

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 3

THURSDAY, 11 JULY 1974

1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Scholes) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr Luchetti, Mr McMahon, Mr Mulder and Mr Riordan—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with existing television program standards or to permit easier entry into Australia, or production in Australia, of pornographic material.

Mr McMahon, Mr Oldmeadow and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) grant a cash loading to pensioners, (2) increase within a reasonable period the weekly pension to 25 per cent of average weekly earnings, (3) freeze the tapered means test ceilings of income and assets and (4) give an assurance that the proposed national superannuation Bill will provide pensioners with a guaranteed minimum income of 30 per cent of quarterly adjusted average weekly earnings.

Mr Drury and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Bennett—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Parliament (1) take any steps necessary either to direct the Commonwealth Banking Corporation to preserve and restore the Palace Hotel, St George's Terrace, Perth, or itself to acquire, preserve and restore the hotel on its present site and (2) make available any funds necessary to purchase the entire contents of the hotel from the owners.

Mr Giles—from certain citizens of Australia 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 Mulder—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urgently legislate for a universal, comprehensive national health insurance scheme financed from taxation.

Mr Street—from certain kindergarten teachers from Geelong and district, Victoria, praying that the Government support the administration of pre-school education in the Victorian Department of Health and make finance available to allow the Victorian Government to implement the recommendations in the Victorian Consultative Council report on pre-school child development.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

Suspension of sitting: At seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock a.m., Mr Acting Speaker left the Chair to enable honourable Members to attend the swearing-in of the Honourable Sir John Kerr, as Governor-General of Australia.

Resumption of sitting: At fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., Mr Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Fibreglass insect screening (Dumping and Subsidies Act), dated 5 March 1974.

Passenger motor vehicles, etc., dated 10 July 1974, together with supporting document on the Australian market for passenger motor vehicles, dated June 1974.

Maritime Industry—Commission of Inquiry—Report on training requirements for sea-going personnel, dated May 1974.

Tariff Board—Reports—

Blades for safety razors (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Bright round steel bars.

5 HEALTH INSURANCE 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—

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 Chipp speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

Further question—That the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the House adopted the report.

Mr Hayden moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: At twenty minutes past four o'clock p.m., Mr Acting Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages had expired—

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

6 HEALTH INSURANCE 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, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the House adopted the report.

Mr Hayden moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: At ten minutes to five o'clock p.m., Mr Acting Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages had expired—

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

7 PETROLEUM AND MINERALS AUTHORITY 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.

Limitation of debate: At twenty minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading had expired—

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

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

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

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

Further question—That the Bill be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), the House adopted the report.

Mr Connor moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: At twenty minutes to six o'clock p.m., Mr Acting Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

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

AYES, 61

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bowen	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fry	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whan
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 53

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Gorton	Mr Lusher	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr McMahon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Drury	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Ellicott	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	Mr England

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

- 8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition making an immediate statement on the serious consequences of the public conflicts and contradictions between Ministers, and between Ministers and the Prime Minister, over the economic crisis, emphasised by replies to questions yesterday and today, wherein was seen: (1) the Prime Minister completely abdicating leadership in refusing to make a statement to the House setting out a single, clear economic policy; (2) the breakdown of communication and infighting between Ministers over economic policy, evidenced by the Prime Minister's ignorance of the letter from the Minister for Labor and Immigration to the Treasurer and his refusal on two occasions to allow that letter to be tabled; (3) the Prime Minister's re-endorsement of an eight per cent inflation target by mid-1975 in the face of contradictory statements by the Treasurer; (4) the Prime Minister's attempt to suppress yesterday's statement by the Minister for Social Security condemning the Government's handling of the economy, and (5) the Government's cynical misuse of its numbers to savagely impose the guillotine to prevent full debate of the current economic situation.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 53

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Gorton	Mr Lusher	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bowen	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Willis
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Young
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negated.

- 9 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 and Wednesday at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m. and on each Thursday at ten o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 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:

- if a division be in progress at the time fixed for interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced,
- 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,
- 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,
- 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
- if the question—That the House do now adjourn—is negated, 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.

- 11 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—

- the presentation and the first readings of the Bills together;
- 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
- the consideration of all the Bills as a whole together in a committee of the whole.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 MINERALS (SUBMERGED LANDS) BILL 1974: Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Recovery of Minerals, other than Petroleum, from the Sea-bed and Subsoil beneath certain Waters of the Sea and from the Continental Shelf.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Connor moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 MINERALS (SUBMERGED LANDS) (ROYALTY) BILL 1974: Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Royalty upon Minerals other than Petroleum recovered from Submerged Lands adjacent to the Australian Coast or to the Coasts of certain Territories.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Connor moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 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 Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 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 Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 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 Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL 1974: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Stevedoring Industry.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Cameron moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 CANBERRA WATER SUPPLY (GOOGONG DAM) BILL 1974: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Construction of a Dam on the Queanbeyan River in New South Wales and the Supply of Water from that Dam for use in the Australian Capital Territory, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Uren 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.

19 GLEBE LANDS (APPROPRIATION) BILL 1974: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for purposes connected with the Purchase by Australia of certain Lands at Glebe in the State of New South Wales.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Uren 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.

20 STATES GRANTS (URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT) BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States for the purpose of Urban Public Transport.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered—That Mr Jones be granted an extension of time.

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

21 ADJOURNMENT NEGATED: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and negatived.

22 URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT (RESEARCH AND PLANNING) BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Provision with respect to Research and Planning in connexion with Urban Public Transport.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones 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.

23 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 11, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

24 EXTRADITION (FOREIGN STATES) BILL 1974: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 10 and 21 of the *Extradition (Foreign States) Act 1966–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Enderby moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

25 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 Acting Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cope, Mr Drummond, Mr Hewson, Mr Macphee and Mr O'Keefe.

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