

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 25

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development), Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration) (2), Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) (2), Mr Bennett, Mr Berinson, Mr Bonnett, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Corbett (2), Mr Doyle (2), Mr Drury (2), Mr England, Mr Fisher, Dr Forbes, Mr Fox, Mr Giles, Mr Hallett, Mr Hunt, Mr Kelly, Mr Killen, Mr Lloyd, Mr McLeay (2) and Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House should not admit into the law of this land a principle which violates the fundamental right to life.

Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), Mr Edwards and Mr McMahon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will not extend the laws governing abortion and will uphold the right to life of the unborn child.

Mr Daly and Mr Grassby—from certain citizens of New South Wales and from certain electors of the Division of Riverina, respectively, in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Fisher and Mr Fox—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House should maintain the existing laws covering abortion.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Senator Murphy (Attorney-General and Minister for Customs and Excise), Mr Enderby (Minister for the Capital Territory) was acting as Attorney-General and Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy) was acting as Minister for Customs and Excise.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

International Labour Organisation—International Labour Conference—Convention—131—Minimum Wage Fixing, 1970 (adopted 22 June 1970).

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971-72.

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

10 May 1973—Message—

No. 40—Housing Assistance 1973.

No. 41—Defence Service Homes 1973.

- 7 CITIES COMMISSION 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.

Mr Fox moved—That Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 50

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Dr Forbes	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Fraser	Mr McLeay	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Garland	Mr McMahan	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr Nixon	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr O'Keefe	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

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Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Barnard	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Hansen
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negatived.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—

Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) moved the following amendment:
Page 1, omit sub-clause (1), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(1) This Act may be cited as the *Cities and Regional Development Commission Act 1973*.”.

Debate continued.

Mr Hewson rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Barnard	Mr Doyle	Mr Jones	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Thorburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wallis
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Dr Jenkins
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

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Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hallett	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Hewson	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 3, omit sub-section (5) of proposed section 6, substitute the following sub-section:

“(5) Where the Commission is constituted as provided in sub-section (4) of this section, section 8, sub-section (3) of section 8A and sections 9, 10, 11 and 14 apply as if references to the Chairman and the office of Chairman were references to the Commissioner constituting the Commission by virtue of sub-section (4) of this section and the office of that Commissioner, respectively, and any references to a part-time Commissioner were omitted.”.

Page 4, omit sub-section (2) of proposed section 8A, substitute the following sub-sections:

“(2) A part-time Commissioner shall be paid remuneration at such rate as the Parliament fixes, but, until 1st January, 1974, the rate of that remuneration shall be as prescribed.

“(2A) The Associate Commissioner shall be paid remuneration at the rate of Twenty thousand five hundred and two dollars per year.

“(2B) Until the Commission is constituted as provided in sub-section (1) of section 6, the Commissioner constituting the Commission shall be paid remuneration at the rate of Twenty-nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars per year and an annual allowance at the rate of One thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars per year.”.

Debate continued.

Mr McVeigh rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr Giles moved—That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be substituted:

“ 11. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting sub-section (1) and substituting the following sub-section:—

‘ (1) There shall be a Cities Commission Advisory Committee to advise the Commission in connexion with its duties and powers under this Act.’; and

(b) by omitting from sub-section (2) the word ‘ eleven ’ and substituting the word ‘ thirteen ’.”.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

Clauses 12 and 13, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr Uren, the following amendment was made: Page 6, line 37, insert after the word “effect,” the words “except to the extent to which they are inconsistent with the Principal Act as amended by this Act and”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Uren, by leave, the House adopted the report.

Mr Uren moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr McVeigh addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 8 PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOAN GUARANTEE 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 29, dated 2 May 1973, 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 Morrison (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 SUPERANNUATION 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 30, dated 2 May 1973, 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 Crean (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Senators Devitt and Milliner had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senators Marriott and Hannan had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in that House.

Mr Kerin, Mr Olley and Mr Whan had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Cooke had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Hallett had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in this House.

- 14 WOOL INDUSTRY 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 by Mr Fraser who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not refusing the Bill a second reading, this House deplores the fact that the Government’s decisions were made without proper consultation with industry leaders, the fact that a three year programme has been cut to a one year programme, making forward planning virtually impossible, and thirdly, the fact that the present Government has broken an undertaking given by the previous Government to the Australian Wool Industry Conference”.

- 15 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 Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at eleven o’clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 May 1973, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Brisbane, Queensland.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1973—

No. 115—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Association of Professional Scientists of Australia.†

No. 116—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†

No. 117—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.†

No. 118—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†

No. 119—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 120—Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association.†

No. 159—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

No. 160—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.†

No. 161—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

No. 162—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.†

No. 163—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.†

No. 164—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.

No. 165—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

No. 166—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

(† 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 Dr Cairns, Mr Cohen, Mr Gorton and Mr Reynolds.

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