

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 43

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 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 Cadman, Mr Connolly and Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that no measures be taken to implement those recommendations of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships that will further undermine and weaken marriage, child-care or the family.
- Mr Aldred, Mr Burns and Mr Jarman—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.
- Dr Klugman and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that Government benefits under Schedule 6469 not be removed.
- Mr Bryant—from certain citizens praying that handcrafted articles be exempted from sales tax and certain other action be taken in relation to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act.
- Mr Dawkins—from certain students of the University of Western Australia praying that education funding be given priority to ensure an increase in access to educational opportunities.
- Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that item 6469 be removed from the standard medical benefits table.
- Dr Jenkins—from certain citizens praying that a commitment be made to reduce unemployment progressively.
- Dr Jenkins—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken to reduce the family allowance for the first child or abolish it for families earning more than \$150 a week, and to tax working mothers' allowances.
- Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for the provision of funds for the construction and maintenance of an aged persons complex in the Electoral Division of Hughes.
- Mr Killen—from certain citizens praying for the award of a medal to members of the World War II *Jaywick* and *Rimau* commando expeditions.
- Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the current Medibank legislation be maintained.
- Mr J. L. McMahon—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 Shack—from certain citizens praying that a referendum be held on immigration policy.
- Mr West—from certain citizens praying that lone fathers receive a pension on the same basis as supporting mothers.
- Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying for the initiation of a national family policy and the use of the concept of family impact statements as a means of highlighting family needs.

Petitions received.

## 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Distinguished visitors:* Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the People's Assembly of the Arab Republic of Egypt, led by Dr El Sayed Ali El Sayed, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.

Questions without noticed continued.

## 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Brooms and brushes, dated 30 May 1978.

Schools Commission—Triennium 1979–81—Report for 1979—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Pursuant to statute:

Environment (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement relating to financial assistance to South Australia for projects related to the environment, dated 8 June 1978.

Export Market Development Grants Act—Export Development Grants Board—3rd Annual Report, for year 1977–78.

Schools Commission Act—Schools Commission—Triennium 1979–81—Report for 1979.

## 5 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

## 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LAND RIGHTS—MORNINGTON ISLAND AND AURUKUN: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Dr Everingham had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to fulfil its promises to acquire land rights for the Aboriginal people of Mornington Island and Aurukun in the event of measures adopted by the Queensland Government proving unsatisfactory".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Everingham addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

## 7 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—DETERMINATIONS—RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL: Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That this House disapproves the following determinations, dated 19 June 1978, of the Remuneration Tribunal—

1978/6—Determination of Allowances Payable to Ministers of State.

1978/7—Determination of Additional Salaries and Allowances of Office Holders of the Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

## 8 ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 1978: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize a further contribution by Australia to the Asian Development Bank for the purposes of the Asian Development Fund.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 BOUNTY (AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS) 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 57, dated 6 April 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 Macphee (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

10 BOUNTY (BOOKS) 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—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 58, dated 12 April 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 Macphee (Minister for Productivity), the Bill was read a third time.

11 AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS PROJECTS CORPORATION 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.

*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition moving that this House remain sitting until the Prime Minister has given a satisfactory account as to the accuracy or otherwise of an article in the August 22, 1978 edition of the *Bulletin* entitled “Robinson’s memory faces a test” in which the serious imputation against the Prime Minister is made that he asked the Minister for Finance to write to him saying that certain evidence that the Minister for Finance had given to the McGregor Royal Commission was not sound because it is based on uncertain memory.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 71

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 O’Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Bourchier
Mr Carlton	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Corbett

## NOES, 31

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Young (seconded) addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 73

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	
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Mr Carlton	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman	Mr Bouchier
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Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Humphreys	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House—

*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, 70

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Killen	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Lusher	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hyde	Mr Moore	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr Chapman	Mr Jull	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett

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Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Humphreys	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 31

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Uren
Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Humphreys	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Scholes	Mr L. K. Johnson
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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Killen	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Lusher	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hyde	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Johnston	Mr Newman	Mr Bouchier
Mr Chapman	Mr Jull	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.

*Paper:* Mr Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented:

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977–78.

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. 59, dated 12 April 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.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 7, page 4, omit sub-clause (1), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(1) The Corporation may engage either as principal or agent in the buying and selling of goods overseas but not so as to compete with any Australian organisation.”.

## Clause 13—

Page 6, sub-clause (1), after paragraph (d) add the following paragraphs:

- “(e) the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs or his delegate;
- (f) the Secretary of the Department of Trade and Resources or his delegate;
- (g) the Manager of the Commonwealth Development Bank or his delegate;
- and
- (h) the Director of the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation or his delegate.”

Page 6, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:

- “(8) No Director shall be involved in the consideration of, or shall vote upon, any matter in which he has a direct or indirect interest.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 28

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

## NOES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Carlton	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Chapman	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Connolly	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
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Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	Mr Bourchier
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Resources), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

## 12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY LAW ACT—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE:

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 103

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day, and requests that the House of Representatives concur and take action accordingly:

(1) A Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—

- (a) the provisions, and the operation, of the *Family Law Act 1975*, with particular regard to:

- (i) the ground of divorce and whether there should be other grounds;
  - (ii) maintenance, property and custody proceedings including:
    - (a) the bases on which orders may be made in such proceedings; and
    - (b) the enforcement of orders in such proceedings;
  - (iii) the organisation of the Family Court of Australia and its conduct of proceedings;
  - (iv) the conduct of proceedings by State and Territory courts exercising jurisdiction under the Act;
  - (v) whether the Family Court should be more open to the public when hearing proceedings, and whether publication of the details of proceedings under the Act should be permitted;
  - (vi) the services provided by:
    - (a) the counsellors attached to the Family Courts; and
    - (b) approved voluntary marriage counselling organisations;
  - (vii) the cost of proceedings under the Act; and
  - (b) any other matters under the Act referred by the Attorney-General.
- (2) The Committee consist of five members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, three members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, three Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
  - (3) Every nomination of a member of the Committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (4) The Committee elect as Chairman one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
  - (5) The Committee elect a Deputy-Chairman who shall perform the duties of the Chairman of the Committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee, and, at any time when the Chairman and Deputy-Chairman are not present at a meeting of the Committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the Chairman at that meeting.
  - (6) The Committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
  - (7) The Committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament.
  - (8) Seven members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee, and a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
  - (9) In matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman when acting as Chairman have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
  - (10) The Committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
  - (11) The Committee or a sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
  - (12) The Committee report by 31 December 1979 and any member of the Committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
  - (13) The foregoing provisions of this Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the

C. L. LAUCKE  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 17 August 1978

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

- 13 **PIG SLAUGHTER LEVY 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.

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.

- 14 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS BILL 1978:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 104

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to prevent the improper use of diplomatic and consular signs and titles*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

C. L. LAUCKE  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 17 August 1978

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

*In the committee*

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 4, clause 6, sub-clause (1), after "may", insert "; for the purposes of this Act,".

On the motion of Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Adermann, the House adopted the report.

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

17 August 1978—Message—

No. 105—Fisheries Amendment 1978.

No. 106—Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Amendment 1978.

No. 107—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1978 (*without requests*).

- 16 **DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES 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 Uren who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted—

- (a) to maintain the present eligibility of members of the Defence Services for housing finance from the Defence Service Housing Corporation;
- (b) to permit Parliament to maintain adequate scrutiny of the Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme;
- (c) because it introduces a fee for consideration of the application for a loan for the first time, thus increasing the cost to the applicant;
- (d) because it introduces a discriminatory preference system between those with eligibility based on war service, and
- (e) because increased funds should be made available to restore the decline of 50 per cent, in real terms, over the last 3 years".



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

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 August 1978, pursuant to statute:

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1978—No. 3—Magistrate's Court (Amendment).

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 147.

Export Market Development Grants Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 150.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 149.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1978—

No. 18—City Area Leases (Amendment).

No. 22—Motor Omnibus Services (Amendment).

Regulations—1978—

No. 11 (Schools Authority Ordinance).

Nos. 12 and 13 (Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).

Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 148.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Dawkins, Mr Gillard, Mr Hodges, Mr Jacobi, Mr Keating, Mr Lucock and Mr Short.

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