

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 159

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 1972

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 Katter (Minister for the Army), Mr Garland (Minister for Supply), Mr Hayden, Mr Daly, Sir Winton Turnbull, Mr Jacobi, Mr Kelly, Mr Wallis, Mr Giles, Mr Lloyd, Mr Keogh, Mr Drury, Mr Connor, Mr Reid, Mr Everingham, Mr Pettitt, Mr Hansen, Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Fulton each 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. Mr Foster, Mr Kennedy, Mr Garrick, Mr Martin and Mr Sherry 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 Street presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House urge the Government to take the necessary steps to have the proposed Red Army Choir tour cancelled.

Mr Jacobi also presented a petition from certain Mail Officer members of the Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union praying that the House will at once, in the public interest, take appropriate steps to prevent the passage of legislation that prohibits the right of workers to strike.

Mr Bennett presented a petition from certain residents of Western Australia praying that action be taken to move the Perth Airport from its present site.

Mr Foster also presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House will appoint a nominee of the Craft Council of Australia to the Federal Government committee investigating the role of crafts as an art form.

Mr Martin also 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 D. M. Cameron also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to increase overseas aid from its present rate of 0.6 per cent to 1 per cent of the gross national product.

Petitions severally received.

Mr L. F. Bowen presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Kingsford-Smith praying that (1) the curfew between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be rigidly enforced, (2) the use of Electra aircraft and/or jet aircraft be prohibited within the curfew hours, (3) concessional airport charges be granted to encourage aircraft operators to use their aircraft during normal business hours and (4) a social survey be taken of the area surrounding the Airport to indicate the magnitude of unrest and disturbance attributable to aircraft noise.

Petition received and read.

Mr Bennett also 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.

Petition received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) answering a question asked by Mr Hughes and referring to an earlier question asked by Mr Berinson—

Point of order: Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) raised a point of order that the Prime Minister had reflected on the honourable Member for Perth (Mr Berinson) and that his statement should be withdrawn.

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the Prime Minister's answer to that stage was in order.

Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Barnard moved—That the ruling be dissented from. Debate ensued.

Mr Armitage addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

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

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

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	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 Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahon	
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turnbull
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

- 4 STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO SENATOR SIM—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Berinson, by leave, made a statement relating to a statement attributed to Senator Sim in Singapore and to questions without notice and answers relating to the matter.

Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving that this House repudiates the sectarian sentiments attributed to Senator Sim in Singapore.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

- 6 SECTARIAN SENTIMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO SENATOR SIM: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House repudiates the sectarian sentiments attributed to Senator Sim in Singapore.

Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House repudiates and condemns any anti-semitic attitudes wherever expressed or implied”.

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Motion agreed to.

- 7 ANTI-SEMITIC ATTITUDES: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—That this House repudiates and condemns any anti-semitic attitudes wherever expressed or implied.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

22 March 1972—Message—

No. 279—Public Service 1972.

No. 280—Loan (Australian Wheat Board) 1972.

- 9 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Wentworth (Mr Bury) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—GENERAL REPORT: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Thirty-fourth General Report.

Ordered to be printed.

- 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of notice No. 1, general business, being continued until twenty minutes past three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (No. 2) 1972: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947-1971*, as amended by the *Social Services Act 1972*, to make pensions payable to Australian citizens outside Australia.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Whitlam moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- The time allotted for the consideration of the Bill having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Brown was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 DIVISION LISTS IN *Hansard*, 21 MARCH 1972—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to the record of pairs appearing with certain division lists in *Hansard* of 21 March 1972.
- Mr Foster, Mr Fox, Sir Winton Turnbull and Mr Duthie, by leave, also made statements in connection with the matter.
- 14 AUSTRALIAN FORCES IN VIETNAM 1962 TO 1972—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the achievements of Australian Forces serving in Vietnam between 1962 and 1972, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Australian Forces in Vietnam 1962 to 1972—Ministerial statement, 23 March 1972.
- Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate ensued.
- Ordered—That Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
- Debate adjourned (Sir John Cramer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY EVIDENCE (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL 1972: Message No. 281, dated 23 March 1972, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Australian Capital Territory Evidence (Temporary Provisions) Act 1971’*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate, by leave, ensued.
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
- Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
- On the motion of Mr Bowen, the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE BILL 1972: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Institute of Marine Science.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 18 PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION 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—Debate resumed.
- Question—put.

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

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Lloyd	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Forbes	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair	Sir W. Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Cohen	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Collard	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

23 March 1972—Message—

No. 282—States Grants (Independent Schools) 1972.

No. 283—States Grants (Capital Assistance) 1972.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr Gun rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 March 1972, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Freshwater Creek, Victoria.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1972—

No. 1—Juries.

No. 2—Local Government.

No. 3—Co-operative Societies.

No. 4—Plant Diseases Control.

No. 5—Hawkers.

No. 6—Public Service.

No. 7—Ports.

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1972—No. 22—Land Titles Commission (Constitution, etc.) 1971.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr Buchanan, Mr Bury*, Mr Calwell, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Davies, Mr Jenkins, Mr Jess, Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Nixon.

* On leave

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