

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 75

TUESDAY, 9 MARCH 1982

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- 1 The House met, at 1.45 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR W. T. ARTHUR):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the death of Mr William Tevlin Arthur, a Member of this House for the Division of Barton from 1966 to 1969.  
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
  - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs), Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) was acting as Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs.
  - 5 **COMMONWEALTH DAY 1982—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the commemoration of Commonwealth Day and the significance of the Commonwealth.  
Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement on the matter.
  - 6 **STATE OF THE NATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to issues facing Australia and Australia's position in the light of international and domestic factors, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
State of the nation—Ministerial statement, 9 March 1982.  
Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Sinclair, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 35 minutes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Tuckey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
  - 7 **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING:** Mr Hodgman (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at 3 p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.  
Question—put and passed.

**8 STATE OF THE NATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:

State of the nation—Ministerial statement, 9 March 1982—

Debate resumed.

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

**9 ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Moore (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.29 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 March 1982, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (5) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, Nos. 41, 42.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1982—No. 1—Parole (Amendment).

Regulations—1982—No. 3 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of—

New South Wales and Victoria, dated 24 February 1982.

Queensland and Western Australia, dated 25 February 1982.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Campbell, Mr Goodluck and Mr McVeigh.

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