

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1977

1 The House met, at 11 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 Anthony, Mr Cadman, Mr Chapman and Mr Keating—from certain citizens praying that that part of a deceased person's estate which passes to the surviving spouse be free from federal estate duty.

Mr Brown and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to end commercial whaling.

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

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that a Sunday be designated and publicised as a national day of prayer for the healing of the nation.

Mr Chapman—from certain citizens praying that immediate steps be taken to provide humanitarian aid to refugees from South Africa.

Mr Fry—from certain members of the Australian Association for Better Hearing and others praying that consideration be given to waiving costs for special telephone equipment required by hearing impaired members of the public.

Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that financial assistance be granted to pregnancy help services, funds not be provided for services specialising in elective abortions and there be no payment of abortion claims under the Medical Benefits Schedule.

Mr Simon—from certain citizens of the Borough of Wonthaggi in the Electoral Division of McMillan praying that the current triennium for accommodation applications under the Aged Persons Hostels Act be extended to enable an outstanding application from the Wonthaggi and District Elderly Citizens Homes Committee to be included.

Mr Wilson—from certain electors praying for changes to the methods and levels of education funding and that certain other action be taken relating to education.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Antarctica—An information paper—

Paper, dated November 1977.

Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science).

Australian Capital Territory Fire Brigade—3rd Annual Report by the Fire Commissioner, for year 1976-77.

Australian Heritage Commission—Interim report for year 1976-77.

Australian Meat Board—Interim report for year 1976-77.

Department of the Capital Territory—Report for year 1976–77.  
 “Fawnmac Group”—Fawns & McAllan Pty Ltd, Rotary Tableting Corporation Pty Ltd, Croydon Investments Pty Ltd and Barker House Pty Ltd—Report and financial accounts, for year 1976–77.

International Sugar Agreement, 1973—Resolution of International Sugar Council, dated 31 August 1977, relating to the 3rd extension of the Agreement.

Patent, Trade Marks and Designs Office—Report for year 1976–77.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—31st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year 1975–76 (*in substitution for paper presented on 9 December 1976*).

Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—7th Annual Report, for year 1976–77, together with Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act.

Racial Discrimination Act—Commissioner for Community Relations—2nd Annual Report, for year 1976–77.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

4 November 1977—Message No. 119—Queensland Grant (Special Assistance) 1977.

6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

3 November 1977—Message—

No. 79—Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Amendment 1977.

No. 80—Judiciary (Diplomatic Representation) 1977.

7 ENERGY POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Anthony (Minister for National Resources), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government’s energy policies and policy objectives for the future.

Mr Keating, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Wentworth asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

8 EFFICIENCY AUDITS—COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES—

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER: Mr Street (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Public Service Matters), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the auditing of the efficiency of Commonwealth departments and statutory authorities, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Efficiency audits—Report of working party of officials, dated April 1977.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CRISIS:

Mr Deputy 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 crisis in building and construction caused by the Government’s economic policies”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr D. M. Cameron moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr Falconer	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Gillard	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	
Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Ellicott	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
			Mr Corbett

## NOES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Dr Cass	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 10 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—  
That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Mr Bryant 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Falconer	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Gillard	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	
Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Ellicott	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
			Mr Corbett

## NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr Beazley	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Bryant	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Keating	Mr Uren	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.

11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That notices Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

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

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

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

12 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS 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 by Mr Bowen who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House (a) is of opinion that the Government is neglecting the real needs of schools in Australia, and (b) condemns the Government’s interference with the independence of the Schools Commission and, specifically, the Government directing funds into the wealthy private schools against the Commission’s recommendations”.

Debate continued.

Dr Jenkins rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 43

Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fife	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Goodluck	Mr King	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Hamer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Hodges	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodgman	Mr McLean	Mr Yates
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Hunt	Mr McVeigh	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett

NOES, 18

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr Bryant	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson
Dr Cass	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr West	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 54

Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jarman	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Goodluck	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Graham	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Groom	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	

## NOES, 21

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Beazley	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Bowen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	
Mr Bryant	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson
Dr Cass	Dr Klugman	Mr West	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 81, dated 1 November 1977, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together.

Dr Jenkins addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 52

Mr Adermann	Mr Fife	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lucock	Mr Simon
Mr Bourchier	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Millar	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 21

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Beazley	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Bryant	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	Mr L. R. Johnson
Dr Cass	Mr Jones	Mr West	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That clauses 1 to 3 be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed. Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION 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 by Mr Bowen who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House is of opinion that (a) there is insufficient funding for technical education in Australia, and (b) the Government’s intention to transfer a major section of tertiary education funding to the States will be to the detriment of tertiary education”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 82, dated 2 November 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.

On the motion of Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

14 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 3) 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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

15 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 by Mr Scholes who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn and re-drafted with a view to bringing forward a Bill which (a) increases the rate of stabilization payments to \$3 per box of apples and \$1.20 per box of pears and/or (b) provides supplementary assistance measures to facilitate adjustments in the fruit growing industry and to provide assistance directly to individual fruit growers until such times as a coherent planned policy, by which the Australian fruit growing industry can prosper, is determined”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 54

Mr Adermann	Mr Fife	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Gillard	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 20

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Martin	
Mr Beazley	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	
Mr Bowen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	
Mr Bryant	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren	Mr James
Dr Cass	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr West	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 83, dated 1 November 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 Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

16 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

17 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

18 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

19 BRIGALOW LANDS AGREEMENT 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 Crean rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Garland (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Fife	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Fisher	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Garland	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Gillard	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Goodluck	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Mr Graham	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 20

Mr Armitage	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	
Mr Beazley	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	
Mr Bowen	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren	
Dr Cass	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Wentworth	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Martin	Mr West	Mr Bryant
Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. 84, dated 2 November 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 Garland, the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 BEEF INDUSTRY (INCENTIVE PAYMENTS) 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 85, dated 2 November 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 Garland (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 AUSTRALIAN RURAL BANK 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—Mr Scholes moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 21

Mr Armitage	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Beazley	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	
Mr Bowen	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	
Mr Bryant	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Dr Klugman	Mr West	Mr James
Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr Stewart

## NOES, 56

Mr Adermann	Mr Fisher	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Gillard	Mr King	Mr Simon
Mr Birney	Mr Goodluck	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Graham	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	
Mr Chapman	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Fife	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.



Debate resumed on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—by Mr Scholes who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not opposing the Bill, the House asserts that (a) the Bill dishonours the Prime Minister’s November 1975 election promise, repeated as late as 11 September 1977, to establish a Rural Bank under statutory corporation, (b) the Bill does not comply with the policies of farmer organisations for a specialist financial institution freed from ‘lender of last resort’ restrictions, and (c) the Act should be substantially amended in the next session of Parliament to provide direct lending facilities through a division of the Commonwealth Development Bank to consolidate rural debt, free of ‘lender of last resort’ restrictions”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negated.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 86, dated 2 November 1977, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Wentworth moved the following amendment: Page 2, after paragraph (d) of the definition of “primary production” insert the following paragraph:

“(e) mineral and mineral exploration operations conducted by Australian electors or by corporate bodies of which at least 80 per cent of the ultimate ownership is in the hands of Australian electors.”

The committee continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

**TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 1977**

*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 amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negated.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr Wentworth moved the following amendment: Page 3, line 21, after “may” insert “by regulation”.

*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 amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negated.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr Wentworth moved the following amendment: Page 4, after proposed sub-section (1) insert the following sub-section:

“(1A) The Bank shall in general aim at keeping the interest rates upon its loans to the lowest figure compatible with its other objectives.”

*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 amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negated.

Mr Wentworth moved the following amendment: Page 4, after proposed sub-section (2) insert the following sub-section:

“(2A) The Treasurer shall keep the Parliament informed as to the policies of the Bank, and shall report any change or modification of such policies to Parliament at the first opportunity.”.

*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 amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Wentworth 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 remainder of the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the report be adopted.

Mr Wentworth addressing the House—

*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 report be adopted—was put accordingly, and passed.

Mr Viner asked leave to move—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raise, leave not granted.

Mr Viner, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Wentworth 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.

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

**22 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** 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 Bills:

7 November 1977—Message No. 87—

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (No. 2) 1977.

Commonwealth Electoral (Redistribution) 1977.

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

7 November 1977—Message—

No. 120—Tasmania Grant (The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company Limited) 1977.

No. 121—Homeless Persons Assistance Amendment 1977.

No. 122—Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment 1977.

No. 123—Social Services Amendment 1977.

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

Mr Wentworth rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed. And then the House, at 12.17 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Abel, Mr Chipp, Mr Cohen, Mr Cotter, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Garrick, Mr Giles, Mr Innes, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mr Kelly, Mr Lynch, Mr MacKenzie, Sir William McMahon, Dr Richardson, Mr Short, Mr Sullivan, Mr Thomson, Mr Wallis and Mr Young.

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