

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 6

THURSDAY, 18 JULY 1974

1 The House met, at ten 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 Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Bennett, Mr Bungey, Mr Collard, Mr Garland, Mr Hyde and Mr Viner—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 K. M. Cairns, 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 Armitage, Mr Edwards, Mr MacKellar 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 Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), Mr MacKellar and Mr Wentworth—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 Armitage—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.

Mr Bungey—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.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to provide flood-free access to Colo Shire, New South Wales.

Mr Enderby (Minister for Manufacturing Industry)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government (1) to grant at least \$10 million immediate emergency aid to the Sahelian region of Africa and continue to assist in the long term agricultural and social development of the region and (2) to take a leading part in initiatives to set up world food and fertilizer funds at the World Food Conference in November.

Mr Enderby—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.

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

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

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Berinson, Mr Bungey, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Clayton, Mr Cohen and Mr Holten be members of the House Committee.
Question—put and passed.

5 LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Cross, Mr Erwin, Dr Klugman, Mr Luchetti, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Wentworth be members of the Library Committee.
Question—put and passed.

6 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Dr J. F. Cairns, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Drury, Mr Enderby, Mr Innes, Dr Jenkins, Mr Lucock, Mr Scholes and Mr Viner be members of the Committee of Privileges; five to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.

7 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Erwin, Mr Hodges, Mr Lamb, Mr McKenzie, Mr Mathews, Mr Millar and Mr Oldmeadow be members of the Publications Committee.
Question—put and passed.

8 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, *ex officio* members, the following Members be members of the Standing Orders Committee; five to form a quorum, viz.: Mr Anthony, Mr Berinson, Mr Bryant, Dr J. F. Cairns, Mr Drury, Mr Garland and Mr Sinclair.
Question—put and passed.

9 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946–1973*, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Coates, Mr Duthie, Mr England and Mr Sherry be members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.
Question—put and passed.

10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951–1973*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz.: Mr Collard, Mr Connolly, Mr Graham, Mr Lusher, Mr Martin, Mr Morris and Mr Reynolds.
Question—put and passed.

11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1973*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.: Mr Bonnett, Mr Garrick, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Kelly, Mr Keogh and Mr McVeigh.
Question—put and passed.

- 12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Australian Country Party from making a statement drawing the attention of the House to the serious charges made by the honourable Member for Eden-Monaro against members of the Australian Wool Corporation, and as would prevent the honourable Member for Eden-Monaro from substantiating his allegations with the evidence he claims to have in his possession.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—put.

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

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

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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 Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Bowen	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whan
Mrs Child	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Young
Mr Clayton	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	Mr James
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	

And so it was negatived.

- 13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL DISRUPTION: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Fraser had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to establish a reasonable degree of industrial peace and the Government's failure to protect the Australian public from the effects of industrial disruption".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Fraser addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 14 MARGINAL DAIRY FARMS AGREEMENTS BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Marginal Dairy Farms Agreements Act 1970*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Patterson 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.

15 NATIONAL ROADS BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to the Construction and Maintenance of National Roads.

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.

16 ROADS GRANTS BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads other than National Roads.

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.

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

18 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider and report on—
 - (a) foreign affairs and defence generally; and
 - (b) such matters as may be referred to the committee—
 - (i) by the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
 - (ii) by the Minister for Defence; or
 - (iii) by resolution of either House of the Parliament.
- (2) That the committee consist of eight Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, four Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, two Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in the House of Representatives, four Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and one Senator nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party 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 four or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

- (8) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for and examine persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to meet and transact business in public or private session and notwithstanding any prorogation 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 three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (11) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman when acting as Chairman, have a casting vote.
- (12) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence, appointed in the previous Parliament, relating to any matter on which that committee had not completed its consideration.
- (13) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered, with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee.
- (14) 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.
- (15) 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.

19 PRICES—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Crean (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into and, as appropriate, report upon—
 - (a) complaints arising from prices charged by private industry and by the public sector;
 - (b) movements in prices of goods and services in particular fields or sections of private industry and the public sector, for example, as measured by price indices, and
 - (c) such other matters relating to prices as may be referred to the committee by resolution of either House of the Parliament.
- (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, two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, one Senator nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and one Senator nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party 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 one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister.

- (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.
- (9) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess.
- (10) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee and three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (13) 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.
- (14) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (15) That the committee recognise the need for co-operation between the Commonwealth and consumer protection bodies in the States.
- (16) 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.
- (17) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on Prices appointed during the Twenty-eighth Parliament.
- (18) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

20 NORTHERN TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Dr Patterson (Minister for the Northern Territory) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed—
 - (a) to examine and report on measures that might be taken in the long and short term to provide the Northern Territory with responsible self-government in relation to local affairs—including appropriate divisions of legislative and executive responsibility at the National and Territorial or other level—having regard to:
 - (i) the Government's wish to establish a fully elected Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory by 31 December 1974;
 - (ii) the relationship that will need to exist between a local executive and the National Government;
 - (iii) the size, composition and diversity of interest of the population of the Territory including the special difficulty of providing for effective participation by the Aboriginal people in a political system which is alien to their traditional culture;
 - (iv) the extent to which the people of the Northern Territory wish to accept greater responsibility for its government;
 - (v) any other special considerations which the committee considers relevant to its conclusions;
 - (vi) financial arrangements, and
 - (b) to inquire into and report on such matters relating to the Northern Territory as are referred to it—
 - (i) by the Minister for the Northern Territory, or
 - (ii) by resolution of either House of the Parliament.

- (2) That the committee consist of three Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, one Member 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, two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, one Senator nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and one Senator nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party 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 one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister.
- (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.
- (9) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess.
- (10) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on the Northern Territory appointed during the Twenty-eighth Parliament.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.
- (13) That five 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.
- (14) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (15) 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.
- (16) 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.
- (17) 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.

21 ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Standing Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
 - (a) the main causes of the present high level of the road toll in Australia;
 - (b) the most effective means of achieving greater road safety in Australia;
 - (c) the particular aspects of the problem to which those concerned with road safety could most advantageously direct their efforts, and

- (d) the economic cost to the community of road accidents in Australia in terms of—
- (i) material damage,
 - (ii) loss of man hours and earning capacity, and
 - (iii) cost of treatment of accident victims.
- (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
 - (3) That the committee consist of seven members, four to be nominated by the Prime Minister, two to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and one to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.
 - (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
 - (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
 - (6) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister.
 - (7) 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.
 - (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (9) That four 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.
 - (10) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (11) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess.
 - (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
 - (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the House of Representatives Select Committees on Road Safety appointed in previous Parliaments.
 - (14) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and have power, with the approval of the Speaker, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee.
 - (15) 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.
 - (16) 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

22 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Bryant (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to—
 - (a) examine and report on all proposals for modifications or variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of November 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the committee by the Minister for the Capital Territory, and
 - (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the committee—
 - (i) by the Minister for the Capital Territory, or
 - (ii) by resolution of either House of the Parliament.

- (2) That the committee consist of three Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, one Member 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, two 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.
- (9) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess.
- (10) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That five 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.
- (13) 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.
- (14) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory, appointed in previous Parliaments, relating to any matters which are again referred to the committee.
- (15) 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.
- (16) 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.
- (17) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

23 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Bryant (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Standing Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on matters referred to it by resolution of the House, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs or by motion of the committee within the following terms:
 - (a) to consult with Aboriginal and Island people on policies and programs for their advancement;

- (b) to examine the present situation of Aboriginal and Island people, recommend policies for improvements, and
- (c) evaluate the effect of policies and programs on Aboriginal and Island people.
- (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
- (3) That the committee consist of nine members, five to be nominated by the Prime Minister, three to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and one to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister.
- (7) 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.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members, and refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That five 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.
- (10) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (11) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess.
- (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (13) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and have power, with the approval of the Speaker, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purpose of the committee.
- (14) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the House of Representatives Standing Committees on Aboriginal Affairs appointed during the Twenty-eighth Parliament.
- (15) 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.
- (16) That the committee shall be empowered to confer with a similar committee of the Senate.
- (17) 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.

Question—put and passed.

24 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE: Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Standing Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
 - (a) environmental aspects of legislative and administrative measures which ought to be taken in order to ensure the wise and effective management of the Australian environment and of Australia's natural resources, and
 - (b) such other matters relating to the environment and conservation and the management of Australia's natural resources as are referred to it by—
 - (i) the Minister for the Environment and Conservation, or
 - (ii) resolution of the House.
- (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.

- (3) That the committee consist of seven Members, four to be nominated by the Prime Minister, two to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and one to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister.
- (7) 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.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That four 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.
- (10) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (11) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess.
- (12) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (13) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and have power, with the approval of the Speaker, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee.
- (14) 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.
- (15) That the committee be empowered to confer with a similar committee of the Senate.
- (16) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Conservation appointed during the Twenty-eighth Parliament.
- (17) 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

25 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 6 TO 9 (1974): Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 (1974).

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

26 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—

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.

Mr Fraser, by leave, moved the following new clause and amendment together:

Proposed new clause—

Page 1, after clause 2 insert the following new clause:

“2A. Permanent arrangements for the Stevedoring Industry shall be submitted to the Parliament before 1 April 1975.”

Permanent
arrangements
for the
Stevedoring
Industry.

Amendment—

Clause 4, page 2, line 4, omit “1 July 1976”, substitute “1 April 1975”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the new clause and the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

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

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

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27 GLEBE LANDS (APPROPRIATION) 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.

Paper: Mr L. R. Johnson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Glebe lands—List of correspondence between the Australian Government, New South Wales Government, Leichhardt Municipal Council and others regarding the purchase of lands at Glebe.

Debate continued.

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

28 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

29 **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:
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—

Debate resumed.

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

30 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported acquainting the House of the appointment of Senators to the following committees:

18 July 1974—Message—

No. 1—Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Senators Coleman and Webster.

No. 2—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senators Grimes, Guilfoyle and McAuliffe.

No. 3—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Senators Jessop, Melzer and Poyser.

31 **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs:

Mr Clayton, Mr Collard, Mr Cross, Mr Dawkins and Mr Thorburn had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Jarman, Mr Ruddock and Mr Wentworth had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Hunt had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.

32 **ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation:

Dr Jenkins, Mr Kerin, Mr Lamb and Mr Sherry had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Bouchier and Mr Wilson had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr I. L. Robinson had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.

33 **ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Road Safety:

Mr Bennett, Mr Cohen, Dr Klugman and Mr McKenzie had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Erwin and Mr Ruddock had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Katter had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.

34 **GLEBE LANDS (APPROPRIATION) 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.

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

35 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 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 Bowen (Special Minister of State), the Bill was read a third time.

- 36 EXCISE 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.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Adermann moved the following amendment: Clause 4, page 4, at the end of proposed section 59B., add the following new sub-section:

“(6) No such revocation or variation of a quota order under this section shall be made which would operate to cause increased financial liability under this Act to any person acting in good faith who has cleared any goods of the kind to which the order relates, in quantity not exceeding the quota order applicable to him on the first notification of his quota to which the revocation or variation applies.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 37 CUSTOMS 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Adermann moved the following amendment: Clause 6, page 4, at the end of proposed section 132B., add the following new sub-section:

“(10) No such revocation or variation of a quota order under this section shall be made which would operate to cause increased financial liability under this Act to any person acting in good faith who has cleared any goods of the kind to which the order relates, in quantity not exceeding the quota order applicable to him on the first notification of his quota to which the revocation or variation applies.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 38 GLEBE LANDS (APPROPRIATION) 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. 3, 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 Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), the Bill was read a third time.

39 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development) 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 Tuesday next at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 July 1974, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—
Civil aviation purposes—Phillip Island, Victoria.

Defence purposes—

County of Ward, Queensland.

Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.

Development of Canberra and its environs—Australian Capital Territory (2).

Development of Darwin and its environs—County of Palmerston, Northern Territory (2).

Post office purposes—

Alice Springs, Northern Territory.

Atholwood, New South Wales.

Berri, South Australia.

Black Hill, South Australia.

Charlestown (Gateshead), New South Wales.

Lightning Ridge, New South Wales.

Paringa, South Australia.

Tilley Swamp, South Australia.

Yantanabie, South Australia.

Road purposes—Darwin, Northern Territory.

Roadway construction purposes—Berry Springs (near), Northern Territory.

Sewerage purposes—

Darwin, Northern Territory (2).

Nightcliff, Northern Territory.

Statements (4) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.

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

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