

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 1974

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- 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 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Corbett, Mr Drury, Mr McLeay, Mr Viner and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
 - Mr James—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House protect the individual's basic rights defined by the Australian Constitution and oppose the second reading of the Human Rights Bill.
 - Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government legislate to protect the whale from commercial exploitation.
 - Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take steps to ensure that the Government does not site a second international airport for Sydney in the Galston area or surrounding suburbs.
 Petitions received.
 - 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Senator Willesee (Minister for Foreign Affairs), he would act as Minister for Foreign Affairs.
 - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Tariff Board—Report—Cigarette paper.
 - 6 **STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** Mr Fraser asked leave to make a statement.
 - Objection being raised, leave not granted.
 - 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to resume consideration of the following Bill which was transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence during the last session of the Parliament:
 - 14 March 1974—Message No. 7—Trade Practices 1973.
 - 8 **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING:** Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock p.m. tomorrow.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CRUDE OIL PRICE INCREASES—EFFECT ON RURAL INDUSTRY:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Whan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The serious consequences for rural industry of any increase in the price of crude oil".
 - The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 - Mr Whan addressed the House.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Discussion concluded.

- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 11 COMMONWEALTH BANKS BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Banks Act 1959–1973* with respect to the Functions of the Development Bank and to the Remuneration of the Holders of Certain Offices.
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.
- 12 SUPERANNUATION (DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Superannuation.
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.
- 13 AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION BILL 1974: Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Tourist Commission Act 1967–1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Stewart 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.
- 14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 15 AIRLINES EQUIPMENT BILL 1974: 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 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—*And on the amendment moved by Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That the following words be added to the Address: “, but the House of Representatives is of the opinion and regrets that Your Majesty was not informed by the Government of the true position in Australia in that it has:

- (1) created an intolerably high level of inflation and has taken no effective steps to stop it;
- (2) caused uncertainty and in its management of the economy is creating social inequities;
- (3) attempted to change the Federal system of the Australian Constitution by diminishing the responsibility of the States;
- (4) injured rural industries and the communities they support;
- (5) pursued defence and foreign policies which have seriously weakened our defence capacity, and

(6) failed to fulfil the expectations of the Australian people because of its administrative incompetence”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Keogh), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 17 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 18 MARCH 1974:** Mr Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a report, dated 18 March 1974, recommending changes in the standing orders of the House of Representatives together with a recommendation involving further action by the House.

Ordered to be printed.

Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

19 March 1974—Message No. 8—States Grants (Technical Training Fees Reimbursement) 1974.

- 19 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FISHERIES (PAPUA NEW GUINEA BOATS) BILL 1974:** Message No. 9, dated 19 March 1974, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act relating to Fishing Boats associated with Papua New Guinea*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 20 **APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1973–74:** 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 by Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not denying this Bill a second reading, this House is of the opinion that (a) the high rate of inflation requires restraint in both incomes and prices in the public and private sectors, (b) wage and salary movements in public and private sector employment should not exceed Australia’s economic capacity, (c) there must be an even balance between public and private sector conditions of employment and (d) the provisions of the Bill represent an unwarranted and economically unjustifiable increase in public sector employment expenditure”.

Debate continued.

Adjournment negatived: It being half-past ten o’clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Calder	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Drummond	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Drury	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Edwards	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Daly, the Bill was read a third time.

21 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—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 three o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 March 1974, pursuant to statute:

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 25.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for—

Defence purposes—Learmonth, Western Australia.

Pipeline Authority purposes—

New South Wales (2).

South Australia.

Post office purposes—

Carramar, New South Wales.

Coffin Bay, South Australia.

Mooroolbark, Victoria.

New Residence, South Australia.

Statement of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.

Spirits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 26.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Davies, Mr Fulton and Mr McMahon.

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