

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 192

THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 1972

1 The House met, at ten o'clock a.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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), Mr Berinson, Mr Garrick and Mr Reid—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, 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) and Mr Cope—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that this House will immediately make a substantial Federal emergency grant to all State Governments for education services and carry out a public national survey to determine needs of the States after 1975.

Mr Armitage—from certain residents of Lethbridge Park and surrounding areas, New South Wales, praying that the House will request the Government to reconsider its refusal to grant an entry visa to Mr A. R. Barry, a laboratory assistant from New Delhi, India.

Mr Bennett—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the Government give urgent consideration to the return of land, compulsorily acquired from the Shire of Belmont for defence purposes, so that proper planning and development of the Shire can continue.

Mr Bennett—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to grant taxation concessions to mothers who are forced to pay fees to have their children retained in day care and family care centres.

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 Fulton—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 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.

Mr L. R. Johnson—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 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.

Mr Bonnett—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that Australia's official development assistance for the people of developing countries continue to be increased so that aid given provides maximum benefit to the peoples of developing countries.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Financial statements for year 1971–72.  
Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1971–72.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Forty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1971–72, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Fifteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

Mr C. R. Cameron, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Labor Party—Federal Executive—Minutes of meetings held at Adelaide, 13–16 March 1972.

5 EXPORT INCENTIVES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's decision to extend the export incentive scheme beyond 30 June 1973, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Export incentives—Ministerial statement, 14 September 1972.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS) BILL 1972: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Schools.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 7 STATES GRANTS (INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS) BILL (No. 2) 1972: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Independent Schools) Act 1969*, as amended by the *States Grants (Independent Schools) Act 1972*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1972: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in Connexion with Universities.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL (No. 2) 1972: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Advanced Education.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 AGED PERSONS HOMES BILL 1972: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to increase the Amounts of Payments under section 10c of the *Aged Persons Homes Act 1954–1969*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 11 AGED PERSONS HOSTELS BILL 1972: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Assistance by the Commonwealth towards the provision by certain Organizations of Hostels as Homes for Aged Persons.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Wentworth 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 Wentworth, the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 AGED PERSONS HOMES 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—  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, SHEPPARTON, VIC.—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 Shepparton (Vic.) post office and telephone exchange.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.

- 14 KORMILDA COLLEGE FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS, 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: Redevelopment of Kormilda College for Aboriginal students, Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Daly, by leave, made a statement concerning an article in the *Courier Mail* relating to salaries of Members of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 16 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 9 to 12, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 17 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) BILL 1972: Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Welfare and Advancement of the Aboriginal People of Australia.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 19 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1972–73: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That further consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of the Treasury and Advance to the Treasurer be postponed and that the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the Committee on 31 August be varied by next considering the proposed expenditure for the Department of Civil Aviation.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Civil Aviation, \$101,588,000—

Mr Morrison moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$10.

Debate continued.

Mr L. F. Bowen rising to address the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 43

Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	Mr Duthie
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Keogh	Mr James

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Hunt	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Solomon
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Bury	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Reid	Sir W. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$31,039,000—

Department of the Treasury, \$110,396,000—

Advance to the Treasurer, \$30,000,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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

14 September 1972—Message No. 351—Ordinances and Regulations (Notification) 1972.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

14 September 1972—Message No. 253—Ordinances and Regulations (Notification) 1972.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Garland, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell\*, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr FitzPatrick\*, Mr A. D. Fraser\*, Mr Hallett, Mr Hughes, Mr Jess, Mr Mackay, Mr Peacock, Mr Robinson and Mr Whittorn\*.

\* On leave

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