

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 151

TUESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 1972

- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **ISRAELI PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION:** Mr Speaker informed the House that an Israeli Parliamentary Delegation due to visit Canberra this week had decided to return home to Israel following the death of a member of the delegation and that he had, on behalf of the House, conveyed condolences to the Speaker of the Knesset, the Leader of the delegation.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Sherry and Mr Pettitt 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 Gorton, Mr Enderby, Mr Fox and Mr Cass each 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.
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.
Petitions severally received.
- 4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN PRIME MINISTER:**
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—
Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam moving forthwith the motion of no confidence in the Prime Minister (Mr McMahon) of which he has given notice for the next sitting, and that such motion take precedence of all other business until disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
- 5 **PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE:** Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the House has no confidence in the Prime Minister because in his answers to questions without notice he has deliberately misled the House and has harmed Australia's relations with other countries.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure: Mr Giles moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 56

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

NOES, 52

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 Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Klugman	
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52

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 Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Klugman	
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
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Mr Sir C. Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	Mr Fox
			Mr W. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

6 BANGLA DESH—LONG TERM AID—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to long term aid to Bangla Desh.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

25 February 1972—Message No. 197—Social Services 1972.

8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed construction of a central hospital services complex—Stage 1 at Canberra (First report of 1972).

Report relating to the proposed construction of Anula and Wulagi neighbourhoods, Sanderson District, Darwin (Second report of 1972).

Report relating to the proposed construction of a sewerage system at Katherine, N.T. (Third report of 1972).

Report relating to the proposed construction of a road to East Alligator River area, N.T. (Fourth report of 1972).

Severally ordered to be printed.

9 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 4 (1972): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 4 (1972).

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

10 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Report—Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins (Interim report: Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins—Review), ethylene oxide derivatives and hydrogen peroxide (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Ordered to be printed.

11 ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—

MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Swartz (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 24 February 1972*), viz.:

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

Debate resumed.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and that a select committee be established to inquire into the determination of prices which affect the structure of costs and prices in the Australian economy and, in particular, of prices which are determined by foreign corporations or trading or financial corporations formed within the limits of the Commonwealth, or by corporations which enjoy advantages under Commonwealth tariff, revenue, subsidy or other laws, or by corporations which have contracts with the Commonwealth and to report upon any legislative or administrative measures which should be taken by the Commonwealth to prevent unjustifiable price increases and to protect Australia from excessive inflation”.

Debate continued.

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

12 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1972 [No. 2]: 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 by Mr Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the Bill in its present form should be withdrawn because it is unselective in its application and gives no consideration to balanced economic development”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Hallett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54

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

NOES, 49

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

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), the Bill was read a third time.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BANKS (SHAREHOLDINGS) BILL 1971: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr SPEAKER,

Message No. 274

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Shareholdings in certain Banks*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

Canberra, 29 February 1972

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICES: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notices Nos. 9 and 10, general business, being forthwith called on and moved together and one question being put in relation to the two motions.

Question—put and passed.

15 EDUCATION ORDINANCE 1971 AND AMENDMENT OF COMMONWEALTH MOTOR OMNIBUS FARES REGULATIONS OF THE A.C.T.—MOTIONS FOR DISALLOWANCE: Mr Enderby moved, pursuant to notice, the following two motions together:

That the Education Ordinance 1971 (No. 28 of 1971), made under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910–1970*, be disallowed.

That the amendment to Regulation 6 of the Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Fares Regulations as contained in Regulations 1971 No. 7, made under the *Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance 1955–1970* of the Australian Capital Territory, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
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Mr Connor	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
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Sir C. Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Bate	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
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Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	
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Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	Sir W. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past 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 29 February 1972, pursuant to statute:

High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 22.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Blakehurst, New South Wales.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 21.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, Nos. 23, 24.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1972—

No. 5—Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australasia.

No. 14—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 26—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.

No. 27—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers);
and Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 28—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 29—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 30—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth
Public Service.

Stevedoring Industry Charge Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 19.

Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 20.

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

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