

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST 1973

1 The House met, at half-past 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 Crean (Treasurer), Dr Everingham (Minister for Health), Mr Drury, Mr Jarman, Mr Lamb, Mr Morris, Mr Scholes and Mr Street—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.

Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the basic principles of the existing national health scheme.

Mr Street—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to refuse aid to North Vietnam until certain conditions are met, and to influence the Hanoi authorities to withdraw their troops from South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Banking in Papua New Guinea—

Statement by Mr Crean (Treasurer), Mr Morrison (Minister for External Territories) and Mr Julius Chan, Minister for Finance in Papua New Guinea, dated 10 April 1973.

Report of Committee, dated November 1972.

Immigration Report of conference of Australian and State Government Ministers for Immigration held at Brisbane on 11 May 1973.

Migrant Task Force Committees—Reports and recommendations to the Minister for Immigration of the Committees in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1972.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Fiftieth Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Social Services Act—Department of Social Security—First Annual Report of the Director-General, for year 1972–73.

- 5 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 28 August 1973, were reported—
- (a) returning the following Bill without amendment:
Message No. 98—Film and Television School 1973.
 - (b) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House to clause 2 of the Bill:
Message No. 99—States Grants (Universities) 1973.
- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEATH PENALTY ABOLITION BILL 1973: Message No. 100, dated 28 August 1973, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to abolish Capital Punishment under the Laws of the Commonwealth and under certain other Laws in relation to which the Powers of the Parliament extend*”.
- Bill read a first time.
Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Hurford be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and that, in his place, Mr Morris be appointed a member of the committee.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT (ASSISTANCE) BILL 1973: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sheltered Employment (Assistance) Act 1967–1970*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hayden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN (ASSISTANCE) BILL 1973: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Handicapped Children (Assistance) Act 1970*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hayden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES BILL 1973: Mr Morrison (Minister representing the Minister for the Media) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act 1964–1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Morrison moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1973–74—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House expresses disapproval of the Budget because it is economically irresponsible in that:*
- (1) with inflationary pressures intense it fails to adopt any policy to bring inflation under control;
 - (2) with resources already under strain it applies wrong economic principles by overloading resources further by expansionary public sector spending;
 - (3) it permits the tax burden to accelerate to an unprecedented level;

- (4) it is a further step in the attack on the Federal system of government by Labor which aims to centralise all decisions in Canberra;
- (5) it jeopardises the future growth of living standards and economic development of the nation;
- (6) it unfairly discriminates against the rural community and discourages decentralisation;
- (7) it does not provide a framework of social equity, and
- (8) it fails to honour election promises”—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Enderby (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) 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 tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Forbes, Mr Garland, Dr Klugman, Mr Mulder, Mr Sherry and Mr Staley.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives