

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 1973

1 The House met, at eleven 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.:

Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration) (2), Dr Everingham (Minister for Health), Mr Adermann (2), Mr Armitage, Mr D. M. Cameron (2), Mr Cooke (2), Mr Corbett (2), Sir John Cramer (2), Mr Drummond, Mr Fulton (2), Dr Gun, Mr James, Mr Kelly, Mr King (2), Mr Lamb, Mr Lloyd, Mr Luchetti, Mr McVeigh (2), Mr Nicholls, Mr O'Keefe, Mr E. L. Robinson (2) and Mr Viner—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.

Sir John Cramer—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 Grassby—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House should maintain the existing laws covering abortion.

Mr Drury—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House maintain existing laws covering the Australian flag.

Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—from certain electors of the Division of Flinders praying that the House take immediate steps to seek an alternative site for the airport proposed in the area south of the Princes Highway and embracing Clyde, Cardinia and Tooradin districts.

Petitions received.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Fulton (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed construction of extensions to the Windsor telephone exchange, Melbourne (Second report of 1973).

Ordered to be printed.

5 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:

Senators Drury, Milliner, Primmer and Wheeldon had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senators Carrick and Sim had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in that House, Senator Maunsell had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in that House and Senator McManus had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Democratic Labor Party in that House.

Mr Berinson, Mr Coates, Mr Cross, Mr Duthie, Mr Kerin, Dr Klugman, Mr Luchetti and Mr Oldmeadow had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr N. H. Bowen, Dr Forbes, Mr Hamer and Mr MacKellar had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Katter and Mr Lucock had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in this House.

- 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Wentworth moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would preclude the immediate consideration of the following motion: That this House censures the Prime Minister for his failure to dissociate himself publicly from the dishonest and dishonourable conduct of his Ministers in the Senate.

Debate ensued.

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 motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

- 7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in relation to the proceedings on the following Bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of all the Bills: Pipeline Authority Bill 1973, Prices Justification Bill 1973, Seas and Submerged Lands Bill 1973 and Seas and Submerged Lands (Royalty on Minerals) Bill 1973.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 61

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 Scholes
Mr Berinson	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
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

NOES, 52

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 61

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 Scholes
Mr Berinson	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
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	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Nicholls
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Mulder	

NOES, 53

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) declared that the Pipeline Authority Bill 1973, Prices Justification Bill 1973, Seas and Submerged Lands Bill 1973 and the Seas and Submerged Lands (Royalty on Minerals) Bill 1973 were urgent Bills.

Question—That the Bills be considered urgent Bills—put.

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

AYES, 61

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 Scholes
Mr Berinson	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
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	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Hansen
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Mulder	

NOES, 53

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of time: Mr Daly then moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:

- (1) Pipeline Authority Bill 1973—For all stages of the Bill, until 5.45 p.m. this day.
- (2) Prices Justification Bill 1973—For all stages of the Bill, until 3.45 p.m. on Thursday, 17 May.
- (3) Seas and Submerged Lands Bill 1973—For all stages of the Bill, notwithstanding the order of the House of 1 March, until 10 p.m. on Thursday, 17 May.
- (4) Seas and Submerged Lands (Royalty on Minerals) Bill 1973—For all stages of the Bill, notwithstanding the order of the House of 1 March, until 10.15 p.m. on Thursday, 17 May.

Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment: Omit the times “5.45 p.m. this day”, “3.45 p.m. on Thursday, 17 May”, “10 p.m. on Thursday, 17 May” and “10.15 p.m. on Thursday, 17 May”, substitute the following times, respectively, “3.45 p.m. on Thursday, 17 May”, “3.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 22 May”, “4 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 May” and “3.45 p.m. on Thursday, 24 May”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the times proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.

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

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 53

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion agreed to.

9 PIPELINE AUTHORITY 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 Fairbairn who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn and redrafted so that the National Pipeline Authority provides for Australia a public utility for the transportation at a fair price of petroleum on behalf of producers, distributors and users but so that the Authority may not be used as an instrument of nationalization of the Petroleum Industry thereby inhibiting the search for and development of petroleum by private enterprise”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

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	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Hansen
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Mulder	

NOES, 54

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 54

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Wentworth moved the following amendment: Page 2, line 20, after the word "state" insert the words "but does not include coal".

Debate continued.

Amendment negated.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 16, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Wentworth moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

"16A. (1) The Authority shall be deemed to be a common carrier Authority to be common carrier. and to have the obligations of a common carrier.

(2) Without limiting the generality of sub-section (1), the Authority shall, subject to the capacity of its pipelines, be under obligation to accept petroleum at any point on its pipeline for delivery at any other point on its pipelines, and to charge for such service a fee which is not greater than either—

- (a) a fee which is reasonable having regard to the costs incurred by the Authority for such service and for the use of its facilities;
- (b) the fee charged to any other customer for such service; or
- (c) the fee reasonably included or notionally included in its own accounts for comparable services performed on petroleum in its own ownership.

(3) The Authority shall publish in the *Gazette* particulars of all contracts which it makes for the transport of petroleum."

Limitation of debate: At fifteen minutes to six o'clock p.m., the Deputy Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for all stages of the Bill had expired—

Proposed new clause negatived.

Further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

Question—That the report be adopted and the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 11 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Peacock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Bryant (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice—
- (1) That a Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs be appointed to inquire into and report on matters referred to it by resolution of the House, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs or by motion of the committee within the following terms:
 - (a) to consult with Aboriginal and Island people on policies and programmes for their advancement;
 - (b) to examine the present situation of Aboriginal and Island people, recommend policies for improvements; and
 - (c) evaluate the effect of policies and programmes on Aboriginal and Island people.
 - (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
 - (3) That the committee consist of nine members, five to be nominated by the Prime Minister, three to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and one to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.
 - (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
 - (5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister.
 - (6) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
 - (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members, and refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (8) That five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, and a majority of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
 - (9) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess or adjournment.
 - (10) That the committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.

- (11) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and have power, with the approval of the Speaker, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee.
- (12) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (13) That the committee shall be empowered to confer with a similar committee of the Senate.
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY: The following order of the day, government business, was read, and, on the motion of Mr Daly (Leader of the House), discharged.
Agricultural Tractors Bounty Bill 1973 Second reading—Resumption of debate—
- 14 AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS BOUNTY BILL 1973 [No. 2]: Mr Connor (Acting Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act 1966–1972*, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Connor moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Chipp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1973: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States for the purpose of Housing.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Johnson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) BILL 1973: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Advances to the States of Financial Assistance in connexion with Housing and to Authorize the Borrowing of Certain Moneys by the Commonwealth.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Johnson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING) BILL 1973: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Housing) Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Johnson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 PRICES JUSTIFICATION 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 Willis addressing the House—

19 ADJOURNMENT: It being fifteen minutes past ten 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 ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 16 May 1973, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—W. C. K. Shiu.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cairns, Mr Cohen, Mr Reynolds and Mr Whittorn.

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