

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 50

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER 1977

1 The House met, at 10.30 a.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.:

Mr Armitage and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.
Mr Fisher—from certain electors of the Divisions of Mallee and Darling praying for reduced rates for long distance telephone calls in remote areas.

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

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) addressing himself to a point of order—

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr E. G. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
 Questions without notice concluded.

- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:
 By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Tasmanian State Grants Commission—2nd report, for year 1977-78.
 Pursuant to statute:
 Australian Citizenship Act—Return for year 1976-77.
 Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—45th Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1976-77.
 Industries Assistance Commission—Industries Assistance Commission—Report for year 1976-77, accompanied by a statement by the Minister pursuant to sub-section 45 (5) of the Act.
- 5 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
 Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
 Debate ensued.
 It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MIGRANT SERVICES: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Innes had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Fraser Government's reduction and deferment of services to migrants".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Innes addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 7 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Connolly (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
 165th Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial year 1974-75.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr Connolly, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 8 UNITED NATIONS—SUGAR CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Anthony (Minister for Overseas Trade), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the United Nations Sugar Conference, 1977, in Geneva and the finalisation of a new International Sugar Agreement.
 Mr Scholes, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 9 SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Lynch (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of Government decisions to improve the finance facilities available to small businesses, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Small business finance—Ministerial statement, 13 October 1977.
 Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 13 October 1977—Message No. 87—Office of National Assessments 1977.
- 11 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 12 REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES 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—

Statement by Minister: Mr Macphee (Minister representing the Attorney-General), by leave, made a statement correcting an error in his second reading speech on the Bill. Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 60, dated 5 October 1977, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Macphee, the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 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.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$30,565,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Capital Territory, \$72,616,000—

Department of the Northern Territory, \$63,075,000—
together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of National Resources, \$52,011,000—

Department of Overseas Trade, \$65,601,000—

Department of the Special Trade Negotiator, \$100,000—
together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Acting Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

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

* On leave

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