

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 150

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 1972

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1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: Mr Gun and Mr Keating each presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government immediately increase Australia's contribution for refugee relief in Bangla Desh by \$10 million and take action so that the refugees may return to their homes.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Uren presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Federal Government take immediate steps to act on behalf of all Australian people to preserve Lake Pedder in its natural state.

Petition received and read.

Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that a committee of inquiry, on which are represented the Department of Education and Science, institutions of tertiary education, practising educators, and the Canberra community, be instituted to inquire into the form that an Australian Capital Territory Education Authority should take, the educational principles and philosophy that should underly it, and its mode of operation and administration.

Mr Armitage presented a petition from certain residents of the western suburbs in the Sydney metropolitan area and surrounding districts praying that this House take appropriate steps to ensure that the Government does not proceed with the proposal to site the second twenty-four hour international airport for Sydney at Richmond or anywhere else in the far western suburbs of the metropolitan area.

Petitions severally received.

Mr FitzPatrick presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that this House will give urgent consideration to improving the educational opportunities of children living in isolated areas through the granting of certain financial aid, taxation concessions, accommodation and travelling allowances.

Petition received and read.

Mr Enderby also presented a petition from certain citizens of the community of the Australian National University 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 Cass presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the sales tax and customs duties on all forms of contraceptive devices be removed, and that all contraceptive devices be placed on the National Health Scheme Pharmaceutical Benefits list.

Mr Kirwan presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House give earnest consideration to the crisis in Aboriginal welfare which exists in the South West Land Division of Western Australia.

Petitions severally received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

5 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1972: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hayden, viz.*—That all 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 resumed.

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

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

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

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

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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 196, dated 22 February 1972, 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

6 DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1971: 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 Kirwan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

7 ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—  
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the current and prospective state of the economy and policy actions taken by the Government, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Economic conditions and Government economic policy—Ministerial statement, 24 February 1972.

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

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Swartz moved, by leave—

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Crean speaking for a period not exceeding 38 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

8 DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1971: 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

24 February 1972—Message No. 273—Social Services 1972.

10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

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