

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 4

TUESDAY, 6 MARCH 1973

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- 1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (Mr W. G. BRYSON):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 2 March, of Mr William George Bryson, a Member of this House for the Division of Bourke from 1943 to 1946 and the Division of Wills from 1949 to 1955. As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all members stood, in silence.
  - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing) and Mr Thorburn—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 Fulton—from certain people of the Torres Strait praying that this House re-affirm their rights to their islands, recognise them as Australians and help preserve their distinctive cultural language and political identity.
    - Mr Hallett—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that 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 Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House urge the Government to take certain action to ensure the survival of kangaroos and implement the recommendations made by the House of Representatives Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation in its interim report on kangaroos.
    - Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House will at once take steps to dedicate as a National Park an area of at least 1,436 square miles as recommended by the Northern Territory Reserves Board.
    - Mr MacKellar—from certain members of the congregation of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Manly, praying that this House urge the Government to give priority to the needs of the Aboriginal people.
    - Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister)—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.

Petitions received.

## 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence) laid upon the Table the following paper: Minute, dated 6 March 1973, from Sir Arthur Tange, C.B.E., Secretary of the Department of Defence, to the Minister for Defence, relating to the attendance of a member of the Minister's staff at the ministerial defence conference with the British Secretary of State for Defence.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Foreign Affairs—Joint Committee (Twenty-seventh Parliament)—Report on Australia's Foreign Aid.

River Murray and River Murray Commission—Statement made on 2 March 1973 following meeting of the Prime Minister and the Premiers of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

## 6 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—  
Debate resumed.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Mr FitzPatrick addressing the House—

## 7 ADJOURNMENT: It being fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 March 1973, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificates—R. B. McNab, R. Nussey.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1973—

No. 40—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemmen.†

No. 41—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.†

No. 42—Australian Workers' Union.†

No. 44—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†

No. 45—Australian Postmasters' Association and others.†

(†Determinations are accompanied by statement of the Arbitrator regarding inconsistency with the law.)

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Garrick, Mr Lloyd and Mr Reynolds.

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