AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1973

- 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 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM: Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, led by the Honourable C. M. Woodhouse, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.P., was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a very warm welcome.
- 3 Petitions: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), Mr Morrison (Minister for Science), Mr Berinson, Mr Bury, Sir John Cramer, Mr James, Mr Lucock, Mr MacKellar and Mr Turner—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House see that television is used to build into the nation integrity, team work and a sense of purpose by serving, and to bring faith in God to the heart of the family and national life.
 - Dr Everingham (Minister for Health), Mr Bonnett, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Drury, Mr Jarman, 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 Erwin—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 Gorton and Mr Jarman—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 Suspension of standing orders—Motion of want of confidence in the Government: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—
 - Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that he accepted the notice of motion as a motion of want of confidence in the Government for the purposes of standing order 110.
 - Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Snedden moving forthwith the motion of want of confidence in the Government of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

5 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of the House because of its mismanagement of the nation and, in particular: (a) its failure to exercise proper economic management; (b) its disastrous handling of the mining industry; (c) its neglect of national security and defence; (d) its failure to exercise influence in the maintenance of industrial stability; (e) its disregard for the proper role of the States, and (f) its mismanagement of the national Parliament.

Ordered—That Mr Snedden be granted an extension of time. Debate ensued.

Mr McMahon rising to address the House-

Closure: Mr Nicholls 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,	59
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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Olley
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart
Dr Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Thorburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Tellers:
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	Mr Morris
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls

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Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bourchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hewson	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Tellers:
Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Giles

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bourchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Snedden
Mr Bury	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Turner
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Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Morris
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And so it was negatived.

6 Papers: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Report—Expandable polystyrene beads and coated paperboard for use in the manufacture of disposable hot drink cups.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Seventeenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.

7 International monetary system—Meeting of World Bank and International Monetary Fund—Ministerial statement and papers—Motion to take note of papers: Mr Crean (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund held at Nairobi, Kenya, and to discussions of the Committee of Twenty on 23 September 1973 concerning reform of the international monetary system, also held at Nairobi, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

International monetary system—Meeting of World Bank and International Monetary Fund—Ministerial statement, 23 October 1973.

International monetary system reform-

First outline of reform—Paper prepared by the Committee of Twenty.

Glossary of terms prepared by Commonwealth Treasury, dated October 1973.

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

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.

8 STATES GRANTS 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. 87, dated 22 August 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.

9 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) 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. 88, dated 23 August 1973, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys 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.

- 10 Message from the Senate: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 - 23 October 1973—Message No. 127—Aboriginal Affairs (Arrangements with the States) 1973.
- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 12 Trade discussions with overseas countries—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Daly (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (presented on 15 October), viz.:

Trade discussions with overseas countries—Ministerial statement, 15 October 1973—

Debate resumed.

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

13 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-

Proposed expenditures-

Department of External Territories, \$193,932,000-

Department of Foreign Affairs, \$124,736,000—

together debated.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee-

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

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

14 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly 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 half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

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

* On leave.

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