

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 83

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 1986

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **BUILDERS LABOURERS' FEDERATION (CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION) BILL 1986:** 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 McArthur rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Cunningham moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 70

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hayden	Mr Maher	Mr Tickner
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jacobi	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	

NOES, 57

Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Hunt	Mr Shack
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr Drummond	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipper
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Everingham	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Robinson	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the Bill was read a third time.

- 3 BUILDERS LABOURERS' FEDERATION (CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION—CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1986:** 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

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together and debated.

Mr Hodgman addressing the committee—

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

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

- 4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Keating (Treasurer), Mr Hurford (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) was acting as Treasurer.

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

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

Aboriginal Study Grants Scheme—Evaluation by Don Williams and Barbara Chambers—Summary and review of recommendations.

Australian Capital Territory Gaming and Liquor Authority—4th Report, for 1984-85.

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—38th Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Electric lamps, dated 6 February 1986 (No. 379).

Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act—South Australian Local Government Grants Commission—Report for 1985.

Norfolk Island—Report for 1984-85.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Australian Capital Territory—Statement of receipts and expenditure for 1983-84.

Legal Aid Ordinance—Legal Aid Commission (ACT)—7th Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for 1983-84.

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

Mr Baldwin, Mr Brumby, Mr Hawker, Mr Kent, Mr Mildren, Mr Sharp and Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying that the standard pension be raised to 25% of average weekly earnings and certain other action be taken to assist pensioners and low income earners.

Mr Beale, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker, Mr Lloyd and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Tuckey and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.

Mr Hunt, Mr Nehl and Mr Sharp—from certain electors of the Division of Cowper praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill and associated bills be rejected, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission be

- abolished and ratification of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights be withdrawn.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
- Mr Free and Dr Klugman—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
- Mr Hurford and Mr Jacobi—from certain residents of South Australia praying for a delay in the new funding arrangements for subsidised child care centres planned for April 1986 and that certain other action be taken in relation to children's services.
- Mr Baldwin—from certain citizens praying that new initiatives be taken to encourage all member states of the United Nations to conclude a treaty banning all nuclear weapons tests and that certain other action be taken in relation to nuclear weapons tests.
- Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that Australia urge the United States of America to halt aid for the Contras.
- Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the Orion family be granted residency status.
- Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.
- Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain residents of the Division of Mallee praying that the proposed capital gains tax legislation be introduced without delay and that it be rejected.
- Mr Free—from certain citizens praying that the decision to cut funding to child care centres be revoked.
- Mr Free—from certain citizens praying that community language resources centres be instituted and certain other action be taken to implement the teaching of community languages in schools.
- Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that the Government of Sri Lanka be persuaded to pursue a political solution to allow the Tamils to live in peace and dignity and certain other action be taken to aid the Tamils.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the *Child Care Amendment Act 1985* be repealed.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Government support the stand taken by the New Zealand Government on nuclear vessels and that the policy of developing zones of peace and nuclear free zones in the Indian and Pacific Oceans be implemented.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the right of employees to select their own superannuation scheme be guaranteed and certain other action be taken in relation to superannuation.
- Mr P. F. Morris—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Sharp—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.
- Mr Sharp—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the superannuation claim of the trade union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.
- Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the price of petrol be reduced to 45 cents per litre.
- Dr Watson—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Petitions received.

- 8 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND COSTS OF MEDICAL CARE: The House was informed that Mr Porter had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The total irresponsibility of the Hawke Government in refusing to address the fundamental causes of the collapse of the public hospital system under Medicare and the explosion in the costs of medical care".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Porter rising to address the House—

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 BUILDERS LABOURERS' FEDERATION (CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION—CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1986: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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In the committee

Clauses 1 to 4 together further debated and agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr N. A. Brown (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment: Page 3, line 33, omit "3 years", substitute "10 years".

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 57

Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Hunt	Mr Shack
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Everingham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Dr Watson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Peacock	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Robinson	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Rocher	

NOES, 73

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Gorman	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Hayden	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hollis	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Cleeland	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jacobi	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mountford	
Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH: Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Barker (Mr Porter) moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Minister for Health of which he gave notice earlier today for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

11 MINISTER FOR HEALTH—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Porter moved—That this House censures the Minister for Health for—

- (1) misleading the House on 14 March 1986 by saying that a statement made by Dr Parker, a Newcastle doctor, clearly refuted any suggestion that a mole was operating within the Health Insurance Commission;
- (2) covering up serious allegations of the break-down of the Medicare system and the involvement of organised crime in the defrauding of Medicare;
- (3) failing to use the full resources of the Commonwealth including the Australian Federal Police to investigate grave allegations of fraud, corruption and blackmail, preferring instead to initiate a limited in-house HIC investigation;
- (4) encouraging and facilitating the rapid expansion of fraud and over-servicing by promoting universal bulk-billing;
- (5) planning, in the words of the Member for Newcastle, the “downfall of the present system of medicine as it is now practised”, and
- (6) failing to take legislative action to stop fraud and over-servicing, of which the Government has had notice for over 18 months,

and, believing that the Minister has demonstrated that he is not a fit and proper person to hold the high office of Minister of the Crown, calls for his resignation.

Papers: Mr Porter, by leave, presented the following papers:

Medicare—Allegations of fraud, corruption and blackmail—

Copy of transcript of interview with Dr David Parker, dated 11 March 1986.

Copies of statutory declarations by—

David Alan Parker, dated 3 April 1986.

Ian Robert Walker, dated 3 April 1986.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 57

Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Hunt	Mr Shack
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr Drummond	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipper
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Everingham	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Robinson	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 72

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Mr Bowen	Mr Gear	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Grace	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr Brumby	Mr Griffiths	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
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Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mr Maher	Mr Tickner
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Hurford	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

12 WILDLIFE PROTECTION (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) BILL 1986:

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.

Papers: Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), by leave, presented the following papers:

Kangaroo culling—Copies of letters from—

Barry Cohen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment, to Mr David De Vos, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, dated 22 March 1985.

David De Vos to Barry Cohen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment, dated 28 March 1985.

Ordered—That Mr Cohen be granted an extension of time.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

13 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN)

BILL 1986: 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.

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

14 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Cowan, Mrs Darling, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Gayler, Mr Hodges, Mr Jull, Mr Keating, Mr Milton and Mr Wilson.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives