

AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 5

WEDNESDAY, 17 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

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

Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), Mr Lucock and Mr Thorburn—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 Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and 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 Bennett and Mr Garland—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 O'Keefe and Mr Reynolds—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.

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

Dr Gun—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Prime Minister to make known publicly to the Indonesian authorities when he visits Indonesia in April the concern of Australians about the plight of Indonesian political prisoners.

Dr Gun—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government set aside sufficient funds for research into the production of industrial solar energy.

Dr Klugman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government hasten to introduce a universal health scheme so that health care services in Australia can function efficiently and economically.

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

Mr Reynolds—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will not allow dismemberment of the Repatriation Department or the transfer of any of its functions to other authorities or departments.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Aboriginal Land Rights Commission—Second and final report, dated April 1974.  
Commission on Advanced Education—Teacher Education Liaison Committee—  
Preliminary report on non-Government Teachers Colleges, 1974–75.

Department of Supply—

Aeronautical Research Laboratories—Report for year 1972–73.

Central Studies Establishment—Report for year 1972–73.

Defence Standards Laboratories—Report for year 1972–73.

Weapons Research Establishment—Report for year 1972–73.

Integration of Data Systems—Report of Committee, dated April 1974.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Restrictive Trade Practices Act—Commissioner of Trade Practices—Seventh  
Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

5 MANPOWER POLICY FOR AUSTRALIA—REPORTS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Australian Interdepartmental Mission to study overseas manpower and industry  
policies and programmes—Report, dated March 1974.

Australian labour market Training—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated  
May 1974.

Manpower policy in Australia—Department of Labour—Report to the Organisa-  
tion for Economic Co-operation and Development—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to an active manpower policy  
for Australia.

Mr Fraser, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

6 DEATH OF THE PRINCE HENRY—REPLY TO ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE: Mr Speaker informed the House that, in reply to the Address of Condolence agreed to by the House on the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Henry, Her Majesty The Queen had sent the following message:

“I am most grateful for the address unanimously agreed by the Members of the House of Representatives of Australia in Parliament assembled conveying to me their sorrow on the death of The Duke of Gloucester. I and my family much appreciate their sympathy.

ELIZABETH R”.

7 NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister for the Northern Territory), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910–1973*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party),  
and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 WOOL INDUSTRY BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Industry Act 1972–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party),  
and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 9 WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Marketing of Wheat and the Stabilization of the Wheat Industry.  
Bill read a first time.  
Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 WHEAT PRODUCTS EXPORT ADJUSTMENT BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture) presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Australian Wheat Board to require the making of certain Payments in respect of the Export of Wheat Products.  
Bill read a first time.  
Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Charge in respect of Wheat and Wheat Products exported from Australia.  
Bill read a first time.  
Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), 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 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SYSTEM—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—
- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into, report on and make recommendations for—
    - (a) a balanced system of committees for the Parliament;
    - (b) the integration of the committee system into the procedures of the Parliament, and
    - (c) arrangements for committee meetings which will best suit the convenience of Senators and Members.
  - (2) That the committee consist of four Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, two Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, one Member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in the House of Representatives, three Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
  - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
  - (5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
  - (6) 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.

- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament.
- (9) 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.
- (10) That seven 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.
- (11) That in matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (13) That the committee or a sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (14) That the committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all members of the committee have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.
- (15) 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.
- (16) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 1, dated 15 July 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 INCOME TAX (DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST WITHHOLDING TAX) 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 Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 EXTRADITION (FOREIGN STATES) 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 Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 STATUTE LAW REVISION 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.  
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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- The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the House adopted the report.  
 Mr Enderby moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 19 CANBERRA WATER SUPPLY (GOOGONG DAM) 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.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 2, dated 15 July 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 20 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 21 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) 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—  
 Mr Fraser addressing the House—
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- 22 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 ten o'clock a.m.
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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 July 1974, pursuant to statute:

- Defence Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 117.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of land, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1974—
  - No. 10—Traffic.
  - No. 11—Traffic (No. 2).
  - No. 12—Sheriff.
  - No. 13—Criminal Law Consolidation.
  - No. 14—Local Courts.
  - No. 15—Local Government (No. 2).
  - No. 16—Hire Purchase.
  - No. 17—Holidays.
  - No. 18—Legal Practitioners.
  - No. 19—Legal Practitioners (Incorporation).
  - No. 20—Freehold Titles.
- Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 119.
- Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 118.

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

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