

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 1974

1 The House met, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.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 Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), Mr Bennett, Mr Berinson, Mr Garland, Mr Lamb and Mr Maisey—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Drury, Mr Giles and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Coates and Mr Sherry—from certain citizens of Australia praying that sub-clause 10 (3) of the Human Rights Bill 1973 be amended by adding the following words: "and no revenue derived in any way from any Australian citizen shall be appropriated by the Australian Government, or by a State Government, or by a Municipal Government, for the propagation or support of any religion".

Mr Berinson and Mr Corbett—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.

Sir John Cramer and Mr Fairbairn—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will not proceed with the Human Rights Bill.

Mr Drummond—from certain electors of the Division of Forrest praying that a poll be held in conjunction with the next Federal general elections or referendum to determine, if so desired, an alternative to "God Save The Queen" as a national anthem.

Mr Giles—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject any proposed legislation to allow adults to import privately "hard-core" pornography.

Mr Jarman—from certain electors of Victoria praying that War Service Homes rights be granted immediately to all wartime ex-servicewomen.

Mr Jarman—from certain electors of the Division of Deakin praying that the Government set aside sufficient funds for research into the production of industrial solar energy.

Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government legislate to protect the whale from commercial exploitation.

Mr Viner—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government ensure that the publication and availability of pornographic literature and films are restricted and that people are made aware of the dangers to the community of such material.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 4 HANSARD TAPE RECORDINGS—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to the replaying for Members of *Hansard* tape recordings of House proceedings.
- 5 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.
- 6 VISITOR VISAS—REVISED SYSTEM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the operation of the revised visitor visa system introduced in September 1973, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Visitor visas—Revised system—Ministerial statement, 3 April 1974.
Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Keogh), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1974: 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 Peacock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 INCOME TAX (DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST WITHHOLDING TAX) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose Income Tax upon certain Dividends and Interest derived by Non-residents and by certain other Persons.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Peacock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Corporations engaged in certain Financial Operations.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Mr Crean (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice—That the order of the day, government business, for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Financial Corporations Bill 1973, be discharged.
Question—put and passed.
- 11 NORTHERN TERRITORY (STABILIZATION OF LAND PRICES) BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister for the Northern Territory), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Stabilize the Price of Land in the Northern Territory required, or likely to be required, in connexion with Urban Development.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 4 and 5, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 13 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUSTRALIAN RADIATION LABORATORY, YALLAMBIE, VIC.: 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 proposed premises for the Australian Radiation Laboratory at Yallambie, Vic.

Mr Johnson presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.

- 14 AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCY 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 Dr Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING INSTITUTE 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the following amendment was made: Clause 11, page 3, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

“11. (1) The Director shall be paid such remuneration as is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal, but, until that remuneration is so determined, he shall be paid such remuneration as is prescribed. Remuneration
of Director.

“(2) Subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, the Director shall be paid such allowances as are prescribed.

“(3) Payments under this section shall be made out of the funds of the Institute.”

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Enderby, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION 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 Daly (Acting Minister for Tourism and Recreation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 COMMONWEALTH BANKS 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Daly (Acting Minister for Tourism and Recreation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 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 ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 April 1974, pursuant to statute:

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 37.

Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 38.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Labour—D. G. Pedder.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bury, Mr Davies, Mr England, Mr Morrison and Mr Stewart.

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