

AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 4

THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 1974

- 1 The House met, at half-past 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 Drury and Mr Giles—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
- Mr Bonnett—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 Fox—from certain staff employed at Parliament House, Canberra praying that immediate action be taken to provide special parking areas immediately adjacent to Parliament House, for members of Parliament House staff.
- Mr Holten—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to include "God Save The Queen" in any referendum or poll to decide a national anthem.
- Petitions received.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Development of the National Archives—Report by Dr W. Kaye Lamb, dated September 1973.
- Protection of Privacy—Second Interim Report by the Committee of Enquiry, dated 11 December 1973.
- Red Cross—Twenty-second International Conference, Teheran, 8–15 November 1973—Report of the Australian Delegation, dated 4 December 1973.
- Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State) asked leave to make a ministerial statement with reference to the report on development of the National Archives.
- Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
- Commonwealth Railways Act—Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Report for year 1972–73.
- 5 **NATIONAL ARCHIVES—REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the report on development of the National Archives.
- Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the report.

- 6 PRICES—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Australian Country Party in the Senate had nominated Senator Reid to be a member of the Joint Committee on Prices in the place of Senator Prowse, resigned.
- 7 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize Australia to Subscribe for Additional Shares of the Capital Stock of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Crean 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.
- 8 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL TRAINING FEES RE-IMBURSEMENT) BILL 1974: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States by reason of certain educational Institutions having ceased to charge Fees for certain Courses of Technical Training.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fairbairn), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1974: Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *River Murray Waters Act 1915–1973*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Dr Cass moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fairbairn), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1973—REQUEST TO SENATE FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION: Dr Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade) moved, pursuant to notice—That a message be sent to the Senate requesting the Senate to resume consideration of the Bill intituled “A Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Industry Development Corporation”, which was transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence during the last session of the Parliament, the proceedings on such Bill having been interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 11 NATIONAL INVESTMENT FUND BILL 1973—REQUEST TO SENATE FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION: Dr Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade) moved, pursuant to notice—That a message be sent to the Senate requesting the Senate to resume consideration of the Bill intituled “A Bill for an Act to establish a National Investment Fund, and for purposes connected therewith”, which was transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence during the last session of the Parliament, the proceedings on such Bill having been interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 12 FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS BILL 1973—RESUMPTION OF LAPSED BUSINESS: Mr Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr Crean (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice—That the proceedings on the Bill intituled “A Bill for an Act relating to Corporations engaged in certain Financial Operations” which were interrupted by the Prorogation last session, be resumed at the stage which they had then reached, and that the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

13 PRICES—JOINT COMMITTEE—REFERENCE—IMPORTS AFFECTED BY REVALUATION: Mr Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr Crean (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That the following matter be referred to the Joint Committee on Prices: Imports in respect of which evidence is presented to the Committee that the Australian dollar price to consumers or users failed to respond to reductions in landed costs following the revaluation of the Australian dollar in December 1972 or following other relevant currency changes in 1973, with particular reference to those imports having a significant effect on domestic costs and prices.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

14 HOURS OF MEETING: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair, on each Wednesday at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m. and on each Thursday at ten o'clock a.m.

Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That the words “eleven o'clock a.m.” be omitted with a view to substituting the words “two o'clock p.m.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Hewson	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Holten	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

15 ADJOURNMENT OF SITTING: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That, unless otherwise ordered, at half-past ten o'clock p.m. on each sitting day the Speaker shall propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate; if the House be in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress and upon such report being made the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate.

Provided that:

- (a) if a division be in progress at the time fixed for interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced,
- (b) if, on the question—That the House do now adjourn—being proposed, a Minister requires the question to be put forthwith without debate, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question,
- (c) nothing in this order shall operate to prevent a motion for the adjournment of the House being moved by a Minister at an earlier hour,
- (d) any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting, and
- (e) if the question—That the House do now adjourn—is negatived, the House or committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted.

Provided further that, if at eleven o'clock p.m. the question before the House is—
That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

16 PRIVILEGE—LETTER TO THE EDITOR, 'THE SUN NEWS-PICTORIAL'—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That the matter of the letter, dated 2 December 1973, written to the editor, *The Sun News-Pictorial*, in the name of the honourable Member for Casey and published in that newspaper on 6 December 1973 be referred to the Committee of Privileges.
- (2) That the Committee of Privileges, when considering this matter, have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Question—put and passed.

17 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REFERENCE—TELEVISIONING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That the following matter be referred to the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings for inquiry and report:
 - (a) whether the televising of portion of the Parliamentary debates and proceedings is desirable, and
 - (b) if so, to what extent and in what manner the telecasts should be undertaken.
- (2) That the committee, for any purposes related to this inquiry, have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (3) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Question—put and passed.

18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SALES TAX BILLS: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in relation to the proceedings on any Sales Tax Bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—

- (a) the presentation and the first readings of the Bills together;
- (b) one motion being moved and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and
- (c) the consideration of all the Bills as a whole together in a committee of the whole.

Debate ensued.

The debate having been closed by Mr Daly having spoken in reply—
Mr Fraser, by leave, again addressed the House.

Question—put and passed.

19 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Bryant (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs be appointed to inquire into and report on matters referred to it by resolution of the House, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs or by motion of the committee within the following terms:
 - (a) to consult with Aboriginal and Island people on policies and programs for their advancement;
 - (b) to examine the present situation of Aboriginal and Island people, recommend policies for improvements, and
 - (c) evaluate the effect of policies and programs on Aboriginal and Island people.
- (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
- (3) That the committee consist of nine members, five to be nominated by the Prime Minister, three to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and one to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister.
- (7) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members, and refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, and a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitutes a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (10) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess or adjournment.
- (11) That the committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and have power, with the approval of the Speaker, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee.
- (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs appointed in the First Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament.
- (14) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (15) That the committee shall be empowered to confer with a similar committee of the Senate.
- (16) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Question—put and passed.

20 PETROLEUM AND MINERALS AUTHORITY BILL 1973—REQUEST TO SENATE FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION: Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy) moved, pursuant to notice—That a message be sent to the Senate requesting the Senate to resume consideration of the Bill intituled “A Bill for an Act to establish a Petroleum and

Minerals Authority", which was transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence during the last session of the Parliament, the proceedings on such Bill having been interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HOSPITAL, TENNANT CREEK, N.T.: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1973*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Re-development of the Tennant Creek hospital, N.T.

Mr Johnson presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 22 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AREA SCHOOL, YIRRKALA, N.T.: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1973*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of area school at Yirrkala, N.T.

Mr Johnson presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 23 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 17 and 18, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 24 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN: Mr Riordan brought up the Address in Reply to Her Majesty's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed on 28 February, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire to thank you for the Gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

The presence in Australia of Your Majesty and of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip has once again brought the greatest pleasure to Your Australian people. We, their representatives in this House, are grateful for this opportunity to re-affirm our allegiance to you as our Queen.

Mr Riordan moved—That the Address be agreed to.

Mr McKenzie seconded the motion.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart—Minister for Tourism and Recreation), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 25 PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SOUTH-EAST ASIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to his recent visit to South-East Asia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Prime Minister's visit to South-East Asia—

Principal speeches made by the leaders of the Governments of Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Burma, Singapore and the Philippines.

Principal speeches made by Mr Whitlam.

Ministerial statement, dated 7 March 1974.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the statement.

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

26 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Majesty The Queen be agreed to:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire to thank you for the Gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

The presence in Australia of Your Majesty and of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip has once again brought the greatest pleasure to Your Australian people. We, their representatives in this House, are grateful for this opportunity to re-affirm our allegiance to you as our Queen—

Debate resumed.

27 ADJOURNMENT: It being half-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 Tuesday next 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 7 March 1974, pursuant to statute:

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1974—No. 12—Village Courts 1973.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir John Cramer, Mr Erwin, Mr Gorton, Mr Jarman, Mr Keating and Dr Patterson.

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