

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 197

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1972

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1 The House met, at half-past 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 Foster, Mr Grassby, Mr Gun, Mr Hamer, Mr Jarman, Mr Jones, Mr Reid and Mr Wallis—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. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Turner—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 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 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 Jarman—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 other action be taken in relation to aid concerning trade policies, employment and tax concessions.

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 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 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 Reynolds—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 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 other action be taken in relation to aid concerning trade policies and tax concessions.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 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 and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education and Science, \$188,055,000—debated.

Mr Kennedy 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 proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 31 August be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Department of the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts, and the Departments of External Territories and Foreign Affairs.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Health, \$53,598,000—debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 31 August be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Department of Housing.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, \$68,024,000—debated.

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

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The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

5 SPECIAL COMMONWEALTH LOAN TO NEW SOUTH WALES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:

Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to budgetary assistance to be provided to New South Wales in 1972-73 in the form of a special Commonwealth loan of \$15 million.

Mr Crean, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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

27 September 1972—Message No. 360—Aged Persons Homes 1972.

7 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1972-73: The House, according to order, again 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 expenditure—Department of Immigration, \$68,024,000—further debated.  
Mr Klugman 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 proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Mr Klugman, by leave, addressed the committee.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts, \$43,411,000—

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

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

8 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Beazley, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House, while not refusing a second reading to the Bill, is of the opinion that it should provide for the establishment of an Australian Schools Commission to examine and determine the needs of students in government and non-government primary, secondary and technical schools, and recommend grants which the Commonwealth should make to the States to assist in meeting the requirements of all school age children on the basis of needs and priorities and that the application of this policy could not allow the continued acceptance of the provisions of the Bill and that therefore grants should not be made on the basis provided in the Bill in respect of any year after 1973”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Corbett, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 45

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Sir R. Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howson	Mr McLay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Nicholls
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Gun	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hansen	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cass	Mr Hayden	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Jacoby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Cope
Mr Connor	Mr Jenkins	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie

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. 262, dated 14 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 10 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:** Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 5, government business, being called on.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 **STATES GRANTS (INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS) 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.

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

27 September 1972—Message—

No. 361—Income Tax 1972 (*without requests*).

No. 362—Income Tax Assessment (No. 5) 1972.

No. 363—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) (No. 2) 1972.

No. 364—Export Payments Insurance Corporation 1972.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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**PAPER:** The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 27 September 1972, pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 27 September 1972.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Birrell\*, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Calwell, Mr Cohen, Mr Daly, Mr Fitz-Patrick\*, Mr A. D. Fraser\*, Mr Gorton, Mr Hallett, Mr Jess, Mr Snedden and Mr Whittorn\*.

\* On leave

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