

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 128

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1979

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 Hunt, Mr Lusher, Mr MacKenzie, Mr Martin, Mr Morris, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Sainsbury—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.

Mr Burns, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jarman, Mr Johnston and Mr J. E. McLeay—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.

Mr Braithwaite and Mr MacKenzie—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Burns and Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Graham—from certain citizens praying that major traditional Aboriginal land areas be resumed from the States eventually to become defined Aboriginal community co-operatives.

Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that there be no Australian military ties with ASEAN and other countries.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the decision not to fill the position of woodwork instructor at Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane, be reviewed.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that Australia recognise the legitimacy of Kampuchea's former Head of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Mr James—from certain citizens praying that Government proposals to sell publicly owned enterprises be rejected.

Mr Jarman—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Deakin praying that the Social Security Act be amended to enable those in receipt of unemployment benefits to engage in part-time work and not forfeit those benefits.

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr C. K. Jones—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.

Mr Keating—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.

Mr Nixon—from certain citizens praying for the abolition of the export parity pricing policy for LPG consumed in Australia and that certain other action be taken in relation to the pricing of LPG.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to improve the standard of living of the Aboriginal people.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to ensure that anti-smoking campaigns are not hindered by tobacco producers or their advertisers.

Petitions received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Interim report, for year 1978–79.
 Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
 Department of National Development—2nd Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
 Uluru and Lake Amadeus/Luritja Land Claim—Report of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Statement by Senator Chaney (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs).
- 5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 10 October 1979—Message No. 311—Loan 1979.
- 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Bungey (Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Report relating to the proposed construction of a crop adaptation laboratory for the C.S.I.R.O., Black Mountain, Acton, A.C.T. (8th report of 1979).
 Ordered to be printed.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RIGHT OF FREE ASSEMBLY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to fulfil its responsibilities to guarantee all Australians the right of free assembly”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Bowen addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 8 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Navigation (Charges) Act 1952*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 DEFENCE FORCE (RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AMENDMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1979: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948* and the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Killen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 COMMONWEALTH SERUM LABORATORIES AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), for Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act 1961*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Killen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 4 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (ROADS) AMENDMENT BILL 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 Mr Morris who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the level of funds provided in the Bill for road purposes in 1979–80—

- (1) demonstrates that the Commonwealth’s share of expenditure on road construction and maintenance, expressed in real terms, has seriously declined since the Fraser Government came to power and will further decline, whereas Federal revenue from fuel taxes and levies has more than doubled in the same period and will further increase;
- (2) ignores the urgent necessity to accelerate road construction and maintenance programs designed to improve the quality of the Australian road system as a vital component of the national economy;
- (3) fails to pursue policies designed to increase employment opportunities, and
- (4) does not develop a responsible transport energy conservation program”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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. 182, dated 22 August 1979, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) AMENDMENT BILL 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 183, dated 22 August 1979, 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 Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations), for Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947* and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 16 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) 1979: Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations), for Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 4 of the *National Health Act 1953*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

17 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1979: Mr Garland (Minister for Special Trade Representations), for Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 3 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

18 REPATRIATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1979: Mr Adermann (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to repatriation and related matters.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

19 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—11TH REPORT: Mr Gillard (Chairman) presented the 11th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

11TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Annual Report (Fifth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977-78.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978-79.

Australia and the Third World—Report of the Committee on Australia's Relations with the Third World, dated 10 April 1979.

Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Report by the Australian Dried Fruits Corporation on the Operations of the Board for the period 1 July to 31 December 1978 (Final Period), together with financial statements, and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for the periods 1 March to 30 June 1978 and 1 July to 31 December 1978.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Annual Report (Second), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977-78.

Australian Citizenship Act—Return, for year 1978-79.

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Annual Report (Ninth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978-79.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Annual Report, for year 1978-79.

Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and Business Outlook for year 1979-80, dated September 1979.

Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Annual Report (Tenth), for year 1978-79.

Committee on Official Establishments—Report (Final), dated 1 May 1979.

Commonwealth Accommodation and Catering Services Limited—Annual Report (Twenty-eighth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978-79.

- Commonwealth Banks Act—Annual Reports and financial statements of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—
Report (First), for 1979, on Special Assistance for the Northern Territory.
Report (Forty-sixth), for 1979 on Special Assistance for States.
- Curriculum Development Centre Act—Curriculum Development Centre—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.
- Dairying Research Act—Dairying Research Committee—Annual Report (Seventh), for year 1978–79.
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Department of the Capital Territory—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Department of Education—Annual Report, for 1978.
- Department of National Development—Annual Report (Second) for year 1978–79.
- Department of Trade and Resources—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
Ceramic Floor and Wall Tiles, Etc., dated 23 April 1979.
Fixed Resistors, dated 26 July 1979.
Gearboxes, Gears and Shaft Couplings—Temporary Assistance, dated 10 July 1979.
Paper Products, dated 16 May 1979.
Spanners and Wrenches, dated 15 June 1979.
Tanned and Finished Leather; Dressed Fur—Short Term Assistance, dated 13 July 1979.
- Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Annual Report (Thirteenth), for year 1978–79.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Annual Report (Fifty-sixth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- National Fitness Act—Report of activities under the Act, for year 1977–78.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Termination Act—Report on the General Administration and Operation of the Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme and the Contract Officers Retirement Benefits Scheme, for year 1978–79.
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry Inquiry—Report, dated 30 August 1979.
- Pig Industry Research Act—Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—Annual Report (Eighth), for year 1978–79.
- Pig Meat Promotion Act—Pig Meat Promotion Advisory Committee—Annual Report (Fourth), for year 1978–79.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Annual Report (Fourteenth), on the operation of the Act, for year 1978–79.
- Prices Justification Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—Annual Report (Sixth), for year 1978–79.
- Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Annual Report (Fifty-fifth), for year 1978–79.
- Racial Discrimination Act—Commissioner for Community Relations—Annual Report (Fourth), for year 1978–79.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Annual Report, for year 1978–79.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.

- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Capital Territory Health Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1977–78.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Legal Aid Commission (A.C.T.)—Annual Report (Second), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Services Trust Fund Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Annual Report (Thirty-first), by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1978.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Annual Report (Ninth), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.
- Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Annual Report (Fifth), for year 1978–79.
- Uranium Advisory Council—Report (First), for period ended 30 June 1979.
- Wheat Research Act—Annual Report (Twenty-first), by the Minister on the operation of the Act, for 1978.
- Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Australian Wine Board—Annual Report (Fifty-first), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1978–79.

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R. GILLARD,
Chairman

Mr Gillard, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

- 20 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY AMENDMENT BILL 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 184, dated 22 August 1979, 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

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Staley (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 MIGRATION 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

22 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.

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1979–80—

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A—MEMBERSHIP: Members of Estimates Committee A to consider the proposed expenditure for—

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—

(Members nominated, *see* Votes and Proceedings page 1031).

Mr Lusher in substitution for Mr Calder, discharged.

Department of the Capital Territory—

Department of Home Affairs—

Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for the Capital Territory).

Government Members:

Mr Burns, Mr Dean, Mr Haslem, Mr Hodgman, Mr Katter, Mr Lucock, Mr McLean, Mr Short, Mr Simon and Mr Wilson.

Opposition Members:

Mr Cohen, Mr Fry, Mr Innes, Mr Jacobi and Mr L. B. McLeay.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B—MEMBERSHIP: Members of Estimates Committee B to consider the proposed expenditure for—

Department of Education—

(Members nominated, *see* Votes and Proceedings page 1031).

Mr Dean in substitution for Mr Martyr, discharged.

Department of Housing and Construction—

Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction).

Government Members:

Mr Baillieu, Mr Bouchier, Mr Bradfield, Mr Cadman, Mr Chapman, Mr Goodluck, Mr Jull, Mr McVeigh, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Sainsbury.

Opposition Members:

Dr Everingham, Mr Howe, Mr Humphreys, Mr L. K. Johnson and Mr Uren.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bryant, Mr Corbett, Mr Howard, Mr Hurford, Mr Hyde, Dr Jenkins*, Mr Lloyd*, Mr Macphee, Mr Martyr, Mr Scholes and Mr Thomson.

* On leave

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