

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 187

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 1972

1 The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **DEATH OF PRINCE WILLIAM OF GLOUCESTER—ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) referred, with deep regret, to the death of His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester, which occurred on 28 August, and moved—That an Address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the following terms be agreed to:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:
MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, have received with profound sorrow the news of the death of His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester. On behalf of Your people throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, we express deep sympathy to Your Majesty, their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and to other Members of the Royal Family in the loss which you have sustained.

And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration), Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), Mr Brown, Mr Graham, Mr Reid and Mr Staley—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 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 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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—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 Brown—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to ensure that State education is given a higher priority in the allocation of Federal funds and that emergency action be taken to solve the present acute shortage of teachers in the secondary teaching service.

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 Everingham—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.

Mr Klugman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House provide the finance to enable State Education Departments and local government authorities to establish pre-school and after-school centres and facilities for training the staff for these centres.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Labor Party—Education and Science Committee—Report presented by Mr K. E. Beazley, M.P., to the 29th Federal Conference, June 1971.

Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology—Report for year 1971–72.

6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed construction of central zone sewerage scheme at Darwin (Seventeenth report of 1972).

Report relating to the proposed re-development of Kormilda College for Aboriginal students at Darwin (Eighteenth report of 1972).

Report relating to the proposed construction of a post office and telephone exchange at Shepparton, Vic. (Nineteenth report of 1972).

Severally ordered to be printed.

7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL AT TENNANT CREEK, N.T.: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1972*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of primary and pre-school at Tennant Creek, N.T.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8 POST OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, BATHURST, N.S.W.—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 1969–1972*, 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: Construction of post office and administrative building at Bathurst, N.S.W.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 TIWI AND WANGURI SCHOOLS, 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 1969–1972*, 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: Construction of Tiwi and Wanguri schools at Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 CANBERRA (FAIRBAIRN) AIRPORT—EXTENSION OF RUNWAY—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 1969–1972*, 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: Extension of 17/35 runway, taxiways and aprons at Canberra (Fairbairn) Airport.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 COMMONWEALTH FILM UNIT STUDIOS, LINDFIELD, N.S.W.—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 1969–1972*, 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: Construction of extensions to studios of Commonwealth Film Unit at Lindfield, N.S.W.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—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 resumed.

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

- 13 POVERTY INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the terms of reference of an inquiry into poverty which would be undertaken for the Government by Professor R. F. Henderson, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Poverty inquiry—Ministerial statement, 29 August 1972.

Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 14 NURSING HOME AND HOME CARE BENEFITS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Forbes (Acting Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to new benefit arrangements for nursing home patients and the introduction of domiciliary care benefits, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Nursing home and home care benefits—Ministerial statement, 29 August 1972.

Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Hayden 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.

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Debate resumed.

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

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy) 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 half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 August 1972, pursuant to statute:

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

No. 182—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 188—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

Nos. 200, 201 and 202—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 203—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

Nos. 204 and 205—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 206—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 207—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 208—Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 209—Postmaster-General's Department Heads of Divisions and Branches Association and others.

No. 210—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 211—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr Calwell, Mr Duthie, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Jess, Mr Street, Mr Turner and Mr Whittorn.

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