

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 64

WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 1984

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 Cadman, Mr Cross, Mr Groom and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

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, NSW, be rejected.

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.

Mr Cross—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

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

Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that religious and human rights persecution in the Soviet Union be condemned.

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 ACT finances have been made public and a further referendum of electors has been held.

Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the establishment of nuclear power plants in Australia and the export of Australian uranium be prohibited and a moratorium on all mining and treatment of uranium be declared.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that the need for "assurances of support" in Australia's immigration criteria be abolished and that permanent residence status guarantee automatic right to pensions and benefits to eligible applicants.

Petitions received.

3 **FISHING LEGISLATION 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 125, dated 7 December 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 4 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** 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 J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.

- 5 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 6 **AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** 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—

Mr Lusher addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 7 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 8 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Capital Territory—

Apprenticeship Board—46th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

House of Assembly (Second Assembly)—Business of the Assembly 1982-83.

- 9 **ATTRIBUTABLE AVIATION COSTS: REVIEW OF VALUATION METHODS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) presented the following paper:

Attributable aviation costs: Review of valuation methods—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated November 1983.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 10 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM:** Mr 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 undue sensitivity of the Government to criticism as exemplified by the Prime Minister's attack on the ABC".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Fife (Vice-Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to construction of facilities for the Australian frigate project, Williamstown Naval Dockyard, Vic., Phase A (6th report of 1984).

Report relating to the upgrading of facilities for introduction of F28 aircraft, Wagga Wagga Airport, NSW (8th report of 1984)—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

- 12 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1984:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to income tax.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 **BOUNTY (TWO-STROKE ENGINES) BILL 1984:** Mr J. J. Brown (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 two-stroke engines.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

3 April 1984—Message—

No. 197—Satellite Communications (Consequential Amendments) 1984.

No. 198—Quarantine Amendment 1984.

- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS BILL 1984:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 196

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the national telecommunications satellite system*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 3 April 1984

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 3, after clause 8, insert the following new clause:

Directors of Aussat

"8A. (1) In this section—

'Commissioner' means—

- (a) the Managing Director of the Commission; or
- (b) another Commissioner holding office under section 22 of the *Telecommunications Act 1975*;

'prescribed person' means—

- (a) a Commissioner; or
- (b) a person holding an office in the Service that is higher than any office in the Service held by a person who is principally responsible for the management of the affairs of the Commission in a State;

'Service' means the Australian Telecommunications Commission Service established by section 38 of the *Telecommunications Act 1975*.

"(2) At any time—

- (a) the Directors of Aussat shall not include more than 2 persons who are, or, within the period of 3 years immediately preceding their appointment, have been, prescribed persons; and
- (b) at least three-quarters of the Directors of Aussat shall be persons other than persons who are, or, within that period, have been, prescribed persons."

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Duffy, the House adopted the report.

16 AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AMENDMENT BILL 1984: 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 Hicks addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr D. M. Cameron, by leave, presented the following papers:

Censorship—Attorney-General's Department notes—

ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983—Standards for Classification of Printed Materials—No. 1, February 1984.

New Commonwealth Censorship Procedures for Publications.

Debate continued.

Debate extended: It being 8 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Young (Special Minister of State) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 8.10 p.m., The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 4 April 1984:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 53—Courses and Awards Amendment 1984.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Coleman, Mr Connolly, Mr Dobie, Mr Hunt, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Dr Klugman, Mr O'Keefe and Dr Theophanous.

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