

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 30

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 1974

1 The House met, at half-past 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 Enderby (Minister for Manufacturing Industry) and Mr McKenzie—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take urgent steps to ensure that further mining and export from Australia of uranium, except for bio-medical purposes, be banned and that the Australian Atomic Energy Commission be transformed into an Australian Energy Commission.

Mr England and Mr Lucock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government forthwith return to the States all moneys raised by way of taxes and excise on petroleum products.

Mr Enderby—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the House urge the Government not to proceed with the introduction of self-government for the Australian Capital Territory until the residents of the Territory are consulted, by means of a referendum, on the issue.

Mr Fry—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to accept responsibility for the upgrading and maintenance of the Barton Highway as a main entrance to the National Capital.

Mr Hodges—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House not admit into the law of this land the principle that marriage is only temporary and the family no longer the fundamental unit of society.

Mr Hodges—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 Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take action against the Government's decision to recognise the sovereignty of the Soviet Union over the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Mr Katter—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to restore the concessional deduction for education expenses.

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 Lusher—from certain electors of the Division of Hume praying that greater consideration be given to those provisions of the Family Law Bill which could place in an unjust and unfair position a woman who performs in a praiseworthy manner her duties of wife, mother and home-maker.

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

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Diesel engines exceeding 1,500 kW, dated 5 August 1974.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1973–74.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

24 October 1974—Message No. 58—

Papua New Guinea Loan (International Bank) 1974.

Papua New Guinea Loans Guarantee 1974.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEAT INDUSTRY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The depressed state of the meat industry and the need for urgent Government action to relieve it".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENT BILL 1974: The following message from the Senate was reported:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 75

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to determine the site of the New and Permanent Parliament House, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

JUSTIN O'BYRNE,

Canberra, 24 October 1974.

President

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

8 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1974–75: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Agriculture, \$49,418,000—further debated.

Mr Giles rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 15 October be varied by next considering the proposed expenditures for the Department of Housing and Construction and the Department of Services and Property followed by the Department of Northern Development and the Department of the Northern Territory.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Housing and Construction, \$160,707,000—

Department of Services and Property, \$83,310,000—
together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 10 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report for year 1973–74—Statement by Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister).

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Industries Assistance Commission—
Report for year 1973–74, accompanied by statement by the Minister on action
taken on reports made under Part IV of the Act.

- 11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1974–75: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Housing and Construction, \$160,707,000—

Department of Services and Property, \$83,310,000—
together further debated.

Closure: Mr Bowen (Acting Minister for Services and Property) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Martin reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1974–75: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Northern Development, \$2,547,000—

Department of the Northern Territory, \$36,213,000—
together debated.

Mr Garland rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Minerals and Energy, \$44,181,000—debated.

Mr Viner rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Overseas Trade, \$27,205,000—

Department of Manufacturing Industry, \$162,293,000—
together debated.

Mr O'Keefe rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education, \$275,522,000—debated.

Mr McVeigh addressing the committee—

It being half-past ten o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Armitage reported accordingly.

Adjournment negatived: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Barnard (Acting Minister for Education) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Armitage reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

13 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

24 October 1974—Message—

No. 77—Repatriation Acts Amendment 1974.

No. 78—Social Services (No. 3) 1974.

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN FILM COMMISSION BILL 1974: Message No. 76, dated 29 October 1974, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to Establish an Australian Film Commission*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr D. M. Cameron rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Barnard moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 October 1974, pursuant to statute:

Aliens Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 191.

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 197.

Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 184.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 185.

Copyright Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 186

Courts-Martial Appeals Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 187.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 189.

Financial Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 196.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 193.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for microwave transmission purposes—

Kojonup, Western Australia.

Kulikup, Western Australia.

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

Marriage Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 188.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 195.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 190.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1974—

No. 57—Motor Vehicles.

No. 58—Australian Constitutional Convention Representation.

No. 59—National Parks and Gardens (No. 2).

No. 60—Juries (No. 2).

No. 61—Police and Police Offences (No. 4).

No. 62—Licensing (No. 3).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 192.

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

Nos. 581 to 604—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

No. 605—Clothing and Allied Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 606—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

Nos. 607 and 608—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 609—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.†

No. 610—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†

No. 611—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 612—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 614—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.

No. 615—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

Nos. 616 and 617—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 618—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 619—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

Nos. 620 and 621—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 622—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 623—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.

No. 624—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 625—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service and Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 626—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 627—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 628—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 630—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 631—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

(† Not accompanied by statement.)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances—1974—

- No. 41—Adoption of Children.
- No. 42—Small Claims (No. 2).
- No. 43—Administration and Probate (No. 2).
- No. 44—Legislative Assembly (No. 4).
- No. 45—Architects (No. 2).

Regulations—1974—

- No. 21 (Buildings (Design and Siting) Ordinance).
- No. 22 (Cemeteries Ordinance).
- No. 23 (Machinery Ordinance).
- No. 24 (Roads and Public Places Ordinance).

Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 170.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 194.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Beazley, Mr Daly, Mr FitzPatrick, Dr Forbes, Mr Scholes and Mr Wilson.

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