

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 143

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 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 N. A. Brown, Dr Cass, Mr Innes and Mr L. K. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council and its recommendations be supported.

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

Mr Martin, Mr Morris and Mr Uren—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 Connolly and Mr Graham—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be maintained and Federal Government support for its activities be increased.

Mr Falconer and Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that access to East Timor be obtained for Australian aid agencies and that certain other action in relation to immigration from East Timor be taken.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that Aborigines and other racial and cultural groups be acknowledged in any representation of the Australian community or promotions such as "Have a Go, Australia" be stopped altogether.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to increase the marine radio licence fee be reconsidered and that the regulation allowing the use of CB radio in marine situations be rescinded.

Mr Bungey—from certain citizens praying that the application by South Western Telecaster Ltd for a broadcasting licence in the Mandurah-Pinjarra area be granted.

Mr Bungey—from certain citizens praying that the National Health Scheme patient contribution rate not be increased.

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

Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying that recognition be given to the contribution of the Trade Union Movement to the development of Australia and the living standards of its citizens.

Dr Cass—from certain citizens praying that a humane policy be adopted to assist refugees to enter Australia.

Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to have telephone subscribers in the 047 zone included in the Sydney telephone district.

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

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

Mr Staley—from certain citizens praying that the centre of the Sydney metropolitan telephone zone be transferred from Martin Place to Parramatta.

Mr Uren—from certain residents of Sydney praying that housing funding be restored to levels commensurate with the magnitude of the housing crisis and that certain other action be taken in relation to housing policy.

Petitions received.

3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Mr Viner (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

4 MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the House censures the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for his action in quoting from a bogus document based on information obtained illegally, and then misleadingly claiming it to be an official Labor Party document.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), during his speech, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

ALP campaign planning—Copy of documents stated to be Australian Labor Party planning documents, dated October 1979.

Debate continued.

Mr Scholes rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 72

Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Johnston	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shack
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Shipton
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Short
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Sir William McMahon	Mr Simon
Mr Calder	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Staley
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr	Mr Street
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Thomson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Viner
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Yates

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

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And so it was negatived.

5 JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS—REPORT ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING SERVICE—PRESIDING OFFICERS' RESPONSE—PAPER AND STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Joint Committee on Publications—Report on the Australian Government Publishing Service and its role in Commonwealth printing and publishing, 1964–1978—Presiding Officers' response—
and made a statement in connection with the paper.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Adelaide in-depth accident study 1975–1979—Part 1: an overview—Report by Road Accident Research Unit, University of Adelaide.

Australian Shippers' Council—7th Annual Report, for year 1978–79, together with financial statements (*in substitution for the paper presented on 15 November 1979*).

Beef Industry (Incentive Payments) Act—Interim report on the operation of the Act, for the period 10 November 1977 to 30 June 1979.

Department of Business and Consumer Affairs—2nd Annual Report for year 1978–79.

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Review of activities to 30 June 1979.

Department of Productivity—Report for year 1978–79.

Education—Progress in 1979–80—Report by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Foreign Affairs and Defence—Senate Standing Committee—Reports—Government responses—

Australia and the Indian Ocean Region.

Australia and the South Pacific.

Postal and Telecommunications Department—2nd Annual Report for year 1978–79.

Social impact of uranium mining on the aborigines of the Northern Territory—
Report by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, dated 30 September
1979.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Shipping Commission Act—Australian Shipping Commission—Report
and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year
1978–79.

Bankruptcy Act—12th Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission Act—Commonwealth Legal Aid Com-
mission—2nd Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Curriculum Development Centre Act—Curriculum Development Centre Council—
Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's
Report, for year 1978–79.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—
3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's
Report, for year 1978–79.

Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of guarantees and pay-
ments for year 1978–79.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—5th Annual Report
and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year
1978–79.

Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Papua New Guinea (Staffing As-
sistance) (Superannuation) Regulations—Commissioner for Superannuation—
Report for year 1975–76.

Parliament House Construction Authority Act—Parliament House Construction
Authority—1st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the
Auditor-General's Report, for period 30 March to 30 June 1979.

Primary Industry Bank Act—2nd Report on the operation of Part II of the Act,
dated 22 November 1979.

States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Act and States Grants (Technical
and Further Education Assistance) Act—Statement of financial assistance granted
to the States for the period 1 January 1977 to 30 June 1978.

Superannuation Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—1st Annual Report
and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year
1976–77, including the 1st Annual Report of the Superannuation Fund Invest-
ment Trust, for year 1976–77.

7 SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT
RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment
and Youth Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented
the following paper:

Specific Learning Difficulties—Select Committee—Report entitled "Learning
Difficulties in Children and Adults"—Government response.

Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take
note of the paper.

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

8 STATUTORY RULES 1979, No. 220—ERROR AND REPRINT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:
Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, made a ministerial
statement informing the House of an error in distributed copies of Statutory Rules
1979, No. 220 and the distribution of a corrected reprint.

9 PUBLIC DUTY AND PRIVATE INTEREST—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PAPER AND
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime
Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the
following paper:

Public Duty and Private Interest—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated July 1979—

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

Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Ordered—That Mr Bowen (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Mr Bowen moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Government be condemned for not making it obligatory for all Members of Parliament to disclose their pecuniary interest and that of their immediate families in a register available to the public”.

Debate adjourned (Mr Viner—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 10 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE TORRES STRAIT TREATY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs and Defence—Joint Committee—Report on the Torres Strait Treaty—Government response—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 11 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs and Defence—Joint Committee—Report on the Middle East—Government response—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 12 SCHOOL TO WORK TRANSITION—GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining Government initiatives developed to assist young people making the transition from school to work.

Mr Young and Dr Cass, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

- 13 RHODESIA—ANTICIPATED SETTLEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning developments at the London Constitutional Conference on Rhodesia and the nature and extent of Australian participation if the anticipated settlement is achieved at the Conference, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Rhodesia—Anticipated settlement—Ministerial statement, 22 November 1979.

Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

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

22 November 1979, a.m.—Message—

No. 352—Appropriation (No. 1) 1979–80 (*without requests*).

No. 353—Appropriation (No. 2) 1979–80.

- 15 ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: It being past 12.45 p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.
- 16 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COST INCREASES: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Hurford had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The increased burden on Australian families of government initiated cost increases".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Hurford rising to address the House—
Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs) moved—That the business of the day be called on.
Question—put and passed.
- 17 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 1979: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to income tax.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 INCOME TAX (RATES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1979: Mr Howard (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law declaring certain rates of income tax.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 20 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HOLSWORTHY ARMY DEVELOPMENT, STAGE 2: Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs), for 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: Construction of Holsworthy Army Development, Stage 2.
Mr Ellicott presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
- 21 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY 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 B. O. Jones 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 redrafted to exclude all those provisions relating to student fees and organisations".
Debate continued.
Amendment negatived.
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 22 CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION 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 B. O. Jones who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "the Bill be with-

drawn and redrafted to exclude all those provisions relating to student fees and organisations”.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT—INITIAL WORKS PHASE 1—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), for Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Redevelopment of Brisbane International Airport—Initial works phase 1. Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 51

Mr Aldred	Mr Corbett*	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Cotter	Mr Lusher	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr MacKellar	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier*	Dr Edwards	Mr McLean	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Sir William McMahon	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr McVeigh	Mr Short
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Simon
Mr Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Johnston	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Yates
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Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr L. B. McLeay	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hyde	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

- 24 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Katter presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:

Australian Defence Procurement—Report, dated November 1979, together with the transcript of evidence of the inquiry.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Katter, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Scholes was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

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

Education and Training—Committee of Inquiry—Report—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education), dated 22 November 1979.

26 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 19 February next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall fix an alternative day or hour of meeting or, in the incapacity or absence from Australia of Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees may fix an alternative day or hour, such alternative day or hour of meeting to be notified by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

27 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

28 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6.13 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 19 February next, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall fix an alternative day or hour of meeting or, in the incapacity or absence from Australia of Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees may fix an alternative day or hour, such alternative day or hour of meeting to be notified by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Bryant, Mr Burns, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Falconer, Mr Fraser, Mr Gillard, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hodgman, Mr James, Dr Jenkins*, Mr Lloyd*, Mr Lucock, Mr Newman and Mr Wilson.

* On leave

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