

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 170

TUESDAY, 9 MAY 1972

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
  - 2 **ABSENCE OF MR SPEAKER:** The Clerk having informed the House that Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees (Mr Lucock) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
  - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration), Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Giles, Mr Jess and Mr Luchetti—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 Calwell, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Hamer, Mr Jess, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr McIvor, Mr Reynolds 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 Armitage and Mr Klugman—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 L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.
  - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 5 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
    - Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1971.
  - 6 **VIETNAM—DECISIONS OF PRESIDENT NIXON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to decisions which President Nixon of the United States of America had taken with respect to the present situation in Vietnam.
    - Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 7 COMMONWEALTH—NEW GUINEA TIMBERS LIMITED—SALE OF COMMONWEALTH EQUITY—  
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), by leave,  
made a ministerial statement relating to the sale of the Commonwealth's shareholding  
in Commonwealth-New Guinea Timbers Limited to the Investment Corporation of  
Papua New Guinea.  
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference  
to the matter.
- 8 PAPUA NEW GUINEA—FORMATION OF EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:  
Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement  
relating to recent events leading to the formation of a Ministry and ministerial member-  
ship of the Administrator's Executive Council in Papua New Guinea.  
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference  
to the matter.
- 9 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT—DIVISION 10AAA.—PROPOSED AMENDMENT—MINISTERIAL  
STATEMENT: Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, made a minis-  
terial statement relating to the proposed amendment of provisions of the income  
tax law which authorise the allowance of tax deductions for capital expenditure on  
facilities used for the transport of minerals.  
Mr Stewart, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 10 ALTERATION OF HOURS OF MEETING: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to  
notice—That for the remainder of this period of sittings, unless otherwise ordered,  
the House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday and Wednesday at  
two o'clock p.m. and on each Thursday at ten o'clock a.m.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr Bryant proposing to move, as an amendment—That the following words be added to  
the motion: "and the motion for the adjournment of the House shall be moved no  
later than ten o'clock p.m."  
*Acting Speaker's ruling:* Mr Acting Speaker ruled that the proposed amendment was out  
of order as it was not relevant to the motion.  
Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.
- 11 DAIRYING RESEARCH LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1972: The House, according to order,  
resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: Page 4, omit sub-clause (2).

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Drury, in the Chair)—

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1971-72: 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.

Mr Crean was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 13 AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Australian foreign policy, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Australian foreign policy—

Ministerial statement, 9 May 1972.

Annex to ministerial statement.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy) moved—That the House take note of the papers. *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) speaking for a period not exceeding 40 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.

- 14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1971-72: 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 Armitage), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

9 May 1972—Message No. 291—Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1972.

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 May 1972, pursuant to statute:

- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 15—Courses and Awards Amendment No. 1.
- Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 51.
- Customs Tariff—Order—Less developed country—No. 2 (1972).
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, Nos. 48, 50.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
  - Defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.
  - Post office purposes—Cudgen, New South Wales.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1972—No. 1—Norfolk Island Council.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1972—
  - No. 2 (Hawkers Ordinance).
  - No. 3 (Abattoirs and Slaughtering Ordinance).
  - No. 4 (Crown Lands Ordinance).
- Papua New Guinea Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 49.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1972—
  - Nos. 62 and 63—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
  - No. 64—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
  - No. 65—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
  - No. 66—Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australasia.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1972—
  - No. 14—Film Classification.
  - No. 15—Milk Authority.
  - No. 16—Companies.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir William Aston and Mr Hughes.

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