

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 34

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 1974

1 The House met, at twelve o'clock noon, 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 Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Bouchier, Mr Jarman, Mr Lamb, Mr Mathews and Mr Oldmeadow—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Family Law Bill be debated and passed as soon as possible.

Mr Lynch, Mr Jarman, Mr Lloyd and Mr Willis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and distress are occurring.

Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration)—from certain members of the academic staff of Torrens College of Advanced Education praying that the House grant an immediate interim salary award to academic staff of Colleges of Advanced Education to restore lost wage relativity and account for inflation.

Mr Lynch—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Human Rights Bill.

Mr Lynch—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 Clayton—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House pass the Family Law Bill without delay.

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

Mr Hodges—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House (1) engender greater respect for the nuclear family and frustrate its fragmentation as the basic unit of society and (2) ensure that Australian youth is led to loyalty to the Crown, service to others, and righteousness and integrity of character.

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 Lloyd—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government immediately increase, as an interim measure, current grants made to children in non-government schools to at least 50 per cent of the cost of educating children in government schools.

Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House ask the Australian Commission on Advanced Education to consider in its 1976–78 Triennium Report an allocation of funds for the provision of Union Facilities at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Mr Morris—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Fifteenth Annual Statement, for year 1973–74.
Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—First Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FOREIGN POLICIES DEBATE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Peacock had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to permit debate of its foreign policies in this Parliament and the need to have such debate on international issues of concern to the Australian people”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 15 (1974): Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 15 (1974). Debate adjourned (Mr Peacock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 HANDICAPPED PERSONS ASSISTANCE BILL 1974: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Assistance by Australia towards the Provision of Facilities for Handicapped Children, Disabled Persons and certain other Persons.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

9 DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS (PENSION INCREASES) BILL 1974: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefit Pensions.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

10 ELECTORAL LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1974: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 QUEENSLAND GRANT (CLARE WEIR) BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to Queensland in connexion with the Construction of a Weir on the Burdekin River near Clare.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 QUEENSLAND GRANT (PROSERPINE FLOOD MITIGATION) BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to Queensland for the purpose of Flood Mitigation Works in relation to the Proserpine River.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL (No. 2) 1974: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Universities) Act 1972–1973*, as amended by the *States Grants (Universities) Act 1974*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 16 STATES GRANTS (WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT) BILL 1974: Dr Everingham (Acting Minister for the Environment and Conservation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Water Resources Measurement) Act 1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Everingham moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1974: Dr Everingham (Acting Minister for the Environment and Conservation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *River Murray Waters Act 1915–1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Everingham moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MALAK PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL, DARWIN: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1974*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of Malak primary and pre-school at Darwin.
Mr Johnson presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.

- 19 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CENTRAL HOSPITAL SERVICE COMPLEX, A.C.T.—STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1974*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of a proposed warehouse and workshop as stage 2 development of the central hospital service complex in the A.C.T.

Mr Johnson presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 20 AIR NAVIGATION BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Navigation Act 1920–1973* and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 21 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) 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. 64, dated 31 October 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 22 HOUSING AGREEMENT 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 L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) 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.

Mr Giles addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 56

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

NOES, 51

Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Sullivan
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Connolly	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 65, dated 2 October 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 Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Corbett rising to address the House—

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

*Question—*That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 58

Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Shery
Mr Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Thornburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
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 Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

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Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bonnett	Mr Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr Lusher	Mr Sullivan
Mr Connolly	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Corbett	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Drummond	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr England

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 24 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) 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. 66, dated 2 October 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys 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.
- 25 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 26 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That notices Nos. 13 to 20 and orders of the day Nos. 6 to 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 27 SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL 1974: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Enderby, the Bill was read a third time.
- 28 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Enderby (Minister for Manufacturing Industry) 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 tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr J. F. Cairns, Dr Cass, Mr Kelly, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr Whan.

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