

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 46

THURSDAY, 24 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a Parliamentary Delegation from New Zealand, led by the Honourable H. R. Lapwood, M.P., Minister of Tourism, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.
 - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Aldred, Mr Jarman and Mr Shipton—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 Baume—from certain teachers of New South Wales praying that the Income Tax Assessment Act be amended to exempt country teachers from paying tax on the value of subsidised housing.
 - Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that lone fathers receive a pension on the same basis as supporting mothers.
 - Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that item 6469 be removed from the standard medical benefits table.
 - 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 Katter—from certain residents of Greenvale, Qld, praying that the value of subsidised accommodation and other concessions provided by employers not be taxed.
 - Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the \$6 permissible income limit on unemployment benefits be raised.
 - Mr Neil—from certain electors of the Division of St George praying that the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships be rejected.
 - Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that Government benefits under Schedule 6469 not be removed.
 - Mr Short—from certain citizens of Ballarat, Vic., praying that the Australian Broadcasting Commission not be permitted to screen the television series *SOAP*.
 Petitions received.
 - 4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT:**
 - Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—
 - Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), 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 want of confidence in the Government of which he has given notice for the next sitting.
 - Question—put and passed.

5 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House expresses its want of confidence in the Fraser Government because of the conspiracy by Ministers—including the Prime Minister—to mislead the Parliament, to mislead the McGregor Royal Commission and the Australian people with regard to the Queensland Electoral Distribution.

Debate ensued.

Mr Holding 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 Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 77

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shtiopon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fraser	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
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 Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Johnston	Mr Peacock	Mr Short

NOES, 32

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

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 Fry	Mr Keating	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Humphreys	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	Mr L. K. Johnson
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NOES, 77

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lynch	Mr Shack
Mr Bourchier	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fraser	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
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 Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Johnston	Mr Peacock	Mr Short

And so it was negatived.

6 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—Report—Short-term interchanges of staff, dated 15 June 1978.

7 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—NO. 34 SQUADRON SPECIAL FLIGHTS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Royal Australian Air Force—No. 34 Squadron—Schedules of special flights for period 1 January to 30 June 1978.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

8 NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENTS—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Treaties—Text of—

Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Finland concerning the transfer of nuclear material, signed at Helsinki on 20 July 1978, together with a letter from Mr R. R. Fernandez, Leader of the Australian Delegation, to Ambassador Gustafsson, Leader of the Finnish Delegation.

Agreement between Australia and the Republic of the Philippines concerning co-operation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy and the transfer of nuclear material, signed at Manila on 8 August 1978, together with a letter from Mr R. R. Fernandez, Leader of the Australian Delegation, to Ambassador Siazon, Chairman of the Philippine Delegation, dated 8 August 1978.

Exchange of letters, dated 4 and 7 August 1978, between the United States of America and Australia constituting an Interim Agreement for Cooperation Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers.

Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Finance) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

- 9 DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL ENTITLEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to defence force personnel entitlements, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Defence force personnel entitlements—Ministerial statement, 24 August 1978.
- Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate ensued.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Bouchier), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
- Report relating to the proposed construction of a high school at Nhulunbuy, N.T. (4th report of 1978).
- Report relating to Enoggera Military Area Stage 2 development, Qld. (5th report of 1978).
- Severally ordered to be printed.
- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
- 23 August 1978—Message No. 112—Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory (Remuneration and Allowances) 1978.
- 12 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 12 September 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.
- 13 BUDGET DEBATE—TIME LIMITS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, in lieu of the time limits specified in standing order 91 for speeches on the “Main Appropriation Bill for year—”, the following time limits shall operate during the remainder of the second reading debate on the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1978–79 (the Budget debate):
- “Any other member 15 minutes”.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
- 14 COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES (NORTHERN TERRITORY PAY-ROLL TAX) BILL 1978: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the liability of certain Commonwealth authorities to pay Northern Territory pay-roll tax.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Dr Everingham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 DEPARTURE TAX BILL 1978: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax in respect of the departure of persons from Australia.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr MacKellar moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Dr Everingham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 DEPARTURE TAX COLLECTION BILL 1978: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act relating to taxation imposed in respect of the departure of persons from Australia.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Marks Act 1955*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 EXCISE 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.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr I. L. Robinson, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
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 Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter	Mr Short

NOES, 31

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 STATES GRANTS (HOME CARE) 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.

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

- 20 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 21 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
24 August 1978—Message No. 113—Australian Overseas Projects Corporation 1978.
- 22 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1978-79—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Short), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 23 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) asked leave to make a ministerial statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 24 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Prime Minister making a ministerial statement forthwith.
Mr Young rising to address the House—
Closure: Mr Sinclair 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, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fisher	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fraser	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Burns	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carlton	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett
Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr Short

NOES, 23

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr James	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Bryant	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Cohen	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

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, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Carlton	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Chapman	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Bourchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Fraser	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Burns	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Corbett
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr Short

NOES, 23

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr West
Dr Blewett	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Humphreys	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr James	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Bryant	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Cohen	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

- 25 TELECOM DISPUTE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) made a ministerial statement concerning the industrial dispute within the Australian Telecommunications Commission, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Telecom dispute—Ministerial statement, 24 August 1978.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 26 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

24 August 1978—Message No. 114—Loan 1978.

- 27 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1978-79—BUDGET DEBATE: 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.

- 28 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, 12 September, 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.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 August 1978, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 152.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 151.

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

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 153.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 154.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Connolly, Mr Garland, Mr Gillard, Mr Hodges, Mr Jacobi, Mr P. F. Johnson and Mr Lucock.

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