

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 115

WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST 1979

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- 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Armitage, Mr Bowen, Mr Carlton, Mr Connolly, Dr Edwards, Mr Ellicott, Mr Gillard, Mr James, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Lusher, Mr MacKellar, Mr L. B. McLeay, Mr Morris, Mr O'Keefe and Mr West—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the 1980 level of education expenditure to Government schools be restored and increased in real terms.
 - Dr Edwards, Mr Fife, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Lusher and Mr L. B. McLeay—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.
 - Dr Everingham—from certain electors of Queensland in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Bouchier and Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.
 - Mr Cotter and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying for the prohibition of pornographic material involving children.
 - Mr Cotter and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Health Scheme patient contribution rate not be increased.
 - Mr Hurford and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that subsidies to pre-schools be increased to provide adequate pre-school services in South Australia.
 - Mr Lloyd and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.
 - Mr Morris and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that pension payments be restored to twice-yearly adjustments and that pensions and unemployment benefits be raised to 30% of average weekly earnings.
 - Mr Carlton—from certain citizens praying that positive policies be adopted to reduce unemployment and that certain social security benefits be granted.
 - Mr Connolly—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 - Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.
 - Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that major traditional Aboriginal land areas be resumed from the States eventually to become defined Aboriginal community co-operatives.
 - Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.
 - Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the decision to remove the tool allowance for pre-apprenticeship training schemes be reconsidered.

Petitions received.

- 3 FUNERAL OF EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA—AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that Australia would be represented at the funeral of the late Earl Mountbatten of Burma by His Excellency the Governor-General and that His Excellency would be accompanied by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Senator Carrick (Minister for Education), Mr Uren and Mr Keys, National President of the Returned Services League. Sir Gordon Freeth, Australian High Commissioner in London, would also attend.
Mr Fraser also informed the House that, during the absences of the Governor-General and the Governor of New South Wales, the Governor of Tasmania would be sworn as Administrator.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 ANZAC—USE OF WORD—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Macphee (Minister for Productivity), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of relaxed circumstances under which the word ANZAC may be used in relation to entertainments held on Anzac Day.
Mr Hurford, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FAMILY LIVING STANDARDS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The decline in family standards of disposable income, security, food, housing and living quality since December 1975”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Hayden addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 7 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), for Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, government business take precedence of general business on each day of sitting until the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1979–80 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1979–80 have passed all stages in the House.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT—INITIAL WORKS OF PHASE 1: Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1969, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Redevelopment of Brisbane International Airport—Initial works of phase 1.
Mr Groom presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1979: 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 Dr Klugman 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 to provide for the provision of prescriptions free of charge for patients determined in an equitable fashion as being disadvantaged”.
Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Martin, in the Chair)—

AYES, 74

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier*	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	

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Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Dr Blewett	Mr Fry	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Holding	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Uren
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Kerin	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Dr Klugman	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman
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 Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier*	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Short
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Sir William McMahon	Mr Staley
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	

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Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Scholes
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Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr L. B. McLeay	
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	

* Tellers

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Hunt (Minister for Health) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1979–80—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.

Mr Lusher addressing the House—

- 11 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 August 1979, pursuant to statute:

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act—Return for year 1978–79.

Bounty (Books) Act—Return for year 1978–79.

Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles) Act—Return for year 1978–79.

Bounty (Drilling Machines) Act—Return for year 1978–79.

Bounty (Metal-working Machine Tools) Act—Return for year 1978–79.

Metal Working Machine Tools Bounty Act—Return for year 1978–79.

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1978–79.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1978–79.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1979—

No. 279—Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association and others.

No. 280—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.

No. 281—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†

No. 282—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.

No. 283—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 284—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

Nos. 285 and 286—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.

No. 287—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia and another.

No. 288—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.†

No. 289—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

(† Not accompanied by statement)

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Corbett, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hodges, Mr Lynch, Mr J. L. McMahon and Mr Sinclair.

J. A. PETTIFER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives