

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 1978

- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PRIVILEGE:** Mr C. K. Jones raised a matter of privilege based on an article published in the *Sun-Herald* of 15 October 1978, concerning the removal, without permission, of a *Hansard* proof from the desk of the honourable Member for Franklin (Mr Goodluck) on 28 September 1978, the photocopying of that document and the possibility that the honourable Member had been intimidated. Mr C. K. Jones produced a copy of the *Sun-Herald* containing the article.
- Mr Speaker stated that he would examine the matter and indicate later whether, in his opinion, a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege existed.
- Mr C. R. Cameron also addressed himself to the matter raised.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Bowen, Mr Cohen, Mr Humphreys, Mr Hunt, Mr Lucock, Mr MacKenzie, Mr McLean and Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.
 - Mr N. A. Brown, Dr Cass, Mr Hodgman, Mr Martin, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Uren and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying for the rejection of any legislation introducing annual adjustments of pension rates.
 - Mr Bowen, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Dobie, Mr Fry and Mr Jull—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, Dr Cass, Mr MacKenzie and Mr McLean—from certain citizens praying that the Medical Benefits Schedule be amended to preclude payment of benefits for abortions.
 - Mr Cohen, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Jacobi and Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying for the replacement of the 1978-79 Budget by a budget which increases the level of economic activity, lowers unemployment, assists the disadvantaged and revives business and consumer confidence.
 - Mr Bradfield and Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that a broadly representative Schools Commission be maintained to determine national priorities in education and other matters.
 - Mr Braithwaite and Mr Killen—from certain citizens praying that pensions be increased twice yearly in line with rises in the Consumer Price Index.
 - Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that immediate moves be made to recognise Aboriginal land rights in Western Australia and that certain other action be taken in connection with mining and entry permits to Aboriginal land in Western Australia.
 - Mr Hodgman—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 Howe—from certain citizens praying that a commitment be made to reduce unemployment progressively.

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 Divisions of Hughes.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1977–78.

Patent, Trade Marks and Designs Office—Report for year 1977–78.

Pursuant to statute:

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—4th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Australian Citizenship Act—Return for year 1977–78.

6 AUSTRALIAN SERVICES CANTEENS ORGANIZATION—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McLeay (Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Services Canteens Organization—Report of an inquiry conducted by Sir Basil Osborne, C.B.E., dated January 1976—

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

Mr Scholes, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the paper.

7 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:

13 October 1978—Message No. 81—

Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 2) 1978.

Income Tax (Rates) Amendment 1978.

Income Tax (Individuals) 1978.

Income Tax (Companies and Superannuation Funds) 1978.

Health Insurance Levy 1978.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—A.C.T.U. JETSET: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Young and Mr Hodges had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Young, namely, "The damage to Australia's industrial relations caused by the Government's unnecessary and discriminatory raid on A.C.T.U. Jetset".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Products of the printing industry, dated 31 July 1978.

- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 29 (1978): Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 29 (1978).
Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 PUBLIC SERVICE 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—*Statement by Minister*: Mr Viner (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to proposed Government amendments to the Bill.
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Mr Viner, for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Bill be referred to a legislation committee for report by 14 November 1978.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 TRADE PRACTICES 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.
Statement by Minister: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, made a statement relating to proposed Government amendments to the Bill.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Mr Fife, for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Bill be referred to a legislation committee for report by 14 November 1978.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 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 expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$95,907,000—further debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

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

- 14 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised earlier this day and ruled that, as no complaint had been received from the honourable Member for Franklin (Mr Goodluck) and as the honourable Member for Franklin had informed him in writing that he had not been intimidated, a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege had not been made out.
- 15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Young moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Primary Industry from making a full statement to the Parliament about his business affairs to reassure the public that he is not leaving the country in haste to avoid involvement in public comment on such matters in the Parliament tomorrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

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

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

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

And so it was negatived.

- 16 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 expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$95,907,000—further debated, and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of National Development, \$49,967,000—

Department of Trade and Resources, \$118,890,000—

Department of the Special Trade Representative, \$462,000—

together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

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

- 17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Newman (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Groom (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.05 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1978—No. 6—Litter.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 190.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulation—1978—No. 16 (Meat Ordinance).

Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1978, No. 189.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney*, Mr Bradfield, Mr Bryant*, Mr Cotter, Mr Dawkins, Mr Garland, Mr Innes, Mr Jacobi*, Dr Jenkins, Mr Lucock*, Mr Peacock, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shipton* and Mr Yates.

*On leave

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