

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 46

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 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 Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Cadman, Mr Cross, Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie, Ms Fatin, Mr Free, Mr Hawker, Mr Hodgman, Mr Johnson, Mr Keogh, Mr Lusher, Mr Maher, Mr Newman, Mr Punch, Mr Tuckey, Mr Willis and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mrs Child, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Duffy, Mr Fisher, Mr Hawker, Mr Kent, Mr Saunderson, Mr Shipton, Mr Street and Dr Theophanous—from certain residents of Victoria praying that Victorian parent clubs be recognised as education auxiliaries and be exempted from bank account debits tax.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mrs Child, Mr Cross, Mr Fisher, Mr Hawker, Mr Newman, Mr Saunderson and Mr Young—from certain citizens 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.

Mr Cadman, Mr Maher, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Mountford, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Snow—from certain parents representing government schools in New South Wales in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Fisher, Mr Katter, Mr Millar, Mr Rocher, Mr Tuckey and Mr White—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 Cross, Mr Kent and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mrs Darling, Mr Gorman and Mr Hodgman—from certain residents of Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania, respectively, praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mr Hodgman and Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be delayed and a joint parliamentary committee be established to examine the Bill and related matters.

Mr Hodgman and 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 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 Electoral Division of Indi praying that biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.
- Mr Cunningham—from certain residents of Mirboo North, Vic., and adjoining districts, praying that the government ensure the impact of Medicare does not cause the decline and loss of the basic general medical services provided by Victorian Bush Nursing Hospitals.
- Mr Groom—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that the decision not to upgrade Wynyard Airport, Tas., be reversed.
- 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 Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that the construction of Radford College, A.C.T., proceed and that a basic education grant be provided for all Australian children.
- Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that meat export inspection charges be suspended for 3 years.
- Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that reference to God and The Queen in the oath and affirmation of allegiance be retained.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be passed.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain residents of Toowoomba, Qld, praying that the payment of the Handicapped Child's Allowance be made available to host families.
- Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying that all rural telephone subscribers retain local call access to their commercial centre.
- 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 Kent—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the importation of all seal products be halted and the slaughter of harp seals be discontinued.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that the import of fully built-up cars, trucks and agricultural equipment be stopped.
- 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 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 the Alice Springs-Darwin railway project be re-addressed in light of the detrimental consequences to the Iron Triangle cities in terms of the economy, employment prospects, national defence and tourist opportunities.
- Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that a strong protest be lodged with the Yugoslav Government regarding the persecution of the Serbian autochthone population and that representations be made to ensure that their basic human rights are protected.
- Mr Punch—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be rejected.
- Mr Scott—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 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.

Mr Simmons—from certain residents of Baldry, N.S.W., praying that the public telephone at Baldry be retained for emergency use following the conversion to S.T.D. after 25 January 1984.

Petitions received.

**3 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), the Bill was read a third time.

**4 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 93, dated 28 November 1983, 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 Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), the Bill was read a third time.

**5 MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES 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 Jones (Minister for Science and Technology), the Bill was read a third time.

**6 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

**7 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Australian Overseas Projects Corporation, report for year 1982-83.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for year 1982-83, including the 1st Annual Report of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel for year 1982-83, pursuant to the Parliamentary Counsel Act.

Australian Capital Territory Architects Board—Report for year 1982-83.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for year 1982-83.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1981-82.

Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—Report for year 1982-83.

Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for year 1982-83.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report for year 1982-83.

Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's report, for year ended 31 March 1983.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Review Tribunal—Report for year 1982-83.

Statutory Interpretation Symposium—Report of proceedings, Canberra, 5 February 1983, together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.

- 8 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CONSUMER AFFAIRS COUNCIL AND BUREAU—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government) presented the following paper:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Consumer Affairs Ordinance—Consumer Affairs Council—10th Annual Report of the operations of the Council and of the Consumer Affairs Bureau, for year 1982-83.

Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Australian Capital Territory Consumer Affairs Council and the Australian Capital Territory Consumer Affairs Bureau, for the year 1982-83.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA COUNCIL: Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *National Library Act 1960*, this House elects Mr Cross to be a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia and to continue as a member for a period of 3 years from and including 4 December 1983.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—URANIUM INDUSTRY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The total lack of real consultation by the Government with those most vitally affected by its decisions on the uranium industry and related issues”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Anthony addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS COMMISSION 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.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Lusher moved the following amendment: Clause 22, page 14, after sub-clause (5) add the following sub-clauses:

“(6) The Minister shall cause a copy of every report furnished to him by the Commission under sub-section (3) to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the report is received by him.

“(7) Notwithstanding sub-section (6), if the Minister is of the opinion that a report furnished to him by the Commission under sub-section (3) contains a matter the disclosure of which would have a substantial adverse effect on the financial interests of the Commission, the Minister shall cause the report to be amended to exclude the matter, and shall cause to be laid before each House of the Parliament, within 15 sitting days of that House after the report is received by him, the report as amended, together with a statement that the report has been amended in accordance with this sub-section.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 42

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

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS COMMISSION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND 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 P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mrs Kelly presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

213th Report—Income maintenance programs—

Volume 1—Discussion paper.

Volume 2—Program descriptions.

Mrs Kelly and Mr Connolly, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 14 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Charles presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:  
 Australian-United States' relations: The extraterritorial application of United States laws—Report, together with copies of the minutes of proceedings and the transcript of evidence of the inquiry.  
 Ordered—That the report be printed.  
 Mr Charles, Mr Groom, Mr Morrison, Mr MacKellar and Mr Cadman, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
- 15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Mr Dawkins (Acting 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 at 8 p.m. and called on at a later hour this day.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 16 ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mrs Darling (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Road Safety:  
 Impact of advertising standards on road safety—Report, dated 17 November 1983, together with the transcript of evidence and copies of the minutes of proceedings of the committee.  
 Ordered—That the report be printed.  
 Mrs Darling and Mr Katter, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.  
 Mr Dawkins (Acting Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Humphreys), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 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.
- 18 ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 The House continuing to sit until 10.30 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.

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

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