

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 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 Cadman, Mr Gillard and Mr Keating—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 Bryant and Mr Lusher—from certain members of the Sydney University Post Graduate Representative Association and others praying that Commonwealth postgraduate research awards be adjusted annually in line with the consumer price index and not be taxed.

Mr Fry and Mr Haslem—from certain employees of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics praying that Government decisions affecting the accommodation for the Bureau will not impair the work and reputation of the Bureau and its officers.

Mr Bryant—from certain citizens praying that Government benefits under Schedule 6469 not be removed.

Mr Falconer—from certain citizens praying that a commitment be made to reduce unemployment progressively.

Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying for the cancellation of the deportation order served on Mr Luigi Pochi.

Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying for the abandonment of present restrictive economic policies in favour of an expansionary budget.

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 Neil—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.

Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying for continued and increased Federal subsidies to maintain all existing South Australian country rail services.

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 were asked.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—PRESENTATION OF PAPER: Mr B. O. Jones, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Lalor—

- (a) moving a motion questioning the relationship of the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Mr Lynch) with QBE Insurance Limited, and
 (b) tabling a copy of a Bill of Mortgage dated 15 June 1977.

Question—put and passed.

5 MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE—RELATIONSHIP WITH QBE INSURANCE LIMITED—
 PAPERS: Mr B. O. Jones moved—That the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Mr Lynch) has a responsibility to inform this House of his relationship with QBE Insurance Limited.

Paper: Mr B. O. Jones, during his speech, presented the following paper:

Bill of Mortgage executed by Phillip Reginald Lynch and Leah Brigid Lynch in favour of QBE Insurance Limited, dated 15 June 1977.

Mr Holding (seconded) addressing the House—

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)—

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

NOES, 28

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Papers: Mr Scholes, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Howard (Treasurer)—

Mr Howard laid upon the Table the following papers:

Copies of—

Letter from the General Manager of QBE Insurance Limited to the Rt Hon. P. R. Lynch, dated 12 December 1977.

Statements by—

Irish, Young and Outhwaite, Accountants, dated 16 November 1977.

Mallesons, Solicitors, dated 18 November 1977.

Prime Minister on advice from Mr Stephen Charles, Q.C., Chairman of Ethics Committee of Victorian Bar, dated 16 December 1977.

House of Representatives Weekly *Hansard*, No. 6, 10–13 April 1978.

Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) rising to address the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 26

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

NOES, 70

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

And so it was negatived.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—

- (1) the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Mr Lynch) responding in his own defence to the serious matters affecting him raised by the honourable Member for Lalor (Mr B. O. Jones) today and which have not been satisfactorily answered by the Treasurer (Mr Howard), and
- (2) the Minister for Industry and Commerce tabling all documentation which he supplied to the Prime Minister (Mr Fraser) late last year concerning certain of his business dealings and which so far have been concealed from the Parliament and the public.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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

AYES, 27

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

Noes, 67

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Carlton | Mr Hunt | Mr Martyr |
| Mr Aldred | Mr Chapman | Mr Hyde | Mr Neil |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Connolly | Mr Jarman | Mr Nixon |
| Mr Baillieu | Mr Cotter | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Baume | Mr Dobie | Mr Johnston | Mr Porter |
| Mr Bouchier | Mr Drummond | Mr Jull | Mr I. L. Robinson |
| Mr Bradfield | Mr Ellicott | Mr Katter | Mr Sainsbury |
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| Mr N. A. Brown | Mr Fife | Mr Lloyd | Mr Short |
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| Mr Burr | Mr Giles | Mr MacKellar | Mr Staley |
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| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Groom | Sir William McMahon | Mr Corbett |
| Mr E. C. Cameron | Mr Hodgman | Mr Macphee | Mr Hodges |

And so it was negatived.

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Motorists and General Insurance Co. Pty Limited—Report of an Inspector appointed pursuant to the *Insurance Acts 1973* to investigate and report on certain matters concerning the Company, dated 15 September 1977.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—30th Annual Report for year 1977–78—Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science).

Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1979–81—Report—Volume 2—Recommendations for 1979—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Pursuant to statute:

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1977–78.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—30th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1977–78.

Tertiary Education Commission Act—Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1979–81—Report—Volume 2—Recommendations for 1979.

8 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Millar), for Mr Speaker (Joint Chairman), presented the following reports from the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House:

Proposed construction of a cooling tower enclosure at the rear of the provisional Parliament House, Canberra—Report, dated 20 September 1978.

Installation of guard boxes at the rear of the provisional Parliament House, Canberra—Report, dated 20 September 1978.

Severally ordered to be printed.

9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINERALS TRADING POLICY:

Mr Deputy 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 insensitivity of the Minister for Trade and Resources to the national interest with respect to Australia's trading policy in minerals".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Keating rising to address the House—

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

10 REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT BILL 1978: Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the remuneration and allowances payable to the holders of certain judicial and other offices, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ellicott 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.

- 11 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK 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.

Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Bill be referred to a legislation committee for report by 28 September 1978.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 TRADE MARKS 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.

Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Bill be referred to a legislation committee for report by 26 October 1978.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 PATENTS 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.

Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Bill be referred to a legislation committee for report by 26 October 1978.

Question—put and passed.

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

21 September 1978—Message—

No. 122—Homeless Persons Assistance Amendment 1978.

No. 123—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Amendment 1978.

- 15 FAMILY LAW ACT—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 103: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Killen (Minister for Defence)—That the House concurs in the resolution transmitted in message No. 103 of the Senate relating to the proposed appointment of a Joint Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the provisions and the operation of the *Family Law Act 1975*—*And on the amendment moved to clause 1 of the Senate's resolution by Mr Cairns (see page 366)—*

Debate resumed.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Cairns, the following amendments were made together:

Omit "five", substitute "six".

Omit "three" (first occurring), substitute "four".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

Remainder of resolution, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

- 16 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1978-79: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$253,067,000—

Department of Finance, \$25,379,000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$125,000,000—

together further debated.

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

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 17 MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the agreements reached at Camp David, U.S.A., between Prime Minister Begin of Israel and President Sadat of Egypt and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Middle East peace negotiations—Ministerial statement, 21 September 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.

- 18 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

21 September 1978—Message No. 70—

Excise Amendment 1978.

Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment 1978.

- 19 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1978-79: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$253,067,000—

Department of Finance, \$25,379,000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$125,000,000—

together further debated, and agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 14 September be varied by next considering the proposed expenditure for the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and the proposed expenditures for the Department of the Northern Territory, the Department of the Capital Territory and the Department of Home Affairs.

Proposed expenditure—

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$59,018,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Northern Territory, \$1,247,000—

Department of the Capital Territory, \$80,303,000—

Department of Home Affairs, \$71,426,000—

together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Armitage reported accordingly.

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

20 ADJOURNMENT: It being past 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.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 21 September 1978, pursuant to statute:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1978—No. 5—Information on rented accommodation to be collected in the population survey: November 1978.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Mr Bryant, Dr Edwards, Mr Innes, Mr Jacobi, Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Dr Klugman, Mr Lucock, Mr Moore, Mr Newman, Mr Peacock, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Street, Mr Viner and Mr Young.

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives