

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 184

TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST 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 Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Mr Armitage, Mr Beazley, Mr Brown, Mr Enderby, Mr England, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Fox, Mr Garrick, Mr Gorton, Mr Grassby, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr Jarman, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Lloyd, Mr Reid, Mr Staley and Mr Street—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that Australia's official development assistance in 1972-73 be increased to at least \$240 million, and that Australia's aid and trade policies be reviewed to benefit developing countries.

Mr Keating—a similar petition from certain senior students of Benilde College, Nazareth Senior Secondary College, Bass Hill High School, Picnic Point High School, Sir Joseph Banks High School and Benedict College in New South Wales. Mr Calwell and Mr Hurford—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 L. H. Irwin and Mr Solomon—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 Morrison and Mr Reynolds—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the curfew at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be rigidly enforced, noise limits be placed on aircraft operating there, the operating rights of companies persistently violating the limits be withdrawn and the site of a second airport for Sydney be selected without further delay.

Mr Armitage—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will immediately introduce legislation to grant the vote to citizens of 18, 19 and 20 years of age.

Mr Armitage—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 J. F. Cairns—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government oppose and resist the conduct of French nuclear tests.

Mr Enderby—from certain employees in Parliament House, Canberra, praying that an early decision will be taken by the Government to build the new and permanent Parliament House which will, in the long run, be a more economical way to house the Parliament and which will at the same time be an impressive and proud symbol of Australia's progress and national unity.

Mr Hurford—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.

Mr Jarman—from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House urge the Government to take certain action to ensure the survival of kangaroos and implement the recommendations made by the House of Representatives Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation in its interim report on kangaroos.

Mr L. K. Johnson—from certain residents of the Commonwealth praying that sections 5 (b) and 6 (3.) (a) of the Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act be repealed to allow part-time employees long service leave or furlough.

Mr King—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 Lloyd—from certain residents of the Division of Murray praying that the Government will immediately review the location of the boundary between Papua New Guinea and Australia before independence is granted to Papua New Guinea.

Mr Solomon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will, in regard to the use of Commonwealth funds to aid church schools, restore to the Australian people true religious freedom which can exist only when Church and State are legally separated both in form and substance.

Mr Uren—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.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence, owing to illness, of Senator Sir Kenneth Anderson (Minister for Health), Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration) was acting as Minister for Health.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:

Audit Act—Finance—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1971–72, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Mr Snedden (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the changed format of the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Ordered—That the paper be printed.

The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Commission on Advanced Education—Report for triennium 1973–75.

Australian Research Grants Committee—Report for triennium 1970–72.

Department of Supply—Report for year 1971–72.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Universities Commission Act—Australian Universities Commission—Fifth Report, May 1972.

6 TERTIARY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES FOR 1973–75 TRIENNIUM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—

MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the 1973–75 triennial programmes for universities, research grants and colleges of advanced education, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Tertiary education programmes for 1973–75 triennium—Ministerial statement, 22 August 1972.

Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Beazley be granted an extension of time.

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

- 7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Daly (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the fiftieth series of variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

- 8 STATES GRANTS (PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS COLLEGES) 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 246, dated 24 May 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1972—73—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House condemns the Budget because it fails to define adequate economic and social goals for Australia; and in particular because it provides no programme for restoring full employment, no means of checking the costs and prices of goods and land, no framework for improving the standards of education, health, welfare and public transport and no national plan for our capital cities and regional centres”.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Snedden (Treasurer) be granted an extension of time.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Crean speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

*Member named:* The Deputy Speaker (Mr Drury) named the honourable Member for Blaxland (Mr Keating) for again interjecting after a warning had been given by the Chair.

Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the honourable Member for Blaxland be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr Daly having addressed the Chair, and Mr Keating having apologized to, and the apology having been accepted by, the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

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

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

22 August 1972—Message—

No. 336—Consular Privileges and Immunities 1972.

- No. 337—Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1972 (*without requests*).  
 No. 338—Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1972 (*without requests*).  
 No. 339—Income Tax Assessment (No. 4) 1972.  
 No. 340—Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment 1972.  
 No. 341—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1972.  
 No. 342—Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty 1972.  
 No. 343—Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities 1972.  
 No. 344—Agricultural Tractors Bounty 1972.  
 No. 345—Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) 1972.  
 No. 346—Lighthouses 1972.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to 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 22 August 1972, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1972—

No. 43—Encouragement of Primary Production.

No. 46—Film Classification.

Regulations—1972—No. 15 (Supply of Services Ordinance).

Tariff Board Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 134.

Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 133.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr Calder, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr A. D. Fraser, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Hunt, Mr Kirwan, Mr Peacock and Mr Whittorn.

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