

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 168

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
  - Mr Garland (Minister for Supply), Sir Charles Adermann, Mr Foster, Mr Kelly and Mr Killen—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 Armitage, Mr Klugman and Mr Luchetti—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.
  - Mr Cass, Mr Griffiths and Mr Whittorn—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 Kirwan—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 received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
  - Proposed visit to Schofields area—Statement by Minister for Civil Aviation, dated 21 April 1972.
- 5 TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to increased travelling allowances to be paid to Members of Parliament. Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 6 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:
  - 24 April 1972—Message—
    - No. 213—
      - Social Services (No. 2) 1972.
      - Repatriation 1972.
      - Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1972.
    - No. 214—Public Service Arbitration 1972.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed redevelopment of No. 2 Stores Depot, R.A.A.F., at Regents Park, N.S.W. (Sixth report of 1972).

Ordered to be printed.

- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEAT INDUSTRY—PROTECTION: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Bonnett and Mr L. R. Johnson 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 Bonnett, namely, "The urgent need for the Government to take immediate steps as a matter of public importance to plan for the protection of the Australian meat industry against the probable future influx of synthetic or imitation meats on the Australian market or Australia's overseas markets following recently announced developments overseas".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bonnett addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1972: Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954-1970*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1972: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration.

Bill read a first time.

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

*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 Lynch speaking for an additional period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

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

- 11 NAVIGATION 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 Jones, 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 condemns the Government for having failed to amend the Navigation Act to comply with International Labour Organization and Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization Conventions, modern shipping practice, and effective safety operations, as promised by the Minister for Shipping and Transport in August 1967, and for failing to introduce a Bill to provide for an Australian Register of Shipping"—

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 Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson	Sir W. Turabull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	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.

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 Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 EXCISE TARIFF 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXCISE BILL, DISTILLATION BILL, SPIRITS BILL AND DIESEL FUEL TAX BILLS: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 3 to 7 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Excise Bill, the Distillation Bill, the Spirits Bill, the Diesel Fuel Tax Bill (No. 1) and the Diesel Fuel Tax Bill (No. 2) being called on together and a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **EXCISE BILL, DISTILLATION BILL, SPIRITS BILL, DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (NO. 1) AND DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (NO. 2) 1972:** The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—  
Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bills be now passed.  
Question—put and passed.
- 15 **QUEENSLAND GRANT 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 April 1972, pursuant to statute:

- Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—C. D. Free.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.  
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statements of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserves in the Northern Territory at—  
Darwin.  
Katherine.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—  
1972—  
No. 50—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
No. 51—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
No. 58—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.  
No. 59—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth  
Public Service.  
No. 60—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bate, Mr Beazley, Mr Brown, Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Mr Cohen, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Giles, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Jess, Mr Katter, Mr Kennedy, Mr Pettitt and Mr Snedden.

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