

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 1981

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 Beazley, Mrs Child, Mr C. K. Jones, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kent, Mr McLeay, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Mountford and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that funding of children's services be restored to at least the real value of funding allocated in the 1975-76 Budget and future allocations be spent in full for the purposes designated.

Mrs Child, Mr Shipton and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Bungey and Mr Rocher—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that steps be taken to formulate an airline policy providing for greater competition so that prices and service are determined by free market forces.

Dr Jenkins and Mr Scholes—from certain employees of the Government Aircraft Factory, Avalon Airfield, Vic., praying that the building of an intractable waste disposal unit in proximity to the Avalon Airfield area not be proceeded with.

Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that any proposed cutbacks in children's services be reconsidered and that the findings of the recent survey by the national women's advisory body be noted.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that any moves to disallow the Public Service Arbitrator's Determination No. 503 of 1980 and to exclude arbitral jurisdiction over any aspects of redundancy, redeployment, retrenchment and retirement be rejected.

Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that section 79 (1) of the Family Law Act be amended to allow Family Courts to be made open to the public and to permit publication of the details of their proceedings, provided that the names of parties and other identifying information are prohibited from disclosure.

Mr Rocher—from certain residents of Hall, A.C.T., and surrounding districts praying that no further development take place in Hall until a plan for its future development has been discussed in detail by its residents.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr Viner (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Major Development Projects—Manpower aspects—Copies of papers listing points of agreement between the Commonwealth Government and the Governments of New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology—Board of Management—8th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1979–80.

Education Research Act—Education Research and Development Committee—10th Annual Report, for year 1979–80.

National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreements and other documents relating to financial assistance for projects in connection with the development and management of water resources in—

New South Wales, dated 11 November 1980 and 2 December 1980.

Tasmania, dated 11 November 1980 and 17 February 1981.

Victoria, dated 1 and 5 February 1981.

Western Australia, dated 24 November 1980.

5 COMMONWEALTH DAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the commemoration of Commonwealth Day and the significance of the Commonwealth, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Day—Ministerial statement, 5 March 1981.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6 CHRISTMAS ISLAND—PHOSPHATE MINING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the future of phosphate mining on Christmas Island and related matters.

Mr Kerin, by leave, also made a statement on the matter.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 34, general business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

8 MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Morris, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House censures the Minister for Transport for his failure to fulfil his Ministerial duties by failing to provide essential information and support to the Independent Public Inquiry into Domestic Air Fares and further by repeatedly misleading the Parliament and the public in relation to the purposes and conduct of the inquiry.

Ordered—That Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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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Mr Armitage	Mrs Darling	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Johnson*	Mr Morrison
Dr Blewett	Mr Duffy	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Mountford
Mr Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Keating	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mrs Kelly	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mr Kent	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Mr Charles	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr West
Mrs Child	Mr Humphreys*	Mr McLeay	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Innes	Mr Mildren	
Mr Cunningham	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton	

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Robinson
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher
Mr Bourchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Giles	Sir Phillip Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie*	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Sir William McMahon	Mr Tambling
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Macphee	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodges*	Mr Millar	Mr White
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	
Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	

*Tellers

And so it was negated.

- 9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DOMESTIC AIRLINE SERVICES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Morris had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to ensure greater competition and lower fares in Australia's domestic airline services".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Morris addressing the House—

Mr Fife (Minister for Education) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (CIVIL LIABILITY) BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to civil liability for pollution damage.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hunt 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 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (DISCHARGE OF OIL FROM SHIPS) BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the protection of the sea from pollution by oil discharged from ships.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hunt 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.

- 12 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (POWERS OF INTERVENTION) BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act authorizing the Commonwealth to take measures for the purpose of protecting the sea from pollution by oil and other noxious substances discharged from ships, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hunt 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.
- 13 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (SHIPPING LEVY) BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy in respect of certain ships in Australian ports with oil on board.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hunt 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.
- 14 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (SHIPPING LEVY COLLECTION) BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the levy imposed in respect of certain ships in Australian ports with oil on board.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hunt 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.
- 15 NAVIGATION (PROTECTION OF THE SEA) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act 1912*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hunt 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.
- 16 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 17 AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Tourist Commission Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hodgman 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.
- 18 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT BILL 1981: Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Newman moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 BOUNTY (POLYESTER-COTTON YARN) AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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. 16, dated 26 February 1981, 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 Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 BOUNTY (NON-ADJUSTABLE WRENCHES) BILL 1981: 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 17, dated 26 February 1981, 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 Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 COAL EXCISE AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 CURRENCY AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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 McVeigh (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 DAIRYING RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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 Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILIZATION LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1981: 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. 18, dated 26 February 1981, 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 Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 25 APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT UNDERWRITING BILL 1981: 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 19, dated 26 February 1981, 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 Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 26 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 20, dated 26 February 1981, 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 Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 27 AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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—

Question—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 Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 28 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate had nominated Senator Robertson to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory.

- 29 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, moved—That Mr Scholes be appointed a member of the Committee of Privileges.

Question—put and passed.

- 30 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES COUNCIL: Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act 1964*, this House appoints Mr Holding to be a member of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, and to continue as a member until the commencement of the 33rd Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

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

5 March 1981—Message—

No. 34—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Amendment 1981.

No. 35—Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment 1981.

No. 36—Commonwealth Teaching Service Amendment 1981.

- 32 SHIPPING REGISTRATION BILL 1981: 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 Hunt (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 33 FLAGS AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

34 NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 1981: 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—Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

35 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Kent, viz.*—That the following words be added to the Address: “, but note that the Government:

- (1) has failed to adequately respond to—
 - (a) record unemployment;
 - (b) a high and worsening level of inflation;
 - (c) reduced and falling family living standards, and
 - (d) the highest taxation burden in the nation's history;
- (2) allows unsatisfactory administration of foreign investment guidelines which permit an uncritical and open-door policy to the takeover of Australian industry and resources to continue, and
- (3) makes no long-term provision for assistance to manufacturing industry and farming industries, which are likely to be severely disadvantaged as a result of successive exchange rate revaluations and substantially increased imports in the context of resources development”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Jarman addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Howard (Treasurer) required the debate to be extended.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Street.

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