, Dr Edwards and Mr Morris—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 MacKellar, Mr J. L. McMahon and Sir William McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the part of a deceased person's estate which passes to the surviving spouse be free from federal estate duty.

Mr Anthony—from certain members of the Order of the White Cross praying that action be taken to facilitate the release of Rudolf Hess from prison.

Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that the Special United Nations Session on Disarmament in 1978 be supported, the adoption of peace studies and research be encouraged and nuclear-free zones in the Indian and Pacific Oceans be supported.

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

Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that in any new Housing Agreement, States' Housing Authorities not be forced to charge market rents or bear market interest rates.

Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying for recognition of the work of a certain part-time member of the Schools Commission.

Mr Hyde—from certain citizens praying for the reversal of the decision withdrawing financial assistance from students of non-State tertiary institutions.

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the Council of the Australian National Gallery have the right to purchase major works of art without Cabinet intervention and that the decision to reject the Council's recommendation to purchase *Grand Nu* be revoked.

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

Mr Sinclair—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:
- Australian Council on Awards in Advanced Education—5th Annual Report, for 1976.
  - Darwin Cyclone Tracy Relief Trust Fund—Reports—1977—
    - May.
    - June.
    - July.
    - August.
  - Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Polyethylene coated paper and paperboard for the manufacture of containers (By-law), dated 5 May 1977.
- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—THE ECONOMY: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House that Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “ The Prime Minister’s constant and dangerous misrepresentations about the state of the economy ”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 6 ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, PYMBLE, N.S.W.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of an analytical laboratory at Pymble, N.S.W.  
Question—put and passed.
- 7 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—REPORT—PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 6 October 1977*), viz.:
- Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Passenger motor vehicles, dated 12 September 1977—
- Debate resumed.  
Ordered—That Mr Young be granted an extension of time.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 8 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) 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 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—Mr Bryant dissenting.  
And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General*: Message No. 59, dated 5 October 1977, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
Mr Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Mr Bryant rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed—Mr Bryant dissenting.

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

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

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

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

Mr Bryant rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed—Mr Bryant dissenting.

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

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$30,565,000—Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Armitage reported accordingly.

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

10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Acting Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 October 1977, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 174.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 175.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1977—

Nos. 610 and 611—Transport Workers' Union of Australia and another.

No. 612—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 613—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 614—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 615—Telecommunication Technical Officers Association.

No. 616—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 617—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.

No. 618—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.

No. 619—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 620—Industrial Arbitration Registrars' Association.

No. 621—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 622—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 623—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.

Nos. 624 and 625—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.

- No. 626—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service and another.
- No. 627—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 628—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 629—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 630—Arbitration Inspectors' Association.
- No. 631—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 632—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 633—Commonwealth Police Officers Association.
- No. 634—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 635—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 636—Australian Workers' Union.
- No. 637—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 638—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 639—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 640—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 641—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and another.
- No. 642—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service and another.
- No. 643—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
- No. 644—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 645—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 646—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 647—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 648—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 649—Australian Journalists Association.
- Nos. 651 and 652—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 653—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 654—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.
- No. 655—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 656—Australian Government Lawyers Association.
- No. 657—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 658—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service and another.
- Nos. 659 to 663—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.
- No. 664—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 665—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.
- No. 666—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

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

\* On leave

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