

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 30

THURSDAY, 24 MAY 1973

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- 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.:
 - Mr Hansen and Mr Hunt—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 Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House move to make available to the Tasmanian Government a special grant for the purpose of securing Lake Pedder in its natural state.Petitions received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australian Council for the Arts—Draft report on the future workings of the Council and its Boards.Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.
 - The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 - Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Twenty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1971–72.
 - Wheat Research Act—Fifteenth Annual Report, for 1972.
 - 5 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to remarks made by the honourable Member for Blaxland (Mr Keating) during a personal explanation earlier this day.
 - 6 STATEMENT BY MINISTER: Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), by leave, made a statement relating to a question asked by the honourable Member for Farrer (Mr Fairbairn) earlier this day concerning negotiations on the national pipeline. Mr Fairbairn, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
 - 7 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Hurford (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts: One hundred and forty-third Report—Treasury Minutes on the One hundred and twenty-first, One hundred and twenty-seventh and One hundred and thirty-fourth Reports together with a summary of those reports.
 - Ordered—That the report be printed.
 - Mr Hurford, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

8 ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 YOUNG COUPLES' HOME ASSISTANCE BILL 1973: Mr Wentworth, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enable Young Couples to make better Provision for the Purchase of their Homes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion without notice—Leave to move not granted: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) asked leave to move a motion without notice.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of standing orders—Second reading debate: Mr Daly moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the debate on the second reading of the Bill ensuing forthwith.

Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Daly 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, 63

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 Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	Mr Willis
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 Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McMahan	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett	Mr Hallett	Mr McVeigh	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hewson	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 63

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 Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	Mr Willis
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, 51

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	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 Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Corbett	Mr Graham	Mr McMahan	Mr Wentworth
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hallett	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Hewson	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Edwards	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for general business: Mr Daly moved—
That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of general business continuing beyond fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.

Mr Lynch rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Daly 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, 62

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 Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
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, 52

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 63

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 Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	Mr Willis
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, 53

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Debate ensued on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Closure: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing) 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 second time—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50

Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	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 Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr McMahan	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox

NOES, 58

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

And so it was negatived.

- 10 GRANTS 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party), viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“while not refusing to give the Bill a second reading, this House deplores the establishment of a complex new bureaucratic Commonwealth mechanism and is of opinion that the Bill should have provided that (a) immediate consultations be held with the States to determine the financial requirements of local Government taking into account their loan commitments, their overall financial responsibilities and the burden of rates on ratepayers, (b) funds provided to meet these requirements should be allocated to State Governments for distribution to local Government in accordance with priorities determined by the States after consultation with local Government, and (c) payments should commence in 1973-74”*—

Debate resumed.

Mr Lloyd rising to address the House—

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 words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

- 11 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES BILL 1973: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr Nixon, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 3, line 20, omit the words “and whether before or after”, substitute the words “and before”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 reconsidered, by leave.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Civil Aviation), the following amendment was made to the clause as previously agreed to, after debate: Page 2, proposed section 19, omit paragraph (b) of sub-section (1), substitute the following paragraph:

“(b) to engage in other activities to the extent that they are within the limits of the powers of the Commission under a provision of this Act other than this section; and”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr Nixon, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 4, omit proposed section 19B.

On the motion of Mr Nixon, the following further amendment was made, after debate: Page 4, proposed section 19C, omit paragraph (b) of sub-section (2).

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Nixon, the following further amendment was made, after debate: Page 4, proposed section 19D, omit paragraph (b) of sub-section (2).

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Nixon, the following further amendment was made, after debate: Page 5, proposed section 19E, omit paragraph (b) of sub-section (2).

On the motion of Mr Jones, the following further amendment was made, after debate: Page 5, omit proposed section 19G, substitute the following section:

“19G. Upon Papua New Guinea becoming an independent country Services in Papua New Guinea. and the Commonwealth and the Government of that country entering into arrangements for the transport, for reward, by the Commission of passengers and goods by air between places in that country or between places in that country and places outside Australia and that country, the Commission may transport passengers and goods in accordance with those arrangements.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 12, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 13—

Mr Nixon moved the following amendment: Page 7, line 38, omit the words “at such rate of interest”, substitute the words “at a commercial rate of interest then current”.

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Clause agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

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

“13A. After section 31 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

‘31A. The Commission shall prior to the 30th June, 1973 and there- Transfer of super-annuation provisions. after from time to time at intervals of not more than one month transfer the moneys representing provisions made by the Commission for staff superannuation to the Commonwealth Superannuation Board.’.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

AYES, 52

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Luccock	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Chipp	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

NOES, 59

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

And so it was negatived.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr Nixon moved the following amendment: Page 8, omit paragraph (c) of proposed sub-section (2).

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr Nixon, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 9, omit proposed section 37, substitute the following section:

“37. (1) The Commission shall pay all rates, taxes and charges under any law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory. Liability of Commission to pay rates, taxes and charges.

“ (2) The Commission is not a public authority for the purposes of paragraph (d) of section 23 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1972*.

“ (3) The Commission is not a public transport authority for the purposes of item 77 in the First Schedule to the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1973*.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18—

Mr Nixon moved the following amendment: Page 9, after line 32 insert the following paragraph:

“ (aa) by inserting after sub-section (1) the following sub-section:—

‘ (1A) The report by the Commission shall include details of—

(a) any change in accounting principles adopted since the last report of the Commission, including any change in the rate or method of charging depreciation in the accounts of the Commission;

- (b) any material change in the method of valuation of the whole or any part of the stock of the Commission;
- (c) any material item appearing in the accounts of the Commission for the first time or not usually included in the accounts of the Commission;
- (d) any absence from the accounts of the Commission of any material item usually included in the accounts of the Commission; and
- (e) the adequacy of provisions in the nature of reserves made in the accounts of the Commission.';”.

Amendment temporarily withdrawn, by leave.

On the motion of Mr Jones, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 9, after line 32 insert the following paragraph:

“(aa) by inserting after sub-section (1) the following sub-section:—

‘(1A) The report shall disclose separately the results of activities of the Commission other than the operation of air services.’;”.

Amendment previously moved by Mr Nixon and temporarily withdrawn, was again moved, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr Nixon, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

“18A. After section 41 of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted:—

‘42. The Minister will not exercise any powers under or by virtue of this or any other Act, or regulations, so as to discriminate unfairly in favour of the Commission or any other person engaged in the provision of services for the transport of passengers or goods by air or by land or in the establishment, maintenance or operation of hotels or other establishments or enterprises providing accommodation, recreation, entertainment or other services or facilities.

Minister to accord Commission and its competitors equal treatment.

‘43. Nothing in this Act will affect or authorize action inconsistent with the obligations of the Commission under, or the provisions or purposes of, the agreement referred to in sub-section (3) of section 3 of the *Airlines Agreements Act 1952–1972* and the agreement referred to in sub-section (2) of that section as affected by the foregoing agreement and the agreement referred to in sub-section (1) of that section as affected by each of the foregoing agreements.’;”.

Compliance with Airlines Agreements.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

12 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3 and notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

13 MATERNITY LEAVE (AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) BILL 1973: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for Maternity Leave in respect of Employees of the Australian Government and certain other Persons, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Cameron moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (No. 3) 1973:** Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal section 54B of the *Public Service Act 1922–1972*, as amended by the *Public Service Act 1973* and by the *Public Service Act (No. 2) 1973*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Cameron moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION BILL 1973:** Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister representing the Minister for Works), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act 1970–1971*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Johnson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fairbairn), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **ROYAL STYLE AND TITLES BILL 1973:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Royal Style and Titles.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Whitlam moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fairbairn), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL 1973:** Mr Enderby (Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901–1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Enderby 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 **EVIDENCE BILL 1973:** Mr Enderby (Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Evidence Act 1905–1964*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Enderby 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.
- 19 **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**
 Mr Whitlam (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on international affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 International affairs—Ministerial statement, 24 May 1973.
 Mr Enderby (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Mr N. H. Bowen, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** 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 Bill:
 24 May 1973—Message No. 34—Papua New Guinea Loan Guarantee 1973.
- 21 **HOUSING AGREEMENT 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.

22 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.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 May 1973, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Department of Health purposes—Albury, New South Wales.

Development and control of Darwin purposes—County of Palmerston, Northern Territory.

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1973—No. 30—Gazelle Peninsula Affairs (Temporary Provisions).

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

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