

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 1978

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- 1 The House met, at 10.30 a.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 Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries be supported in principle.
    - Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that diplomatic action be taken concerning the death, while in detention in South Africa, of Mr Steve Biko, President of the Black Peoples Convention.
    - Mr Sainsbury—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.
 Petitions received.
  - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
    - Darwin and Northern Territory Freight Transport Study—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport.
    - Royal Australian Air Force—No. 34 Squadron—Schedules of special flights for period 1 March to 31 December 1977.
  - 5 PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor-General would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply at Government House at 5.30 p.m. this day.  
Mr Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
  - 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF PRIME MINISTER: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having delivered to the Clerk a notice of a motion of censure of the Prime Minister which he proposed to move at the next sitting and the notice having been reported to the House—  
Mr Howard (Treasurer), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Prime Minister of which he has given notice for the next sitting.  
Question—put and passed.
  - 7 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the Prime Minister be censured for his personal involvement and improper conduct in interfering with the normal tendering procedures for the acquisition of computer equipment for government purposes.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr Keating rising to address the House—  
*Closure*: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) 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—being accordingly put—  
 The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 35

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

## NOES, 76

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

And so it was negatived.

- 8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Young moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would enable the Prime Minister to make a statement, without limitation of time, on the employment prospects for Australia's unemployed.  
*Closure of Member:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 76

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

## NOES, 34

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Scholes (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member:* Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 75

Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Lucock	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bungey	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Sir William McMahon	Mr Staley
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Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
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Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	Mr L. K. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 32

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

## NOES, 74

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

And so it was negatived.

9 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Family Services Committee—Report to the Minister for Social Security, dated May 1977—

Families and social services in Australia—

Volume 1.

Volume 2—Appendixes.

Statement by Senator Guilfoyle (Minister for Social Security).

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Bottle washing machines (Developing country preferences), dated 23 January 1978.

South Australian Local Government Grants Commission—1st Report, for year 1977–78.

Pursuant to statute:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1976.

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

15 March 1978—Message—

No. 13—National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) 1978.

No. 14—Territory Authorities (Financial Provisions) 1978.

11 ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: It being past 12.45 p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MIDDLE EAST—THREAT TO PEACE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Yates had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The serious threat to peace in the Middle East involving Australian lives and government property in Beirut".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Yates addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—1ST REPORT: Mr Hodges (Chairman) presented the 1st Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

#### 1ST REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 27 June 1976 to 25 June 1977.

Airlines Agreements Act—Ansett Transport Industries Limited—Airline activities—Financial statements for year 1976–77.

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—25th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Audit Act—Finance—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts, for year 1976–77.

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—14th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Australian Capital Territory Police—Report for year 1976–77.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1976.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—10th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

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

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—16th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Commonwealth Arbitration Inspectorate—Report on the operation of s. 125, for year 1976–77.

Cost recovery in Australian transport 1974–75—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated September 1977.

Criminology Research Act—

Australian Institute of Criminology—Board of Management—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Criminology Research Council—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Darwin Reconstruction Act—Darwin Reconstruction Commission—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

East-West rail passenger services, the "Indian Pacific" and "Trans-Australian"—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated September 1977.

Education Research Act—Education Research and Development Committee—7th Annual Report, for year 1976–77.

- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.
- Film and Television School Act—Council of the Australian Film and Television School—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Homes Savings Grant Act 1964*—Secretary, Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development—13th Annual Report, for year 1976–77.
- Homes Savings Grant Act 1976*—Secretary, Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development—1st Annual Report, for period 1 January 1977 to 30 June 1977.
- Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—14th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—13th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.
- Industries Assistance Commission—  
Reports—
- Agricultural wheeled tractors exceeding 105 kW, dated 18 August 1977.
  - Bench or pedestal drilling machines belt driven pulley operated (non-power fed)—Interim report, dated 30 September 1977.
  - Brandy and whisky—Interim report, dated 30 November 1977.
  - Ceramic tableware, dated 21 July 1977.
  - Certain internal combustion piston engines and parts therefor, dated 16 May 1977.
  - Certain spun yarns and wool textiles and other goods, dated 19 July 1977.
  - Files and rasps, dated 16 December 1977.
  - Further short term assistance arrangements for textiles, clothing and footwear, dated 25 October 1977.
  - Glucose and glucose syrups, dated 22 June 1977.
  - Injection moulding machines (By-law), dated 16 December 1977.
  - Mushrooms (NAFTA), dated 11 November 1977.
  - Paradichlorobenzene (By-law), dated 24 August 1977.
  - Tourist accommodation industry, dated 21 November 1977.
  - Transformers and inductors, dated 27 May 1977.
  - Tyre cord fabric, dated 30 November 1977.
- Temporary Assistance Authority—Reports—
- Fixed resistors, dated 24 October 1977.
  - Fork lift trucks, etc.—Not battery operated, dated 14 November 1977.
  - Luggage, dated 21 November 1977.
  - Non-adjustable spanners, dated 28 October 1977.
  - Spectacle frames, dated 2 November 1977.
- International Labour Conference—62nd (Maritime) Session, 1976—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
- Legislative Drafting Institute Act—Legislative Drafting Institute—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.
- Mainline upgrading—Reports by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated August 1977—Evaluation of a range of options for the—
- Adelaide-Serviceton rail link.
  - Sydney-Brisbane rail link.
- Meat Industry Act—Australian Meat Board—42nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

- Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—11th Annual Report, for year 1976–77.
- Pig Meat Promotion Act—Pig Meat Promotion Advisory Committee—2nd Annual Report, for year 1976–77.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1977.
- Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5—Reports for year 1976–77.
- Royal Commission on Human Relationships—Final report—Volumes 1 to 5.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Australian Capital Territory, Statement of receipts and expenditure for year 1976–77.
- Services Trust Funds Act—
- Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—30th Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1976.
  - Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—29th Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1976.
  - Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1976.
- Snowy Mountains Council—19th Annual Report, 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.
- States Grants (Schools) Act (1972)—Statements of financial assistance granted to each State, for year 1976–77.
- States Grants (Schools) Act (1976)—Statements of financial assistance granted to each State, for period 1 January 1976 to 30 November 1977.
- Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.
- Transport—Department of Transport—Report, for year 1976–77, including the report by the Minister pursuant to the Air Navigation Act.
- United Nations—3rd Conference on the Law of the Sea, 6th Session, New York, 23 May to 15 July 1977—Report of Australian Delegation.
- Victoria Grants Commission—1st Annual Report, for 1977.

JOHN HODGES  
Chairman

16 March 1978

Mr Hodges, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

- 14 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—GENERAL REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—41st General Report.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Bungey and Mr L. K. Johnson, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 15 TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Australia's trade relations with the European Economic Community, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Trade relations with the European Economic Community—Ministerial statement, 16 March 1978.

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hyde), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

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

16 March 1978—Message—

No. 15—Bounty (Polyester-Cotton Yarn) 1978.

No. 16—Control of Naval Waters Amendment 1978.

No. 17—Australian National Railways Amendment 1978.

17 AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

18 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 4 April next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

19 DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING—ADJOURNMENT OF SITTING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, for the remainder of the Autumn period of sittings—

(1) The House shall meet for the despatch of business—

(a) in the first sitting week, on—

Tuesday, at 2.15 p.m.

Wednesday, at 2.15 p.m.

Thursday, at 10.30 a.m. and

Friday, at 10.30 a.m.;

(b) in the second sitting week, on—

Monday, at 2.15 p.m.

Tuesday, at 2.15 p.m.

Wednesday, at 2.15 p.m. and

Thursday, at 10.30 a.m.

(2) From the termination of the last sitting in the second week, the House shall stand adjourned until 2.15 p.m. on the third Tuesday after that termination, unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.

(3) The 4-weekly cycle will then be repeated.

(4) On the last sitting day of each week the terms of standing order No. 48A relating to the adjournment of the House shall apply with the times “4.30 p.m.” substituted for “10.30 p.m.”, “5 p.m.” substituted for “11 p.m.” and “5.10 p.m.” substituted for “11.10 p.m.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

20 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY, A.C.T.: Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of the proposed Defence Force Academy in the A.C.T.



Mr McLeay presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 STATES GRANTS (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS) AMENDMENT 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 Keating who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the Bill:

(1) fails to—

(a) implement the election promise of the Government ‘to equalise the price of petroleum products between city and country’, and

(b) improve the adequacy of the existing petroleum marketing and distribution system in country areas, and

(2) is silent on the defects in the system outlined in the 4th Report of the Royal Commission on Petroleum”.

Debate continued.

*Presentation of Address in Reply:* At 5.14 p.m., the sitting was suspended until 8 p.m.

Mr Deputy Speaker, after resuming the Chair, reported that, accompanied by Members, Mr Speaker had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency’s speech on the Opening of the 1st Session of the 31st Parliament, agreed to by the House yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:

Mr Speaker,

Thank you for your Address-in-Reply which you have just presented to me.

It will be my pleasure and my duty to convey to Her Majesty The Queen the message of loyalty from the House of Representatives, to which the Address gives expression.

Debate continued.

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) addressing the House—

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

Mr Fife requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Fife continued his speech.

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

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

AYES, 68

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bourchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Burns	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Jarman	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Fisher
Mr Chapman	Mr Johnston	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Hodges

## NOES, 34

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Dr Blewett	Mr Goodluck	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Everingham	Mr James	Mr Stewart	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	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. 6, dated 2 March 1978, 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*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr B. O. Jones 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 Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Fife, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Commercial motor vehicles, parts and accessories, dated 16 December 1977.

23 PARLIAMENT HOUSE SECURITY OFFICER—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House of the secondment of Mr William Worth to the parliamentary service to co-ordinate security measures throughout Parliament House.

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Morris, Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) and Mr Holding, also made statements in connection with the matter.

Mr Speaker made a further statement on the matter.

24 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Uren addressing the House—

*Closure:* Mr Fife 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, 63

Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Burns	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Fisher
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Hodges

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 11.29 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 4 April next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Braithwaite, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr Short and Mr Street.

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