

AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 40

THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST 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.:
 - Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), Mr Bryant (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), Dr Everingham (Minister for Health), Mr Armitage, Mr Bury, Mr Hurford, Mr Jarman, Mr Lamb, Mr Mathews and Mr Morris—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 Beazley (Minister for Education)—from certain teachers from the inner city area of Sydney praying that the House adopt the principle of compensatory education generally, and the specific principle of differential staffing according to needs.
 - Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
 - Mr Gorton—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the continued existence and viability of private nursing homes.

Petitions received.

 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

 - 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Christmas Island—Report for year 1971-72.
 - Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1971-72.

 - 5 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Hallett (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:
 - Reports on the fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth series of variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hallett, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

Mr Enderby (Minister for the Capital Territory), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the reports.

 - 6 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 11 September, at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.
- Question—put and passed.

- 7 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
 Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
 Debate ensued.
 It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 8 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 4) 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 Nixon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1973: Dr Cairns (Minister for Secondary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Industry Development Corporation.
 Bill read a first time.
 Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Ordered—That Dr Cairns be granted an extension of time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Street), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 NATIONAL INVESTMENT FUND BILL 1973: Dr Cairns (Minister for Secondary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a National Investment Fund, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Bill read a first time.
 Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Street), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1973 [No. 2]: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1972*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Cameron moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Ordered—That Mr Cameron be granted an extension of time.
 Mr Fraser moved—That the debate be now adjourned.
 Mr Daly (Leader of the House), by leave, made a statement regarding future proceedings on the Bill.
 Mr Fraser, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
 Mr Daly, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE PLAN—SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
 Social Welfare Commission—Interim Committee—
 Australian Assistance Plan—Discussion Paper No. 1.
 Report for period 3 April to 30 June 1973.
 Mr Hayden, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Australian Assistance Plan, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Australian Assistance Plan—Ministerial statement, 30 August 1973.

Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Chipp be granted an extension of time.

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

13 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.

Ordered—That Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr D. M. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Mr James addressing the House—

14 ADJOURNMENT: It being fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 11 September, at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 30 August 1973, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 155.

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

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives