

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 157

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 1972

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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 PETITIONS: Mr Luchetti presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to call a halt to the closing of post offices and the reorganisation of the Post Office and initiate a joint parliamentary inquiry into the Postmaster-General's Department.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Crean, Mr Jacobi, Mr McIvor, Mr Davies and Mr Scholes, and were severally received.

Mr Solomon, Mr Sherry and Mr Graham 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 L. R. Johnson and Mr McIvor each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will immediately enact legislation providing for a base pension rate of 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings and other health and social service changes and initiate a public inquiry into Australia's social welfare structure.

Mr Enderby 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.

Mr Scholes also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take steps to have the deportation order against Mr Ijaz Hussain withdrawn and to allow him to remain in Australia.

Mr L. R. Johnson also presented a petition from certain professional fishermen from the vicinity of Coalcliff, New South Wales, praying that the Government will take appropriate action by inquiry and investigation to identify the cause of contamination of the sea coast and off-shore area at Coalcliff and impose deterrents and penalties to prevent further contamination.

Petitions severally received and read.

Mr Enderby also 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.

Petition received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Foster, by leave, made a statement relating to a matter referred to by Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) in his statement on aged persons homes on Thursday, 9 March 1972.

5 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 20 MARCH 1972: Mr Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a report, dated 20 March 1972, recommending changes in the standing orders and practice of the House of Representatives.

Ordered to be printed.

Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 COMPANIES (URANIUM MINING COMPANIES) ORDINANCE OF THE A.C.T.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning amendments made to the Companies (Uranium Mining Companies) Ordinance 1970 of the Australian Capital Territory, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Companies (Uranium Mining Companies) Ordinance of the A.C.T.—  
Ministerial statement, 21 March 1972.

Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEATH PENALTY ABOLITION BILL 1972: Message No. 276, dated 9 March 1972, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to abolish Capital Punishment under the Laws of the Commonwealth and under certain other Laws in relation to which the Powers of the Parliament extend*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Enderby seconded the motion.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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

AYES, 56

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

NOES, 49

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—STATEMENTS ON AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH-EAST ASIAN AGREEMENTS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Turner had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need to rebut recent public statements tending to undermine Australia's existing agreements with its friends and neighbours in the South-East Asian region".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Turner addressed the House.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) or a Member deputed by him speaking for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—GENERAL BUSINESS ORDER OF THE DAY: Mr Grassby moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the debate on order of the day No. 12, general business, being resumed forthwith. Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) 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, 57

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
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Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	
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Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
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## NOES, 51

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Gun	Mr Martin
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
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Mr Cohen	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr Collard	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Luchetti	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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 51

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Gun	Mr Martin
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison
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And so it was negatived.

- 10 ANULA AND WULAGI NEIGHBOURHOODS, SANDERSON DISTRICT, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1969, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of Anula and Wulagi neighbourhood units in the District of Sanderson, Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 STATES GRANTS (INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS) BILL 1972: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Beazley, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House, while not refusing a second reading to the Bill, is of the opinion that it should provide for the establishment of an Australian Schools Commission to examine and determine the needs of students in government and non-government primary, secondary and technical schools, and recommend grants which the Commonwealth should make to the States to assist in meeting the requirements of all school age children on the basis of needs and priorities”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Klugman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 STATEMENT BY MINISTER: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a statement relating to remarks made by the honourable Member for St. George (Mr Morrison) during proceedings earlier this day.

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Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Kirwan), 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:

21 March 1972—Message—

No. 277—Income Tax Assessment 1972 [No. 2.]

No. 278—Customs Tariff 1972 (*without requests*).

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 March 1972, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 28.

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 31.

Australian Wool Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 29.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 34.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—

Defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.

Post office purposes—

Cobar, New South Wales.

South Deniliquin, New South Wales.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 32.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 30.

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1972—

No. 13—Industrial Relations (Organizations) 1971.

No. 14—Retirement Benefits (Contract Officers) (Teaching Service) 1971.

No. 15—Public Services (Overseas Officers) Trust Fund (Teaching Service) 1971.

No. 16—Education (Teaching Service) 1971.

No. 17—Workers' Compensation (Teaching Service) 1971.

No. 18—Public Officers Superannuation (Teaching Service) 1971.

No. 19—Papua New Guinea Retirement Benefits (Teaching Service) 1971.

No. 20—Teaching Service Conciliation and Arbitration 1971.

No. 21—Teaching Service Conciliation and Arbitration (Amendment) 1971.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 33.

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

No. 33—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 36—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 37—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 38—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

No. 39—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers); and Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.

No. 40—Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 41—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 42—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.

No. 45—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

Nos. 46 and 47—Australian Journalists' Association.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1972—

No. 7—Leases.

No. 8—Police Pensions.

No. 9—Companies (Uranium Mining Companies).

Regulations—1972—No. 2 (Maintenance Ordinance).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Jenkins and Mr Jess.

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