

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 45

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 1983

- 1 The House met, at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Cadman, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cowan, Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie, Mr Drummond, Dr Everingham, Mr Hawker and Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Drummond, Mr Hawker, Mr McGauran and Mr O'Keefe—from certain elected representatives and officers of local governments praying that the Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act be amended to provide a real term minimum guarantee to local government general revenue sharing arrangements.
 - Mr Adermann—from certain members of the Balonne Shire Council, Qld, in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Brumby, Mr Lloyd, Mr Milton and Mr Peacock—from certain residents of Victoria praying that Victorian parent clubs be recognised as education auxiliaries and be exempted from bank account debits tax.
 - Mr Cadman, Mr Cowan, Mr O'Keefe and Mr West—from certain parents representing government schools in New South Wales praying that an adequate general recurrent resource base for government schools be created and a planned program of improvements in government schools throughout the coming decade be ensured.
 - Mrs Darling and Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
 - Mrs Darling and Mr McVeigh—From certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
 - Mr Hodgman and Mr O'Neil—from certain residents of Tasmania and South Australia, respectively, in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
 - 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 Scheyville, N.S.W., be rejected.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.
 - Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the supplementary income allowed to pensioners and unemployed tenants by the Federal Government not be taken away by the Queensland State Government in increased housing rents.
 - Mr Duffy—from certain residents of Victoria praying that cuts in education funding be reversed.

Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be amended to prevent inconsistencies with the principles of justice and equality and that a conscience vote on the Bill be permitted to all Members of Parliament.

Mr Groom—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that the decision not to upgrade Wynyard Airport, Tas., be reversed.

Mr Groom—from certain residents of the north-west coast of Tasmania praying that Christian FM broadcasters be granted a permanent licence to broadcast in the north-west region of Tasmania.

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that holders of health care cards and pensioner health benefit cards be provided with free dental care through private dentists and dental care be included in the formulation of Medicare.

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

Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that parent clubs in government schools be granted exemption from bank account debits tax.

Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that any restrictions limiting television coverage for Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Pirie, S.A., be removed.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that no further action be taken in respect of territorial or local government in the Australian Capital Territory until the findings of the inquiry into A.C.T. finances have been made public and a further referendum of electors has been held.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Ukrainian famine of 1932-33 be denounced, a day to honour victims of genocidal acts and imperialistic aggression be set aside and a standing committee be established to monitor adherence to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Petitions received.

- 3 **REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain remuneration and allowances.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 4 **STEEL INDUSTRY AUTHORITY BILL 1983:** Mr Duffy (Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of assistance to the steel industry.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Duffy moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 5 **BOUNTY (STEEL MILL PRODUCTS) BILL 1983:** Mr Duffy (Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain steel products produced from certain steel mill products.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Duffy moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 6 **BOUNTY (HIGH ALLOY STEEL PRODUCTS) BILL 1983:** Mr Duffy (Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain high alloy steel products.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Duffy moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

7 COMPANIES AND SECURITIES LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL

1983: 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 Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

8 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS BILL 1983: 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the following amendment was made: Clause 3, page 2, lines 18 and 19, omit paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of “law of the Commonwealth”, substitute the following paragraphs:

“(a) the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978*;

(b) the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*; or

(c) a law made under, or continued in force by, an Act referred to in paragraph (a) or (b);”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1983:

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 Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

10 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

11 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—31st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year 1982-83.

Aussat Pty Ltd—Report for year 1982-83.

Fisheries Act—Subsidiary agreement between Australia and Japan concerning Japanese tuna long-line fishing, done at Canberra on 31 October 1983, together with attachments.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Canning fruit, dated 30 September 1982 (No. 307).

- The Australian Tobacco Industry, dated 18 October 1982 (No. 309).
 Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—17th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.
 Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Certain sealed motor type compressors, dated 30 June 1983 (No. 63).
 Uranium Advisory Council—Report for year 1982-83.
- 12 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION—SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCE SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of details for the implementation of the supplementary broadcasting and television licence scheme, and presented the following papers:
 Broadcasting and television—Supplementary licence scheme—
 Guidelines for planning supplementary broadcasting and television services.
 Ministerial statement, 30 November 1983.
 Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 29 November 1983—Message No. 133—Representation 1983.
- 14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ASSETS TEST:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s attack on thrift in its proposed assets test”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Peacock addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 15 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Keogh presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Report relating to the construction of a Chancery complex and staff housing at Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (8th report of 1983), together with minutes of evidence.
- 16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 17 PRICES SURVEILLANCE BILL 1983:** Mr Keating (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the surveillance of, and the holding of inquiries into, prices charged or proposed to be charged for the supply of certain goods and services in Australia.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Keating moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Howard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES BILL 1983:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Management and Investment Companies Licensing Board, to provide for the licensing of certain companies by the Board and to regulate the investment activities of licensed companies.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Dr H. R. Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Dr Theophanous presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

215th Report—Finance Minute on Report 190—Petroleum royalties and excise—and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

20 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) VALIDATION BILL 1983: 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 McVeigh who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “consideration of the Bill be deferred until the first sitting day of the Senate in 1984”.

Debate continued.

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

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mountford
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O’Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Blanchard	Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Steedman
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Child	Mr Hayden	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wells
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher
Mr Anthony	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Newman	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr O’Keefe	

* 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 **INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** 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.

Adjournment negatived: It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford, the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 **LIFE INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Cadman moved the following amendment: Clause 3, page 2, omit proposed sub-section 4 (9), substitute the following sub-section:

“(9) For the purposes of this Act, the question whether companies are related to each other shall be determined in the same manner as the question whether corporations, within the meaning of the *Companies Act 1981*, are related to each other would be determined under that Act if, in section 7 of that Act—

(a) the reference to a corporation controlling more than half of the voting power of another corporation were a reference to a corporation controlling more than one-quarter of the voting power of another corporation; and

(b) the reference to a corporation holding more than half of the issued share capital of another corporation were a reference to a corporation holding more than one-quarter of the issued share capital of another corporation.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.09 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 November 1983:

Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—1983—

No. 15—Marine Orders, Part 23.

No. 16—Marine Orders, Part 21.

No. 17—Marine Orders, Part 31.

No. 18—Marine Orders, Part 20.

No. 19—Marine Orders, Part 25.

No. 20—Marine Orders, Part 26.

No. 21—Marine Orders, Part 29.

No. 22—Marine Orders, Part 33.

No. 23—Marine Orders, Part 13.

No. 24—Marine Orders, Part 15.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1983—

No. 347—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 348—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.

Nos. 349 and 350—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

Nos. 351 and 352—Association of Drafting, Supervisory and Technical Employees and others.

Nos. 353 to 359—Royal Australian Nursing Federation and the Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 360—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.†

No. 361—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 362—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.†

No. 363—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 364—Amalgamated Metals Foundry and Shipwrights' Union and others.†

No. 365—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 366—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Australian Government Employment and others.

(†Not accompanied by statement)

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1983/6—Holders of public office on the National Road Freight Industry Inquiry and other bodies.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Free, Mr Hawke, Mr Mildren and Mr Reeves.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives