

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 1978

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 Aldred, Mr N. A. Brown and Mr Scholes—from certain members and ex-members of the citizens forces of Australia praying for the resumption of the award of several distinctive reserve forces decorations and medals for long service and good conduct.

Mr Cohen, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr Willis—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.

Dr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that Aboriginal land rights in the States be recognised in a manner similar to their recognition in the Northern Territory and that certain other action be taken in connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in Queensland.

Mr Goodluck—from certain electors of the Divisions of Denison and Franklin praying that the Australian Broadcasting Commission be prevented from screening episodes of the program *SOAP* and committing further abuses of discretion in the selection of programs.

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 Institute of Marine Science—Council—Report for year 1976-77—
Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science).

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Council of the Institute of Marine Science—Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976-77.

5 UNEMPLOYMENT—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Young, pursuant to notice, moved—That a Joint Committee be established to inquire into and report on unemployment in Australia, with special reference to:

- (1) the extent of unemployment and the degree to which it has become a long term problem;
- (2) the degree to which unemployment bears particularly upon certain industries, regions and sectors of the workforce;
- (3) the social implications of prolonged large-scale unemployment;
- (4) the applicability to Australia of innovative employment creating schemes operating in other comparable countries;

- (5) the extent to which unemployment could be reduced by implementing and expanding manpower programs;
- (6) other means by which unemployment could be reduced, and
- (7) the extent and nature of possible conflict between the objective of reducing unemployment and other policy objectives.

Debate ensued.

Mr Yates rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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

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

And so it was negatived.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Yates was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1978: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the International Sugar Agreement, 1977.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 7 AIRLINE EQUIPMENT (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1978: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of certain equipment for a domestic airline.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1978: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of certain equipment for Qantas Airways Limited.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 STATES GRANTS (URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT) BILL 1978: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance to the States for the purposes of public transport in urban areas.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 CO-OPERATIVE FARMERS AND GRAZIER'S DIRECT MEAT SUPPLY LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1978: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the giving of a guarantee in respect of a borrowing by Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Limited.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 11 COMMONWEALTH BANKS AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Howard (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Banks Act 1959*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 12 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 13 TASMANIA GRANT (THE MOUNT LYELL MINING AND RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tasmania Grant (The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company Limited) Act 1977*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr E. L. Robinson 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.
- 14 ABORIGINAL COUNCILS AND ASSOCIATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act 1964*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Staley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Television Stations Licence Fees Act 1964*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Staley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 BOUNTY (AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS) AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act 1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Groom moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Dr Cass), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 SOFTWOOD FORESTRY AGREEMENTS 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Scholes, viz.*—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 Government should continue to provide funds to the States for new plantings in the same proportion as in previous agreements, of about 50 per cent, in order to ensure that reasonable continuity of planting rates is maintained”—
 Debate resumed.
 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. 12, dated 9 March 1978, 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 Adermann (Minister Assisting the Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 EVIDENCE 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.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

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

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the following amendment was made: Page 2, line 15, after “any” insert “other”.

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved the following further amendment:

Page 2, line 17, after “Parliament” add “or the Court of a State when exercising Federal jurisdiction”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr Bowen moved the following further amendment: Page 5, at the end of sub-section (4) of proposed section 7D add “where the defendant is not a body corporate”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr Viner, the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Page 8, line 7, omit “which, if admitted, would”, substitute “which has been obtained illegally or would, if admitted,”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

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

- 21 CRIMES (FOREIGN INCURSIONS AND RECRUITMENT) 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.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the clause be postponed.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr Bowen moved—That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 4, lines 29–38, omit sub-clause (2).

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22 AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION 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.

Mr Goodluck addressing the House—

23 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Newman (Minister for National Development) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.06 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Corbett, Mr Drummond, Dr Edwards, Mr Garland, Mr Hurford, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones and Mr Thomson.

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