

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 4

TUESDAY, 16 JULY 1974

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- 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 MEMBER SWORN: Frank Lionel O'Keefe made and subscribed the oath required by law.
 - 3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party), Mr Coates, Mr Innes and Mr Willis—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 Bennett—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 Coates—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.
 - Mr Coates—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) immediately increase expenditure on solar energy research to an amount comparable with current expenditure on atomic energy research, (2) maintain expenditure at this level and (3) maintain CSIRO control of, and responsibility for, solar energy research until an appropriate commission has been established.
 - Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy)—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 Jacobi—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take immediate steps to implement a pension scheme for males bringing up and supporting their children and to make tax deductible the total wage of a house-keeper employed by any parent working full time.

Mr Hodges—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will not proceed with the Human Rights Bill.

Mr Hurford—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.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Acupuncture—Report to the National Health and Medical Research Council by Professor J. G. McLeod, Dr M. J. S. Sainsbury and Professor D. Joseph.

Public Works Committee Act—Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on review of the Act, dated June 1974.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Australian Dairy Produce Board—Forty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Dried Fruits Research Act—Dried Fruits Research Committee—Second Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1972.

Pig Industry Research Act—Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—Second Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1973.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Chipp moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the House debating nursing home benefits and Opposition policies on social welfare.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—put and negatived.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOUSING: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr McLeay had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to implement policies which will encourage home ownership and ensure that the Australian community is adequately housed and the home building industry preserved".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McLeay addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BILL 1974: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Industries Assistance Commission—
Report—Calcium carbide, dated 17 April 1974.
Textiles Authority—Report on certain items of apparel.
- 11 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1974: Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Industry Development Corporation.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 NATIONAL INVESTMENT FUND BILL 1974: Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a National Investment Fund, and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 EXCISE BILL 1974: Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act 1901-1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 CUSTOMS BILL 1974: Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901-1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1974: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953-1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hayden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Chipp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 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 Nixon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 PRICES JUSTIFICATION BILL 1974: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Prices Justification Acts 1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Whitlam 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.

- 18 ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize certain Contributions by Australia to the Asian Development Bank for the purposes of an Asian Development Fund.
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.
- 19 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 8 to 11, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 20 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1974: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Works Committee Act 1969-1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 21 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 13 to 16, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 22 TRADE PRACTICES BILL 1974: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain Trade Practices.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Enderby moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Ordered—That Mr Enderby be granted an extension of time.
Suspension of standing orders—Further extension of time for speech: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Enderby concluding his speech.
Question—put and passed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Ellicott), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 18 to 21, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 24 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Young brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed on 9 July 1974, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:
We, the House of Representatives of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to express our thanks for the Speech which His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Paul Hasluck, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.St.J., as Governor-General, was pleased to address to Parliament.
Mr Young moved—That the Address be agreed to.
Mrs Child seconded the motion.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Daly—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 25 SUPERIOR COURT OF AUSTRALIA BILL 1974: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to create a Court to be known as the Superior Court of Australia and to make provision with respect to the Jurisdiction of, and other matters in relation to, that Court.
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.

26 STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1974: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act for the purposes of Statute Law Revision.

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.

27 PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOLS, KATHERINE, ANULA AND WULAGI, N.T.—APPROVAL OF WORKS: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with section 18 (8) (b) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1973*, the following proposed works be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Construction of primary and pre-schools at Katherine, Anula and Wulagi, N.T.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

28 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: 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 His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

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Debate resumed.

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

29 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 tomorrow at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 July 1974, pursuant to statute:

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Aboriginal Affairs—G. Harwood, L. O'Donoghue, L. Ridgeway, R. Saunders.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations, accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1974—

No. 142—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

Nos. 143 and 144—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 145—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 146—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†

No. 147—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 148—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 149—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.

No. 150—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

Nos. 151 and 152—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 153—Australian Journalists Association.

Nos. 154 and 155—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

Nos. 156 and 157—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.†

No. 158—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 172—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.†

No. 173—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.†

No. 174—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

(† Not accompanied by statement).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Connor, Mr Drummond, Mr Hewson, Mr Jones, Mr Macphee and Mr Staley.

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