

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

FRIDAY, 5 MAY 1978

1 The House met, at 10 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.:

Dr Edwards, Mr Goodluck, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr O'Keefe and Mr I. L. Robinson—
—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 Bowen, Mr Goodluck, Mr Shipton and Mr Thomson—
—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 Cotter—
—from certain citizens praying that support be given for the establishment of immunotherapy clinics in Australia.

Dr Everingham—
—from certain citizens praying that Aboriginal land rights in the States be recognized 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 Fry—
—from certain citizens praying that action be taken concerning the construction of the City Bus Interchange at Canberra.

Mr Giles—
—from certain citizens praying for the protection of Australian grape growers by reducing excise duty on brandy produced in Australia, reducing the quantity of brandy imported and abolishing sales tax on brandy.

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.

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

Mr Hurford—
—from certain citizens praying for the protection of the rights of residents of the Mornington Island and Aurukun settlements and the introduction of legislation granting self-determination to all Aboriginal reserves and settlements in Queensland.

Mr McLeay—
—from certain citizens praying for improvements to children's television including the establishment of an independent advisory committee.

Sir William McMahon—
—from certain citizens praying that retrospective tax legislation not be enacted.

Mr Shipton—
—from certain citizens praying that communist organisations be banned and communists be prohibited from holding office in industrial organisations, government departments and Parliament.

Petitions received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
- Albury–Wodonga Development Act—Albury–Wodonga Development Corporation—2nd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1974–75.
 - Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.
- Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Annual Report of the Health Insurance Commission.
- Dr Klugman, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the report.
- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—VIP FLIGHT—PROCUREMENT OF AIRCRAFT: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Keating had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's insensitive action in the procurement of two Boeing aircraft for the VIP flight at a time of record unemployment and economic hardship".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Keating addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1969, leave be granted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to meet during sittings of the House up to and including Thursday, 11 May 1978.
- Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 7 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE BILL 1978: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Establish a Commonwealth Employment Service, and for other purposes.
- Bill read a first time.
Mr Street 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.
- 8 RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Re-establishment and Employment Act* 1945.
- Bill read a first time.
Mr Street 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.
- 9 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 Armitage asked leave to present papers.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Debate continued.

Dr Blewett 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 the operative date for all the clauses in the Bill terminating tax avoidance schemes should be 1 July 1977, and that the Government should adopt as a matter of principle applying to all such amendments in the future that the operative date should be the beginning of the financial year in which the Government announced its intention to legislate”.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Howard (Treasurer) be granted an extension of time.

Mr Howard addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 5.30 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 Howard continued his speech.

Amendment negatived.

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

In the committee

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howard (Treasurer) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr Howe, at the conclusion of his speech, by leave, presented the following papers:

Department of the Valuer-General, Qld—Copies of forms V.G.1 notifying changes of ownership of Lot 1 on registered Plan No. 107201, dated 18 January and 9 February 1977.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 2.15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Garland, Dr Jenkins, Mr Lynch, Mr Martyr, Mr Peacock, Mr Scholes and Mr Whitlam.

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