

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 1978

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- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that those sections of the Criminal Code prohibiting the practice of homosexual and incestuous acts be upheld.
    - Mr Bryant—from certain citizens praying that the remuneration of instructors and teachers at the Saturday School of Modern Languages be tax free and paid on a fortnightly basis.
    - Mr Bryant—from certain citizens praying for the establishment of a fund whereby loans can be made to means tested pensioners for the necessary maintenance of their homes.
    - Mr FitzPatrick—from certain citizens praying that a public telephone be installed at the Half-Way House at Coombah, N.S.W.
    - Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to remove the Tasman Limited rail service from the Wynyard-Hobart run be reconsidered.
    - Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that communist organisations be banned and communists be prohibited from holding positions in industrial organisations, government departments and local government and from standing for Parliament.
    - Mr Short—from certain residents of Maryborough, Vic., praying that legislation be enacted to ban the killing of seals and whales.
  - Petitions received.
  - 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.
  - 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:
    - By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
      - Australian Capital Territory Police—Report for year 1976-77.
      - Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
        - Tourist accommodation industry, dated 21 November 1977.
        - Tyre cord fabric, dated 30 November 1977.
      - Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1977.
    - Pursuant to statute:
      - Film and Television School Act—Council of The Film and Television School—
        - Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975-76.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Australian Capital Territory—  
Statement of receipts and expenditure for year 1976–77.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric  
Authority—28th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the  
Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

- 6 HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That  
Mr B. O. Jones be discharged from attendance on the House Committee, and that,  
in his place, Mr J. J. Brown be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WAGE POLICY: Mr Speaker informed  
the House that Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite  
matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely,  
“The Government's lack of a coherent and nationally acceptable wage policy which  
is reducing real incomes and contributing to the recession”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hayden addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Message No. 6, dated  
2 March 1978, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the  
House a Bill for “*An Act relating to the admissibility of business records in evidence  
in proceedings in federal courts*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now  
read a second time.

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

- 9 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 3 TO 9 (1978): Mr Fife (Minister for Business and  
Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 (1978).

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

- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be post-  
poned until the next sitting.

- 11 TERRITORY AUTHORITIES (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1978: 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 Willis who moved, as an amendment—That all words after  
“That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not  
denying the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that provisions relating  
to taxation of statutory authorities in the Territories should be withheld pending  
discussions on the financial arrangements for the Territories as they move toward self  
government”.

Debate continued.

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.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—  
was put accordingly, and passed.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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.

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

AYES, 66

Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Yates
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	Mr Corbett
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	

NOES, 33

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Whitlam
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr J. L. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr Dawkins	Mr James	Mr Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), the House adopted the report.

Mr Hunt, by leave, 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.

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

AYES, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 33

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- 12 COMPUTING EQUIPMENT TENDERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the reason for the Government's decision to call for revised tenders for computing equipment for the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Trade and Resources.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr Hayden moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving that all papers and documents relevant to the tendering processes associated with a replacement computer for the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Department of Trade and Industry be tabled forthwith by the Prime Minister.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

## The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 74

Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 32

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr James	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren	
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

## The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 32

Mr Armitage	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
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Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr James	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
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Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.

13 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 7 March 1978, were reported concurring in the resolutions of the House relating to the appointment of the following joint committees, and agreeing that the resolutions have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders:

Message—

No. 7—Foreign Affairs and Defence.

No. 8—Australian Capital Territory.

No. 9—New and Permanent Parliament House.

14 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr Keating addressing the House—

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

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Keating continued his speech.

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

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer 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 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 March 1978, pursuant to statute:

Bed Sheeting Bounty Act—Return for year ended 31 August 1977.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (2) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Life Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 31.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of land reserved at Darwin.

Remuneration and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 30.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, Nos. 28, 29.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Mr Garland, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Peacock and Mr Young.

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