

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 148

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1972

1 The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the resolution of 10 December 1971. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR D. O. WATKINS): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 17 December 1971, of Mr David Oliver Watkins, a Member of this House for the Division of Newcastle from 1935 to 1958.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

3 PETITIONS: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Defence), Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Dobie each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will (1) take immediate steps to make emergency finance available to the States for State school education and (2) divert the large sums of public money being spent on private schools to the government school system for which the Government is truly responsible.

Mr Garrick presented a petition from certain citizens of the community of the University of Western Australia praying that the Government take immediate action to introduce in order of priority (1) universal Commonwealth scholarships, (2) Commonwealth scholarships on the basis of need rather than academic ability and (3) the abolition of tertiary fees.

Mr Whittorn and Mr Fox each presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government (1) give immediate aid of at least \$10 million to help relieve the suffering of Pakistani refugees in India, (2) take the necessary diplomatic steps to seek a political solution and (3) urge the United Nations to make a more effective effort to intervene on behalf of these stricken people.

Mr Fox also presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House grant humanitarian aid to the State of Bangla Desh and officially recognise this State as soon as possible.

Petitions severally received.

Mr L. R. Johnson presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.

Petition received and read.

4 MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, following the retirement of Mr Barnes from the Ministry, Mr Peacock had been appointed Minister for External Territories and Mr Katter had been appointed Minister for the Army.

Mr McMahon also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy), Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) was acting as Minister for the Navy.

- 5 OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE—CHANGES OF STAFF: Mr Speaker informed the House that, consequent upon the retirement of the former Clerk of the House, the following promotions of officers in attendance in the Chamber had been made:
- Mr N. J. Parkes to Clerk of the House,
Mr J. A. Pettifer to Deputy Clerk,
Mr A. R. Browning to Clerk Assistant and
Mr P. Allmond to Senior Parliamentary Officer (Bills and Papers Office).
- 6 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 7 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
- 10 December 1971—Message—
No. 261—Judicial Appointment (Fiji) 1971.
No. 262—Papua New Guinea 1971.
No. 263—Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization 1971.
No. 264—Dried Vine Fruits Levy 1971 (*without requests*).
No. 265—Dried Vine Fruits Levy Collection 1971.
No. 266—States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) 1971.
No. 267—South Australia Grant (Fruit Canneries) 1971.
No. 268—New South Wales Grant (Leeton Co-operative Cannery Limited) 1971.
No. 269—Tariff Board 1971.
No. 270—Customs (No. 2) 1971.
- 8 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
- 9 December 1971—Message No. 191—
Appropriation (No. 1) 1971–72.
Appropriation (No. 2) 1971–72.
- 10 December 1971—Message No. 192—War Service Homes 1971.
- 13 December 1971—Message No. 193—
Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1971.
States Grants (Special Assistance) 1971.
Papua New Guinea 1971.
Customs Tariff Validation (No. 2) 1971.
Appropriation (No. 3) 1971–72.
- 16 December 1971—Message No. 194—
Tariff Board 1971.
South Australia Grant (Fruit Canneries) 1971.
New South Wales Grant (Leeton Co-operative Cannery Limited) 1971.
States Grants (Capital Assistance) 1971.
States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) 1971.
Dried Vine Fruits Levy 1971.
Dried Vine Fruits Levy Collection 1971.
Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization 1971.
Customs (No. 2) 1971.
States Grants (No. 2) 1971.
Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment 1971.
Judicial Appointment (Fiji) 1971.
- 20 December 1971—Message No. 195—Restrictive Trade Practices 1971.
- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON WAGES AND PRICES: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Bate had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Whitlam, namely, "The Government's inconsistency in exercising its powers to restrain wages and salaries but refusing to institute a national prices policy to restrain prices".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Suspension of standing orders moved—Motion without notice: Mr C. R. Cameron moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Hindmarsh moving a motion that this House believes that the Government should have acted to restrain Broken Hill Proprietary Limited's latest increase in steel prices.

Mr Cameron addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr L. H. Irwin moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 59

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Lucock	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Sir W. Turnbull

NOES, 54

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr McIvor
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Calwell	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate ensued on the motion to suspend the standing orders.

Question—put.

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And so it was negatived.

The time allotted under standing order 91 for the discussion of the matter of public importance having expired, the discussion was terminated.

- 10 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1972: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to increase the Rate of Unemployment Benefit and of Sickness Benefit referred to in section 112 of the *Social Services Act 1947-1971*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Leave granted for debate to ensue.

Mr Hayden moved, as an amendment—That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, this House is of opinion that the vast majority of those currently unemployed have become unemployed as a direct result of Government economic policies and accordingly directs the Government to prepare a Bill for presentation to this House within 14 days which provides for unemployment benefits not below the updated poverty level established by the 1966 survey of the University of Melbourne’s Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research”.

Debate continued.

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

- 11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o’clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o’clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 February 1972, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
1971—No. 169.
1972—No. 16.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 163.

Canning-Fruit Charge Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 162.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 6.

Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 11.

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 170.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, Nos. 8, 9, 10.

- Customs Tariff—Orders—
 - Concentrates—No. 1 (1972).
 - Exemption from primage duty—No. 1 (1972).
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 164, 167, 179.
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 18.
- Distillation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 172.
- Dried Fruits Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 166.
- Dried Fruits Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 165.
- Excise Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 171.
- Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.
- Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 15.
- Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 17.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—
 - Civil aviation purposes—
 - Andamooka, South Australia.
 - Tullamarine, Victoria.
 - Defence purposes—
 - Canungra, Queensland (3).
 - Greenbank, Queensland.
 - Post office purposes—
 - Andamooka, South Australia.
 - Buggil (near), New South Wales.
 - Collaroy, New South Wales.
 - Elbow Hill, South Australia.
 - Learmonth, Victoria.
 - Mount Cotterell, Victoria.
 - Nonda, Queensland.
 - Port Broughton, South Australia.
 - Verran, South Australia.
 - Warreah, Queensland.
 - Warrnambool, Victoria.
 - Woolloongabba, Queensland.
 - Television translator purposes—Portland, New South Wales.
 - War Service Homes purposes—Pullenvale, Queensland.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 7.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 - 1971—No. 173.
 - 1972—Nos. 1, 2.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1971—
 - No. 8—Compensation (Fatal Injuries).
 - No. 9—Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions).
 - No. 10—Interpretation.
 - No. 11—Spear Guns Control.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 168.
- Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinances—
 - 1971—
 - No. 86—Investment Corporation (Amendment).
 - No. 87—Investment Corporation Ordinance (Commencement).
 - No. 88—Investments (Securities) Declaratory.

- No. 89—Loan (Works, Services and Government Instrumentalities) (Amendment).
- No. 90—Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) (Nominal Defendant) (Amendment).
- No. 91—Papua and New Guinea Harbours Board (Alternate Members).
- No. 92—Survey (Amendment).
- No. 93—Ordinances Interpretation (Teaching Service).
- No. 94—Public Officers Superannuation.
- No. 95—Local Government Service.
- No. 96—Local Government (Further Amendment).
- No. 97—Local Government (Council Staff).
- No. 98—Public Services Conciliation and Arbitration (Local Government Service).
- No. 99—Employment (Training and Regulation).
- No. 100—Superannuation (Pensions Increases).
- No. 101—Licences (New Guinea).
- No. 102—Parliamentary Integrity.
- No. 103—Wreck and Salvage (Unclaimed Dinghies) (Papua).
- No. 104—Roads Maintenance.
- No. 105—Forestry (New Guinea) (Amendment).
- No. 106—Forestry (Papua) (Amendment).
- No. 107—Forestry (Private Dealings).

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- No. 1—Electricity Commission (Productive Use of Land) 1971.
- No. 2—Housing Commission (Amendment) 1971.
- No. 3—Teaching Service (Temporary Provisions) (Continuance) 1971.
- No. 4—Human Rights 1971.
- No. 5—Papua New Guinea Retirement Benefits (Contributors and Control) 1971.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 177, 178.

Public Service Act—

- Appointments—Department—
- External Territories—G. D. Wahren.
- Postmaster-General's—N. V. Tennison.
- Shipping and Transport—B. W. Seed.

- Regulations—Statutory Rules—
- 1971—Nos. 161, 174, 175, 176.
- 1972—Nos. 3, 4, 12, 13, 14.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1971—

- No. 367—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
- Nos. 375 to 392—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 393—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 394—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 395—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 396—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 397—Professional Officers Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
- Nos. 398 and 399—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
- No. 400—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association.

- Nos. 401, 402 and 403—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 408—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
No. 409—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 410—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia; and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
No. 411—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 412—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
No. 413—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
No. 414—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 415—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
No. 416—Australian Journalists' Association.
No. 417—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 418—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 419—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 420—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 421—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 422—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.
No. 423—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
No. 424—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 425—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 426—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.
No. 427—Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.
No. 428—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
No. 429—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
No. 430—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia; and Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
No. 431—Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australasia.
No. 432—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
No. 434—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
No. 435—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 436—Telecommunication Technical Officers' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
No. 437—Actors' and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.
No. 438—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 439—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
No. 440—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
No. 441—Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 442—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
No. 443—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.
- 1972—
No. 1—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
No. 2—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.

- No. 3—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 4—Australian Journalists' Association.
- No. 11—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
- No. 12—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 13—Australian Builders Labourers' Federation.
- No. 15—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 16—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 17—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 18—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 19—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
- No. 20—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Restrictive Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 5.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances—

1971—

- No. 31—Gun Licence.
- No. 32—Child Welfare.
- No. 33—Canberra Hospital (No. 2).
- No. 34—Theatres and Public Halls.
- No. 35—Trading Hours.
- No. 36—Liquor (No. 2).
- No. 37—Motor Traffic (No. 3).
- No. 38—Rates.
- No. 39—Motor Traffic (No. 4).
- No. 40—Nurses Registration (No. 2).

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- No. 1—Seat of Government (Administration).
- No. 2—Trading Stamps.
- No. 3—Motor Traffic.
- No. 4—Legal Practitioners.
- No. 5—Legal Aid.

Regulations—

1971—

- No. 10 (Electricity Ordinance).
- No. 11 (Building Ordinance).
- No. 12 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
- No. 13 (Nurses Registration Ordinance).
- No. 14 (Meat Ordinance).
- No. 15 (Canberra Hospital Ordinance).
- No. 16 (Legal Practitioners Ordinance).

1972—No. 1 (Public Health Ordinance).

States Grants (Technical Training) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971,
No. 160.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr L. F. Bowen, Mr Calder, Mr Graham, Mr Mackay, Mr MacKellar and Mr Morrison.

N. J. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives