

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 195

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 1972

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- 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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Calwell, Mr Cope, Mr Davies, Mr Fox, Mr Kennedy, Mr Klugman, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Reynolds—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the contract let to an American controlled company for the advertising rights for the Victorian Pink Pages Telephone Directories be revoked in the national interest.
- Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior), Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), Mr Barnard, Mr Fox, Mr Garrick, Mr Reid 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 J. F. Cairns and Mr Kirwan—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 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 Bennett—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) a joint Commonwealth-State inquiry into inequalities in Australian education, (2) the immediate financing of official programmes for low income earners and others and (3) the provision of pre-school opportunities for all children.
- 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 Enderby—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the strip of land on the whole western side of Melrose Drive, Canberra, be reserved for development as parkland.

Mr Enderby—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will move to make available to the Tasmanian Government a special grant for the express purpose of preserving Lake Pedder in its natural state.

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.

Mr Morrison—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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry)—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Capital Territory Police—Report for year 1971–72.

Company Law Advisory Committee—Seventh Interim Report to the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General, on registration of charges, dated 7 July 1972.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Apple and Pear Organisation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1971–72, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Citizenship Act—Return for year 1971–72.

Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 1 February 1971 to 31 January 1972.

Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Sixteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

5 AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN AID—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 aid, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Australian foreign aid—

Ministerial statement, 21 September 1972.

Annex to ministerial statement.

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

Debate ensued.

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

6 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

One hundred and thirty-eighth Report—Treasury Minutes on the One hundred and fourth and One hundred and eighteenth Reports together with a summary of those reports.

One hundred and thirty-ninth Report—Internal audit—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

Mr Hurford and Mr Dobie, by leave, also made statements with reference to the reports and the functions of the committee.

7 WOOL INDUSTRY BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Wool Industry.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

8 SOCIAL SERVICE BILL (No. 4) 1972: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Social Services.

Bill read a first time.

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

Leave granted for debate to ensue.

Mr Hayden moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “while not opposing the Bill, the House is of opinion that the only satisfactory way to provide social services benefits is through a comprehensive national system of social security where benefits are above the poverty level and tied to an index adjusted at least annually”.

Debate continued.

*Distinguished visitors:* Mr Speaker informed the House that His Excellency Mr Naka Funada, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Diet of Japan, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honourable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Mr Speaker then informed the House that His Excellency Mr Naka Funada was leader of a delegation from the Diet of Japan and that other members of the delegation were present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a warm welcome.

Debate continued.

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	Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Fox
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Sir W. Turnbull
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	

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

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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 258, dated 20 September 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 Wentworth, the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1972: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920-1971*, as amended by the *Repatriation Act 1972*, so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions and Allowances payable to certain persons, and for other Repatriation purposes, and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of certain payments resulting from those amendments.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 10 REPATRIATION (SPECIAL OVERSEAS SERVICE) BILL 1972: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act 1962-1968* so as to provide Benefits for certain Student Children.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 11 REPATRIATION (FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE) BILL 1972: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956-1966* so as to provide Benefits for certain Student Children.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL (No. 2) 1972: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), for Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940-1971*, as amended by the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1972*, so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions and Allowances and for Benefits for certain Student Children.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 13 REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 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. 259, dated 20 September 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.

Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 14 REPATRIATION (SPECIAL OVERSEAS SERVICE) 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 Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 REPATRIATION (FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE) 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 Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL (NO. 2) 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 Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, PORT MORESBY: 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 Commonwealth offices at Port Moresby.  
Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
Question—put and passed.
- 18 LIQUEFIED GAS TAX—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's decision not to proceed with the proposed tax on liquefied gas.  
Mr Uren, Mr Gun and Mr Hansen, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
- 19 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—  
That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:  
12 Liquefied Gas (Road Vehicle Use) Tax Bill 1972: Second reading—Resumption of debate.  
13 Liquefied Gas (Road Vehicle Use) Tax Collection Bill 1972: Second reading—Resumption of debate.  
Question—put and passed.
- 20 ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.
- 21 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (SALES OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES) 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 Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (PURCHASES OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES) 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 Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.
- 23 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY STAMP DUTY BILL (No. 2) 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 Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.
- 24 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 25 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—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Customs and Excise, \$38,877,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$57,510,000—

Department of Trade and Industry, \$45,137,000—  
together further debated.

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

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The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

- 26 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
21 September 1972—Message No. 354—Homes Savings Grant 1972.
- 27 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., 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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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 21 September 1972, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1972—No. 4—Justices of the Peace.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell\*, Mr Daly, Mr FitzPatrick\*, Mr A. D. Fraser\*, Mr Hallett, Mr Hughes, Mr Jess, Mr King, Mr Nixon, Mr Peacock, Mr Snedden and Mr Whittorn\*.

\* On leave

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