

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 1973

- 1 The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITION:** The Clerk announced that Sir John Cramer had lodged a petition for presentation 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.
Petition received.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) answering a question—
Closure of Member moved: Mr Gorton moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.
Mr Whitlam proposing to move—That further questions be placed on notice—
Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the Prime Minister was not in order in moving that further questions be placed on notice, but that, in accordance with practice, he could ask that they be placed on notice.
Question—That the honourable Member be not further heard—put and negatived.
- 4 **PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Croatian terrorist activities in Australia—Copies of documents from the files of the Attorney-General's Department, the Commonwealth Police and the Australian Security Intelligence Organization.
Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved, by leave—
That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908–1963*, authorises the publication of copies of documents from the files of the Attorney-General's Department, the Commonwealth Police and the Australian Security Intelligence Organization relating to Croatian terrorist activities in Australia presented to the House this day by the Minister representing the Attorney-General.
Question—put and passed.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
States Grants (Secondary Schools Libraries) Act—Annual Statement, for 1972.
- 5 **TELEVISION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—PROPOSED REFERENCE TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS:** Mr Turner moved, pursuant to notice—That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) whether the televising of portion of the Parliamentary debates and proceedings is desirable, and
 - (b) if so, to what extent and in what manner the telecasts should be undertaken.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the following matter be referred to the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings for inquiry and report:

- (a) whether the televising of portion of the Parliamentary debates and proceedings is desirable, and
- (b) if so, to what extent and in what manner the telecasts should be undertaken.
- (2) That the committee, for any purposes related to this inquiry, have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (3) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and passed.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

- 6 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) relating to the proposed Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence (*moved 15 March, see pages 52-3*)—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

- 7 PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1973: 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.

Papers: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), by leave, presented the following papers:

Annual recreation leave—

Correspondence exchanged between the Hon. C. R. Cameron, M.P., Minister for Labour, and the Public Service Board relating to the quantum of entitlements.

Public Service Board—Circular dated 13 February 1973—Quantum of Annual Leave—Determinations Nos. 23 to 29 of 1973.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Enderby (Minister for the Capital Territory), the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY EVIDENCE (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL 1973: Message No. 14, dated 29 March 1973, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Australian Capital Territory Evidence (Temporary Provisions) Act 1971-1972’*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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 Enderby, the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL (NO. 2) 1973: 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—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Daly moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Beazley (Minister for Education) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Daly moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

- 10 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT: Mr McKenzie (Chairman) brought up the First Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

FIRST REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Aborigines—Bilingual education in schools in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory—Report and recommendations of Advisory Group, dated March 1973.

Australian Film Development Corporation Act—Australian Film Development Corporation—Second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

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

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—Twenty-fifth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Report of the Australian Delegation to the Eighteenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held at Blantyre, Malawi, 13 to 28 October 1972.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Sixteenth Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1972.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Australian Dairy Produce Board—Forty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1971–72.

Departure of settlers from Australia—Committee on Social Patterns of the Immigration Advisory Council—Progress report dated October 1972.

Financial Terms and Conditions of Service for Male and Female Members of the Regular Armed Forces—Final Report of the Committee of Inquiry, December 1972.

Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Ninth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance (No. 2) 1972 (No. 61 of 1972), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance.

Crown Lands Ordinance (No. 6) 1972 (No. 62 of 1972), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance.

Housing Ordinance 1972 (No. 60 of 1972), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance.

Pig Industry Research Act—Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—
First Annual Report, for year 1971–72.
Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air
Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report and financial statements, together
with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.
States Grants (Secondary Schools Libraries) Act—Annual Statement, for 1972.
Steel prices increases proposed by the Broken Hill Pty Co. Ltd and Australian
Iron and Steel Pty Ltd—Report of Inquiry by Mr Justice Moore, 8 February
1973.
Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Return for period 1 July 1971 to 31 May 1972.
Tariff Board—Report—Fibreboard—By-Law.
Tobacco Industry Act—Seventeenth Annual Report, for year 1971–72.
Wheat Research Act—Fourteenth Annual Report, for 1971.

D. C. MCKENZIE,
Chairman

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Mr McKenzie moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

11 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 7 (1973): Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister
for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 7 (1973).

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

12 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Capacitors.

Ordered to be printed.

13 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) 1973: 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.

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

14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing) moved—That the House do
now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at two o'clock p.m.

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

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