

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 87

TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 1982

- 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 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Howard (Treasurer), Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle (Minister for Finance) was acting as Treasurer and would be represented in this House by Mr Fife (Minister for Education).
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr Hurford, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services)—
 Mr Newman laid upon the Table the following paper:
 Security of joint Commonwealth/State police operations—Minister's note.
 Questions without notice continued.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Customs tariff simplification, dated 30 November 1981 (No. 286)—
 Volume 1—Report.
 Volume 2—Proposed tariff—Principal schedule.
- 5 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Connolly (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
 196th Report—Australian War Memorial—Curatorial and conservation functions.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr Connolly and Mrs Kelly, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
- 6 **IMPORTATION OF COLOUR TELEVISION SET BY HON. M. J. R. MACKELLAR—DEPARTMENTAL PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 27 APRIL 1982, AND PAPERS:** Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the production of further departmental papers relevant to the importation of a colour television set by the Hon. M. J. R. MacKellar, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
 Department of Business and Consumer Affairs—Bureau of Customs—Copies of—
 Computer printout (reference 1310/012R)—Record of minute from Mr M. A. Besley, Secretary, Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, to Mr V. G. Montgomery, Deputy Secretary, Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, dated 13 October 1981.

Extract from diary of the Collector of Customs, N.S.W., for the period 6 to 9 October 1981.

Part of minute from Mr F. I. Kelly, Collector of Customs, N.S.W., to Senior Assistant Collector (Services), dated 19 February 1982.

Transcript of minute from Mr Besley to Mr Montgomery, dated 13 October 1981.

Mr J. J. Brown, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

- 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTERIAL STANDARDS:**
Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Young had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to maintain proper ministerial standards".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Young addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Johnson, Mr Kerin, Mr Scott and Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that Australia call on the Canadian Government to end the harp seal hunt and halt the importation of products derived from the harp seal.

Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that funds be provided to ensure the continuing effectiveness of the Family Planning Association of Victoria.

Mr Carlton and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.

Mr Bouchier—from certain electors of the Electoral Division of Bendigo praying that the liquefied petroleum gas subsidy be extended for a further 3 years and that a specific appropriation be included in the 1982-83 Budget.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that Australia Day be celebrated on 26 January each year and that a public holiday be declared on that day, regardless of which day of the week it falls.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of north Queensland praying that sufficient expenditure be allocated to raise the standard of the national highway in north Queensland to Department of Transport standards.

Mr Falconer—from certain students of Ringwood Heights Primary School, Victoria, and others praying that Australia appeal to the Canadian Government to put an end to the slaughter of seals.

Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the trade union system be revised to encompass the secret ballot and be restricted to negotiating for fair wages and conditions.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the importation of marine mammal by-products be banned and an international ban on the slaughter of marine mammals be supported.

Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens praying that no plant variety rights legislation be enacted and a public inquiry be called into the impact of existing overseas schemes.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the present children's services program be maintained and no recommendations of the Spender report be implemented without full consultation with community groups.

Mr Kent—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of live animals for slaughter be banned.

Mr Kent—from certain residents of Victoria praying that home loans on the same terms as those offered to certain Members of Parliament be extended to young couples in Victoria.

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that funds be made available to continue and extend the services available through the Youth Accommodation Services Program.

Mr MacKenzie—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a student loans scheme be rejected.

Mr McLean—from certain citizens praying that the proposed sales tax on books, magazines and newspapers be withdrawn from the Budget proposals.

Mr McMahan—from certain citizens praying that all provisions of the Heritage Act and the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act be fully complied with in respect of national estate areas.

Mr McMahan—from certain citizens praying that there be no extension of Kingsford-Smith Airport, Sydney, N.S.W.

Mr McMahan—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment and in the provision of unemployment benefits, based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.

Mr Morrison—from certain citizens praying that funds not be allocated for the development of roads or dams in south-west Tasmania but be provided instead for the preservation of the area.

Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that disabled people be recognised as citizens who should have equal rights and that certain actions be taken to enable adequate planning of services needed by partially or totally disabled people to be undertaken.

Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens praying that the Federal Government take all possible steps to prevent the destruction of the lower Gordon and Franklin rivers in south-west Tasmania.

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that a maximum fixed interest rate on a first mortgage be established for the entire period for which the loan is taken out.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that Jacqueline Theresa Flannery of Merrylands, N.S.W., be granted permanent residency in Australia.

Petitions received.

9 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1981-82:** 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 Willis who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill, the House is of the opinion that:

- (1) current economic policies have utterly failed to achieve the Government’s stated objectives;
- (2) this Bill maintains these disastrous policies, which have depressed economic activity and living standards, increased unemployment, inflation, taxation and interest rates, and accentuated inequity and division in society, and
- (3) a completely new economic strategy is required to prevent the Australian economy sliding into deeper recession, and to provide any hope of sustained economic recovery”.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 49

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 Fife (Minister representing the Acting Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

10 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1981-82:** 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 Fife (Minister representing the Acting Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

11 **SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1982-83:** 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 Fife (Minister representing the Minister for Finance), the Bill was read a third time.

12 **SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1982-83:** 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 Fife (Minister representing the Minister for Finance), the Bill was read a third time.

13 CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION—REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—

PAPERS NOTED: Mr N. A. Brown (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's decision to establish a review of administration and procedures of the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs in regard to the control and clearance of imported goods under the Customs Act in New South Wales, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Customs administration—Review—

Ministerial statement, 27 April 1982.

Terms of reference.

Mr Fife (Minister for Education) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Mr J. J. Brown moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the terms of reference for the review of Customs Administration should be amended to include the following matters:

- (1) (a) the effectiveness of the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs in the performance of its functions under the *Customs Act* 1901;
- (b) the handling of complaints within the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs and in particular the Bureau of Customs;
- (c) any question affecting the industrial relations or relations between the management, staff and staff associations within the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, and
- (d) any changes necessary in—
 - (i) arrangements or procedures within the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, and
 - (ii) the *Customs Act* 1901;
- (2) without limiting the generality of the above, account may be taken in the review of such reports, developments, events and other circumstances as may be considered necessary in order to report on necessary or desirable changes as required above;
- (3) that the review have the status, powers and privileges of a Royal Commission, and
- (4) that the review should produce its report by 1 November 1982”.

Adjournment negatived: It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Fife requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

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

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Mr Anthony	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher*	Sir Phillip Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Tambling
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Newman	

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cunningham	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mildren
Mr Beazley	Mrs Darling	Dr Jenkins	Mr Milton
Dr Blewett	Mr Duffy	Mr Johnson*	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Morrison
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Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scott
Dr Cass	Mr Holding	Mr Kerin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Howe	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Humphreys*	Mr McLeay	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Innes	Mr Maher	Mr Young

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the papers—put and passed.

14 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr B. O. Jones addressing the House—

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

Motion—That the question be now put—withdrawn, by leave.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.48 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 April 1982, pursuant to statute:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1982—

No. 2—Expansion of the survey of operating surplus.

No. 3—Survey of income and other topics, September to November 1982.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 23 April 1982.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia, dated 16 April 1982, and Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia, dated 7 April 1982.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Coleman, Mr Howard, Mr Nixon and Mr Robinson.

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