

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1983

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Acting Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Adermann, Mr Cadman, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Hall, Mr Howard, Mr Humphreys, Mr Lusher, Dr Theophanous, Mr Wells and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Hand, Mr Milton and Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that a moratorium on uranium mining and treatment be declared, that certain other action be taken in relation to the mining, processing and export of Australia's uranium and that the Roxby Uranium Mine development be discontinued.
 - Mr Fry and Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
 - Mr Andrew—from certain citizens praying that the excise on grape spirit used in fortifying wine be either withdrawn or modified in its method of application and collection.
 - Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the findings of the Major Airport Needs of Sydney Committee be endorsed and proposals for an airport at Sheyville, N.S.W., be rejected.
 - Mr Carlton—from certain citizens praying that the motor vessel *Krait* remain in the care and maintenance of the Royal Volunteer Coast Patrol and not be removed to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.
 - Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens praying that funding to schools such as Hare Krishna schools cease.
 - Mr Gear—from certain citizens praying that a non-official post office be established in the shopping centre at Karawara, W.A.
 - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be enacted to require the production of annual statistics on the numbers of live animals involved in research, that the use of L.D. 50 Tests in animal research be banned and that not less than 20% of current Government funding allocated to animal research be devoted to developing alternative research methods.
 - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.
 - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that carcass trade be promoted and that exports of live animals for slaughter be banned.
 - Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme allowance be increased immediately to the same level as the single unemployment benefit and be maintained at that level.

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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Macedonian language be used in Government multi-lingual publications and be taught in secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that the House neither support the Sex Discrimination Bill nor Commonwealth laws to achieve its aims.

Mr Steedman—from certain citizens praying that anti-discrimination legislation which includes affirmative action policies in respect of women in employment be implemented.

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 Wells—from certain citizens praying that the Government ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Wells—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Scott—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Parliament require General Motors-Holden to continue its operations at the Woodville Plant, S.A.

Petitions received.

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

5 October 1983—Message—

No. 72—Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1983.

No. 73—Television Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1983.

No. 74—Barley Research Levy Amendment 1983 (*without requests*).

No. 75—Ombudsman Amendment 1983.

No. 76—Ombudsman (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1983.

4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (LEGAL AID COSTS) BILL 1983: Message No. 77, dated 5 October 1983, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Family Law Act 1975' to provide for grants to the States and to the Northern Territory for legal aid to be made subject to conditions, to provide for payments for legal aid to be made subject to conditions and to provide for the making of regulations with respect to fees payable to legal practitioners by bodies providing legal aid*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART, KENSINGTON, N.S.W.: Mr Hurford (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 accommodation for the National Institute of Dramatic Art, Kensington, N.S.W.

Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—GREAT BARRIER REEF—NAVIGATIONAL AIDS:** Mr Hurford (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: Provision of navigational aids, Hydrographers Passage, Great Barrier Reef.
Mr Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 7 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1983-84:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

- Department of the Treasury, \$458,586,000—
- Department of Finance, \$59,287,000—
- Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$150,000,000—
- Minister for Finance—Special Funds, \$53,000,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

- Department of Home Affairs and Environment, \$152,989,000—
- Department of Territories and Local Government, \$141,997,000—
- Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, \$43,600,000—

together debated.

Mr Reeves addressing the committee—

It being 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 8 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 9 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1982-83.
Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report No. 5, dated 20 June 1983—Review of *Crimes Act 1914* and other crimes legislation of the Commonwealth together with statement by Senator Evans (Attorney-General).
- 10 **ELECTORAL EDUCATION AND ENROLMENT CAMPAIGN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of an electoral education and enrolment campaign to be conducted by the Australian Electoral Office.
Mr Hall, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 11 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat posed to economic management by the Prime Minister's delusions of support from the business community for the economic policies of his Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Howard addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.

- 12 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1983-84:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

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Proposed expenditures—

Department of Home Affairs and Environment, \$152,989,000—

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Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, \$43,600,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Communications, \$376,673,000—debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mrs Darling reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 13 **PECUNIARY INTERESTS—ALLEGED COMPANY ACTIVITIES OF MINISTER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), by leave, made a statement concerning a matter raised by Mr Tuckey regarding the alleged activities of a family company listed in the statements of pecuniary interests of Ministers.

Papers: Mr Dawkins presented the following papers:

Dawkins, Brigadier Alec Letts—Extract from *Who's Who in Australia, 1974*.

Pecuniary interests—Letter to Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) from Mr Dawkins concerning his return of pecuniary interests and a report outlining his interests in Coomel Pty Ltd.

Mr Tuckey, by leave, also making a statement with reference to the matter—

It being 6.30 p.m., the statement was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A.

- 14 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Mr Bowen (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being postponed and called on at a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 **PECUNIARY INTERESTS—ALLEGED COMPANY ACTIVITIES OF MINISTER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Tuckey continued his statement, by leave (*see* entry No. 13).

Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance), by leave, made a further statement with reference to the matter.

- 16 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, as amended by sessional order, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 10 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106, as amended by sessional order.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

17 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 10.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 10.40 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 6 October 1983:
Australian National University Act—Statute—No. 169—Parking and Traffic.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Dr Blewett, Mrs Child, Mr Cohen, Mr Coleman, Ms Fatin, Mr Fife,* Mr Goodluck, Mr Gorman, Mr Groom, Mr Hayden, Mr Hicks, Mr Hunt, Mr Jacobi, Mr Keating, Mr Keogh, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay, Mr Morrison, Mr Newman, Mr Rocher and Mr White.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives