

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 204

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 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 Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), Mr Davies, Mr FitzPatrick and Mr Kennedy—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 L. R. Johnson, Mr Keating and Mr Klugman—from certain employees of the Australian aircraft industry in New South Wales and citizens of Australia praying that the Federal Government take immediate action to ensure the re-equipment of the armed forces with Australian designed and produced aircraft and accessories.

Mr FitzPatrick and 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 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 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 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.

Petitions received.

3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF PRIME MINISTER: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Prime Minister (Mr McMahon) of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECHES:** Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) each speaking on the motion of censure for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 **PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE:** Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for his concealment and incompetence in relation to Jetair Australia Limited.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Cope
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie

NOES, 55

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

And so it was negatived.

- 6 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1971–72.

Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1971–72.

Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Forty-ninth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.

- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** 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 Bills:

18 October 1972—Message No. 272—

Softwood Forestry Agreements 1972.

States Grants (No. 2) 1972.

Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1972.

Australian Capital Territory Tax (Sales of Marketable Securities) 1972.

Australian Capital Territory Tax (Purchases of Marketable Securities) 1972.

Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty (No. 2) 1972.

- 8 DELIVERED MEALS SUBSIDY 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. 273, dated 17 October 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 (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 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.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, \$34,720,000—

Department of the Navy, \$305,388,000—

Department of the Army, \$448,915,000—

Department of Air, \$296,908,000—

Department of Supply (including the Antarctic Division), \$125,704,000—

General Services, \$5,585,000—

together debated.

Mr Bryant rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 44

Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	Mr England
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson	Mr Giles

NOES, 41

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 NATIONAL URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 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 by Mr Uren who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted because, in its present form, it creates a mere investigating and advisory body which will have no authority (a) to cope with the problems of urban and regional development, (b) to deal with the continuing growth of capital cities and regional centres and to integrate plans for transportation and land use, (c) to co-ordinate the allocation of resources which affect urban and regional development and (d) to implement positive policies to create new forms of urban living to overcome the chaos of our cities, particularly Sydney and Melbourne”.

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

Debate continued.

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

12 NATIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the appointment of a committee of inquiry to consider the abolition of the means test and the financing of the measure in association with the possible introduction of a national superannuation scheme, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

National retirement benefits inquiry—Ministerial statement, 19 October 1972.

Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

13 NATIONAL URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 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 Uren, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted because, in its present form, it creates a mere investigating and advisory body which will have no authority (a) to cope with the problems of urban and regional development, (b) to deal with the continuing growth of capital cities and regional centres and to integrate plans for transportation and land use, (c) to co-ordinate the allocation of resources which affect urban and regional development and (d) to implement positive policies to create new forms of urban living to overcome the chaos of our cities, particularly Sydney and Melbourne”—

Debate resumed.

Member named: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Lucock) named the honourable Member for Hughes (Mr L. R. Johnson) for again interjecting after a warning had been given by the Chair.

Mr Uren, Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) and Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having addressed the Chair, the naming of the honourable Member was withdrawn by the Deputy Speaker.

Debate continued.

Mr Scholes rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 45

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

NOES, 36

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Barnard	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Beazley	Mr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bennett	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Birrell	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	
Mr Bryant	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr Cope
Mr Collard	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 43

Sir C. Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Lloyd	Sir W. Turnbull
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Giles

NOES, 38

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Griffiths	Mr Keogh	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

14 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.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Repatriation Department, \$409,126,000—

Department of Social Services, \$61,565,000—
together debated.

Closure: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 44

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Sir R. Swartz
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Sir W. Turnbull
Mr Brown	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Chipp	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Pettitt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson	Mr England
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair	Mr Giles

NOES, 34

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr Cope
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds	Mr Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Works, \$87,382,000—

Mr Scholes moved—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) and Mr Scholes, by leave, addressed the committee.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Chipp, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 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. 3, government business, being called on.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1972-73: 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1972: Message No. 374, dated 19 October 1972, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to Charges in respect of Commonwealth Air Navigation Facilities and Services*".
Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past 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.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 19 October 1972, pursuant to statute:

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 10 October 1972.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Berinson, Mr Buchanan, Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr Daly, Mr Davies, Mr Drury, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Fulton, Mr Graham, Mr Hansen, Mr James, Mr Reid, Mr Turner and Mr Whittorn.

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