

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 33

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 1973

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- 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 Mr Coates and Mr Whittorn had each lodged a petition for presentation 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 papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Law Reform Commission of the Australian Capital Territory—Reports—
Imperial Acts in Force in the Australian Capital Territory and Supplementary Report.
Landlord and Tenant Law in the Australian Capital Territory.
Management of the Property and Affairs of Mentally Infirm Persons.
Mr Enderby (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the reports.
Ordered—That the reports be printed.
Community Health Program for Australia—Report of National Hospitals and Health Services Commission Interim Committee, dated 28 May 1973.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on operations of the Act, and insofar as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1971–72.
- 5 SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Schools in Australia—Report by the Interim Committee for the Australian Schools Commission, dated May 1973.
Mr Beazley, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Schools in Australia—Report—Ministerial statement, 30 May 1973.
Mr Fraser, by leave, made a statement in connection with the papers.
Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 PAPER—STATEMENT BY MINISTER: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Letter, dated 13 April 1973, from the Honourable K. E. Beazley, M.P., Minister for Education, to Emeritus Professor P. H. Karmel, C.B.E., Chairman of the Interim Schools Committee for the Australian Schools Commission, concerning the committee's inquiry into schools in Australia—
 and, by leave, made a statement relating to the work of the committee.
- 7 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Erwin, by leave, made a statement concerning his remarks in the House last week referring to a statement made by the Honourable J. J. Dedman in 1945 relating to housing policy.
- 8 WINDSOR TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1972*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of Windsor telephone exchange, Vic.
 Question—put and passed.
- 9 SENATE (REPRESENTATION OF TERRITORIES) BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 3 further debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

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

“ 6. The term of service of a senator for a Territory commences on the first day of July following the day of his election and continues for ^{Term of} ~~three~~ ^{service.} years.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and passed.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 REPRESENTATION 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 **ACTS INTERPRETATION 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 Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **EVIDENCE 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—
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 representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION 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 L. R. Johnson (Minister representing the Minister for Works), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **BOOK BOUNTY 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 Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 **AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS BOUNTY BILL 1973 [No. 2]:** 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. 40, dated 17 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 **CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 3, after "3rd May, 1973" add "22nd May, 1973."

Bill, as amended, agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

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

18 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 9 to 11 and notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

19 AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL OFFICE 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.

20 DEFENCE POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the decisions taken and the measures initiated by the Government to give effect to its defence policies, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Defence group of Departments—Organisation—Advisory Committee—

Interim Report, dated 9 December 1957.

Second Report, dated 3 February 1958.

Defence policy—Ministerial statement, 30 May 1973.

Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Dr Forbes be granted an extension of time.

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

21 NATIONAL SERVICE TERMINATION BILL 1973: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to terminate the obligations of persons under the *National Service Act 1951–1971*, and for purposes related thereto.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

22 DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS, DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS, SUPERANNUATION (NO. 2), AND DEFENCE (PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES) BILLS 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.

Messages from the Governor-General: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced recommending appropriations of revenue for the purposes of the following Bills:

No. 41, dated 25 May 1973—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Bill 1973;

No. 42, dated 25 May 1973—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Bill 1973; and

No. 43, dated 25 May 1973—Superannuation Bill (No. 2) 1973.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), the Bills were together read a third time.

- 23 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS (PENSION INCREASES) 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 44, dated 25 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 Barnard (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.
- 24 DEFENCE FORCE (PAPUA NEW GUINEA) RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 45, dated 25 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 Barnard (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.
- 25 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 16, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 26 SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT (LOCK TO KIMBA PIPELINE) 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. 46, dated 27 March 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 Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 27 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 28 KING ISLAND HARBOUR 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.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 47, dated 23 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 Jones (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 29 NATIONAL SERVICE TERMINATION BILL 1973—ORDER OF DAY FOR NEXT SITTING—RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the resolution of the House this day making the second reading of the National Service Termination Bill 1973 an order of the day for the next sitting be rescinded, and that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for this sitting.
 Question—put and passed.

30 NATIONAL SERVICE TERMINATION 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 Barnard (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

31 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PRICES JUSTIFICATION BILL 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 48

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for the holding of Inquiries into Prices charged or proposed to be charged for the Supply of Goods or Services in Australia*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 29 May 1973

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 8, clause 18, after sub-clause (7) add the following sub-clauses:

"(8) The Tribunal may, by resolution, authorize the Chairman to exempt a specified company, or companies included in a specified class of companies, either generally or otherwise, from the application of this section and may, by further resolution, authorize the Chairman to revoke such an exemption.

"(9) An exemption, or the revocation of an exemption, under sub-section (8) shall be in writing and a copy of the exemption or revocation shall be published in the *Gazette*, and such an exemption or revocation takes effect on the date of publication of the copy.

"(10) Evidence of an exemption, or of a revocation of an exemption, under sub-section (8) may, in any legal proceedings, be given by the production of the *Gazette* purporting to contain a copy of the exemption or revocation."

On the motion of Mr Crean (Treasurer), the amendment was agreed to, after debate. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Crean, the House adopted the report.

32 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cairns, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Chipp, Mr Collard, Mr Cooke, Mr Katter, Mr Peacock and Mr Reynolds.

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