

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 103

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—  
*Papers:* Mr Howard (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:  
Loan Council—  
Press release by the Treasurer, together with attachments, dated 19 February 1982.  
Revised terms of reference for inquiry into role of Loan Council, dated March 1982.  
Questions without notice continued.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—  
Reports—  
Special assistance for the Northern Territory—3rd (1982).  
Special assistance for the States—49th (1982).  
Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—8th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
14 September 1982—Message No. 293—Customs and Excise Amendment 1982.
- 5 **PAPER:** Mr Cunningham, by leave, presented the following paper:  
CASA program and forward planning proposals—Copy of status report from Mr M. Falls, CASA Project Manager, to Mr E. C. Sent and Mr J. D. Wilson.
- 6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—STEEL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT:** Mr 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 Fraser Government's culpable negligence in its failure to reverse the decline in Australian steel industry employment".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Hurford addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.

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

Mr Bouchier and Mrs Kelly—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 Beazley—from certain citizens praying that Australian military participation in the proposed Sinai peacekeeping force not be ratified unless that force is fully controlled by the United Nations.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that a more restrictive immigration policy be maintained.

Mr Dean—from certain citizens praying that the minimum level at which income tax is first payable be raised to \$4,500, the levels at which higher rates of tax apply be proportionately increased and certain other action be taken to assist taxpayers.

Mr C. K. Jones—from certain citizens praying that ex-service personnel be entitled to a non means tested pension at 65 years of age.

Mr Lusher—from certain citizens praying that adequate funding be provided for independent schools in the Australian Capital Territory and particularly for the establishment of a 3rd grammar school in Canberra.

Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that a Royal Commission be established to investigate the health and other problems of Australian Vietnam veterans exposed to toxic chemicals during the Vietnam war.

Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that the post office at East Cannington, Perth, not be closed.

Petitions received.

**8 AIR NAVIGATION LEGISLATION (VALIDATION AND INTERPRETATION) BILL 1982:** 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 N. A. Brown (Minister for Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

**9 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** 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.

**10 LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** 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.

**11 DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** 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.

- 12 **BOUNTY (SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** 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. 182, dated 20 August 1982, 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 Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **BOUNTY (BERRY FRUITS) BILL 1982:** 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. 183, dated 20 August 1982, 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 Hodgman (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1982-83—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.  
Mr Braithwaite addressing the House—
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- 15 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—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 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 September 1982, pursuant to statute:

- Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 209.
  - Banking Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 213.
  - Defence Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 214.
  - International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 210.
  - Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 216.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).
  - Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 211.
  - Remuneration Tribunals Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 207.
  - Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 215.
  - Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 208.
  - Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 212.
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bradfield, Mr Dobie\*, Dr Edwards, Dr Everingham\*, Mr Falconer, Mr Fry, Mr C. K. Jones, Dr Klugman, Sir Phillip Lynch\*, Mr McLean, Mr McMahon, Mr McVeigh, Mr Robinson and Mr Tambling.

\*On leave

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**D. M. BLAKE,**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives