

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 129

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1979

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.:

Dr Blewett, Mr Bowen, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Howe, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr L. R. Johnson, Dr Klugman, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Martin and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the Government provide certain information concerning the fishing agreement with the Japanese Government and not re-issue licences to Japanese fishermen in 1980.

Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Cadman, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Sir William McMahon, Mr Morris, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Ruddock—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 E. C. Cameron, Mr Garland, Mr Holding, Mr Howe, Mr Johnston, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr McLean, Mr Martyr, Mr Simon and Mr Yates—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Fisher, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Nixon, Mr Simon, Mr Street and Mr Yates—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 Baume, Mr James, Mr C. K. Jones and Mr Staley—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered.

Mr Burns, Mr Jarman and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.

Mr J. J. Brown and Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that positive policies be adopted to reduce unemployment and that certain social security benefits be granted.

Mr Howe and Sir William McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to stop the exploitation of marlin and the marine environment on the east coast of Australia.

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 L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the fee policy on overseas students be revoked.

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

Mr Morris—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 Porter—from certain electors of South Australia praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.

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

Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the Working Environment Division of the Department of Productivity remain sited in a major industrial city.

Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the allowable private income level earned by sheltered workshop invalid pensioners be doubled to \$40 per week and then indexed.

Mr Staley—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken which would reduce the signal of Melbourne television Channels 7 and 9 being received in the Gippsland region.

Mr Young—from certain citizens praying for the maintenance of existing postal services in Croydon, S.A.

Mr Young—from certain residents of the city of Port Adelaide, S.A., praying that the proposal to alter existing railway freight handling arrangements at Port Adelaide Dock Station not be proceeded with.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Department of Industry and Commerce—Report for year 1978–79.

Department of Primary Industry—Report for year 1978–79.

Education Commissions—Programs for 1980—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS POLICY: 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 need for the Government to re-consider its industrial relations policy in view of the recently disclosed hostility of certain members of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission to current legislative proposals”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hayden addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CRIMES (AIRCRAFT) AMENDMENT BILL 1979: Message No. 313, dated 11 October 1979, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Crimes (Aircraft) Act 1963’*”. Bill read a first time.

Mr Viner (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PASSPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 1979: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 312

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Passports Act 1938’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

C. L. LAUCKE

The Senate,

Canberra, 11 October 1979

President

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 4, clause 8, proposed sub-section 7E (2), line 45, leave out "notice", insert "notification by the Minister".

On the motion of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs) the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Peacock, the House adopted the report.

- 8 REMUNERATION TRIBUNALS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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 J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION BILL 1979: 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

Clause 5—

Debate resumed on the clause and on the amendment moved by Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.: Page 3, line 13, omit "or hatred".

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Drummond, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lucock	Mr Porter
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher*	Mr Lusher	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Carlton	Mr Groom	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Chapman	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges*	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Corbett	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Cotter	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	

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Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Dawkins*	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Dr Everingham	Mr Innes	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Young

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Drummond, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Nixon
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Porter
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Ruddock
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Corbett*	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	
Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman	

NOES, 25

Dr Blewett	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Innes	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr J. L. McMahon*	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Martin	
Dr Everingham	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Morris	
Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 6 and 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Bowen moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“7A. (1) Whenever a warrant is issued by the Minister under Division 2 of Part III, the Minister shall notify the Leader of the Opposition without delay informing him of the person or the premises to whom, or to which, the warrant relates.

“(2) The Leader of the Opposition may request the Director-General to inform him as to whether there is in existence any file, dossier or record concerning a particular person and the Director-General shall comply with that request but nothing in this section entitles the Leader of the Opposition to access to any file, dossier or record concerning a particular individual.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 24

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Morris
Dr Blewett	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Howe	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Dr Everingham	Mr Jacobi	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr West
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr J. L. McMahon*	Mr Willis

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Sir William McMahon	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbert*	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Cotter	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clause 8—

Mr Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 4, lines 4–6, omit paragraph (c).

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Armitage, in the Chair)—

AYES, 66

Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lucock	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Burns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Short
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Simon
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Carlton	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Corbett*	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	

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Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Martin
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Morris
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Howe	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr West
Dr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr J. L. McMahon*	Mr Willis

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 4, after sub-clause (2) add the following sub-clauses:

“(3) Subject to sub-section (4), the Minister is entitled to access to all records of the Organization.

“(4) The Minister shall be informed by the Director-General as to the existence of any file, dossier or record held by or compiled by the Organization concerning a particular individual if the Minister so requests, but the Minister is not entitled to have access to any file, dossier or record concerning a particular individual unless the Director-General considers that it is in the interests of security that the Minister should have such access.”

Debate continued.

Mr C. R. Cameron addressing the committee—
It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr I. L. Robinson reported accordingly.

10 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly 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 tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 October 1979, pursuant to statute:

Australian Federal Police Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, Nos. 209, 210, 211.

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 131—Staff Superannuation Amendment No. 10.

No. 132—Academic Progress (School of General Studies) Amendment No. 2.

No. 133—Enrolment, Courses and Degrees Amendment No. 10.

No. 134—Liquor (University Arts Centre).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for telecommunications services purposes—Ashfield, N.S.W.

National Health Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 208.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 196.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Industrial Relations—M. J. Darcy.

Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1979, No. 207.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1979—No. 18 (Building Ordinance).

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedule to the subsidy scheme in relation to the State of New South Wales, dated 6 October 1979.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Baillieu, Mr Bryant, Mr Bungey, Mr Cairns, Mr Calder, Dr Cass, Mr Humphreys, Mr Hunt, Mr Hurford, Mr Hyde, Mr James, Dr Jenkins*, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Lloyd* and Mr Sainsbury.

* On leave

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