

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 58

MONDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1973

1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO RESERVED BILL: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 86, dated 19 October 1973, from His Excellency the Governor-General informing the House that the proposed law intituled "*Royal Style and Titles Act 1973*", which was reserved for The Queen's pleasure, had been laid before Her Majesty and that, on 19 October 1973, The Queen was graciously pleased to assent to the said Law.

3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), Mr Fairbairn, Mr Hurford, Mr MacKellar, Mr Mulder, Mr Peacock, Mr Ruddock and Mr Turner—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House see that television is used to build into the nation integrity, teamwork and a sense of purpose by serving, and to bring faith in God to the heart of the family and national life.

Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Drury, Mr Killen, Mr McLeay and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Peacock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House acknowledge the right of every Australian child to equal grants of Government money spent on education and so instruct the proposed National Schools Commission.

Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House acknowledge the right of every Australian child to equal grants of Government money spent on education.

Petitions received.

4 MINISTERIAL CHANGE: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that Dr Patterson had been sworn in by Her Majesty The Queen as Minister for the Northern Territory and would retain his portfolio of Minister for Northern Development.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table the following paper:

Prices Justification Act—Notification, dated 19 October 1973, from Mr J. C. McNeill, Managing Director of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited to Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), of price increases for certain iron and steel products proposed by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited and Australian Iron and Steel Proprietary Limited.

Questions without notice concluded.

- 6 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 7 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to the notification tabled earlier this day of proposed price increases for certain iron and steel products and the recent inquiry by the Prices Justification Tribunal.
Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 8 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Ninth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.
- 9 STATEMENT BY MINISTER: Mr Daly (Leader of the House), by leave, made a statement relating to the intention of the Government to proceed with order of the day No. 1, general business, concerning the new and permanent Parliament House.
- 10 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate had nominated Senator Sir Kenneth Anderson to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in the place of Senator Hannan, resigned.
- 11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Fulton (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed construction of a research laboratory at North Clayton (Monash), Vic. (Seventh report of 1973).
Ordered to be printed.
Mr Fulton, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 12 QUEENSLAND GRANT (DAWSON RIVER WEIRS) BILL 1973: Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Queensland in connexion with the Construction of a Weir at Baralaba on the Dawson River, and of an 'Associated' Weir.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Katter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE 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: "the House is of the opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with until the autumn sittings in 1974 so that the deep study required to make possible an appreciation of the full implications of the Bill can occur and so that, should the Parliament then decide to support the Bill, it will be possible to place before the House amendments which will make the Bill more acceptable and the proposals it contains more likely to serve the interests of the Australian people"*—
Debate resumed.
Amendment negatived.
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

Clauses 1 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 9—

Mr Edwards moved the following amendment: Page 5, line 15, omit the words “, as far as practicable,”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 17, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 18—

On the motion of Mr Edwards, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 8, line 1, omit “Subject to this section”, substitute “Subject to sub-section 9 (3) and to this section”.

Mr Edwards moved the following further amendment: Page 8, after sub-clause (1) insert the following sub-clause:

“(1A) Notwithstanding sub-section 9 (3), the Chairman shall convene meetings of the Commission at least once in each month and shall convene such a meeting whenever he is requested in writing to do so by not less than three Commissioners.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Edwards, the following further amendment was made, after debate: Page 8, line 12, omit “two”, substitute “three”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 19 agreed to.

Clause 20—

On the motion of Mr Street, the clause was omitted, and the following clause substituted, after debate:

“20. (1) The Chairman shall give written notice to the Minister of all direct and indirect pecuniary interests that he has or acquires in any business carried on in Australia or in any body corporate carrying on any such business. Disclosure of financial interests.”

“(2) Where a Commissioner (other than the Chairman) or an Associate Commissioner has or acquires any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any business carried on in Australia, or in any body corporate carrying on any such business, being an interest that could be in conflict with his duties as a Commissioner or Associate Commissioner, he shall, to the best of his knowledge, disclose that interest to the Chairman.”.

Clause 21 debated and agreed to.

Clause 22—

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) moved the following amendment: Pages 9 and 10, omit sub-clause (1), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(1) In the performance of its functions, the Commission shall have regard to the desire of the Australian Government, that assistance to industry be on the basis of it being economic and showing sound prospects for success and that there be adequate scope for public scrutiny and evaluation of the basis of the Commission’s reports.”.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 57

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

NOES, 49

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
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 E. L. Robinson	Mr MacKellar
Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 86

Mr Armitage	Mr Doyle	Mr Jarman	Dr Patterson
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Drummond	Dr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Drury	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Berinson	Mr Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Bonnett	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kerin	Mr Street
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Killen	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lamb	Mr Turner
Dr Cairns	Mr Fraser	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Lynch	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Coates	Mr Giles	Mr Martin	Mr Whan
Mr Cohen	Mr Graham	Mr Mathews	Mr Whittorn
Mr Connor	Dr Gun	Mr Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cooke	Mr Hamer	Mr Morrison	Mr Wilson
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Mulder	
Mr Cross	Mr Innes	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Hansen
Mr Davies	Mr James	Mr Olley	Mr MacKellar

NOES, 19

Mr Adermann	Mr Holten	Mr Lucock	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Hunt	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr Corbett	Mr Katter	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Hewson	Mr Lloyd	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Hallett

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Declaration of Bill as urgent Bill: Mr Daly declared that the Bill was an urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill—put.

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

AYES, 58

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

NOES, 50

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
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 E. L. Robinson	Mr MacKellar

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of time: Mr Daly then moved—That the time allotted for the committee stage of the Bill be until 9.15 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration) addressing the committee—

Closure: Mr I. L. Robinson moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion for the allotment of time be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Clause 22 agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Limitation of debate: At fifteen minutes past nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the committee stage had expired—

Question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

Further question—That the amendment circulated by the Government be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.

The amendment circulated by the Government was accordingly made in the Bill, and is as follows: Clause 23, page 11, line 25, after “paragraph” insert “or occurred before the commencement of this Act”.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Enderby (Minister for Secondary Industry), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (NO. 2) 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 for Secondary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1973-74: 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

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That further consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Department of Education be postponed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment and Conservation, \$1,729,000—debated and agreed to.

It being fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Collard, Mr Fox*, Mr Garland*, Dr Klugman*, Mr Peacock and Mr Viner.

* On leave

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