

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 36

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 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 Gorton, Mr Macphee and Mr Staley—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to restore education benefits to parents, at least to the 1973-74 level, either by increasing taxation deductions or through taxation rebates.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Education)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House promote debate to define and protect the different roles of husband and wife in full dignity.

Mr Ellicott—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government not proceed with the Family Law Bill in its present form.

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 Nicholls—from certain members of the academic staff of Salisbury 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 Mulder—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill in certain respects.

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

Mr Scholes—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Family Law Bill be debated and passed as soon as possible.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Dr Everingham (Minister for Health), Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation) was acting as Minister for Health.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Capital Territory Police—Report for year 1973-74.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Shipping Commission Act—Direction, dated 14 November 1974, by Minister under sub-section 17 (1) of the Act relating to a shipping service from Tasmania to the mainland.

Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing and Construction—Tenth Annual Report, for year 1973-74.

Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1973-74.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1973-74.

6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

16 November 1974—Message—

No. 70—

Compensation (Australian Government Employees) 1974.

Seamen's Compensation 1974.

No. 71—

Appropriation (No. 1) 1974-75.

Appropriation (No. 2) 1974-75.

18 November 1974—Message No. 72—Service and Execution of Process 1974.

7 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE: Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation) moved, by leave—That paragraph (9) of the resolution of appointment of the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation be omitted and that the following paragraph be substituted:

“(9) That three 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.”

Question—put and passed.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT SPENDING—PROPOSED REDUCTION: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Mathews had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “Deprivation and dislocation arising from a proposed 8 per cent ‘across the board’ reduction in government spending”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Mathews addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1974: Message No. 84, dated 14 November 1974, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to the Aboriginal People of Australia*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bryant (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ABORIGINAL LOANS COMMISSION BILL 1974: Message No. 85, dated 14 November 1974, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act relating to the Provision of Financial Assistance for certain Purposes conducive to the Advancement of the Aboriginal People of Australia*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bryant (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

11 WOOL INDUSTRY BILL (NO. 2) 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 Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS) 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.
Papers: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), during his speech, by leave, presented the following papers:
Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of guarantees and payments for year 1973–74.
Schools Commission—Questionnaire for non-government schools—
Explanatory notes dated October 1974.
Notice, dated 17 October 1974, from Mr J. R. Scutt, Secretary, Schools Commission, to school principals.
Letter, dated 19 November 1974, from the Minister for Education to Dr K. R. McKinnon, Chairman, Schools Commission.
Questionnaire dated October 1974.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 73, dated 16 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.
On the motion of Mr Beazley, the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION 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 Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
19 November 1974—Message—
No. 86—Loans (Australian National Airlines Commission) 1974.
No. 87—Loans (Qantas Airways Limited) 1974.
No. 88—Airline Equipment (Loan Guarantee) 1974.
- 15 CUSTOMS TARIFF 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.
- 16 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.

18 EXCISE TARIFF 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.

19 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 7 and 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

20 THE ECONOMY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Daly (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 12 November*), viz.:

The Economy—Ministerial statement, 12 November 1974—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Daly moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Mr Nicholls moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bungey	Dr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Cadman	Mr Fraser	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
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 McMahan	Mr Wilson
Mr Drury	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Edwards	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Ellicott	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr England

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 CUSTOMS BILL (NO. 2) 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 Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

22 NORTHERN TERRITORY (STABILIZATION OF LAND PRICES) 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 by Mr McLeay who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House, in disapproving of this Bill, is of the opinion that the provisions contained in it should be referred to the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory to enable that Assembly to consider ways by which land prices in the Northern Territory should be stabilized, but requesting that any lands acquisition proposals which might be included in legislation to be considered by that Assembly should protect the rights of private land owners and occupiers and be on just terms”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 52

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Dr Patterson (Minister for the Northern Territory) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 23 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 10 to 13, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 24 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY 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—

Adjournment negatived: It being half-past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Mr Daly (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.

Mr Fraser continued his speech.
Debate adjourned (Mr Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 25 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) 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 twelve o'clock noon.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 November 1974, pursuant to statute:

- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 28—Courses and Awards Amendment No. 10.
Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—J. D. Perry.
Defence Service Homes Act and Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence service homes purposes—Dapto, New South Wales.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of land reserved for recreation and amusement purposes at Adelaide River.
Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents) Ordinance (No. 2) 1974, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1974—
No. 523—Arbitration Inspectors' Association.†
No. 629—Postal Telecommunication Technicians Association (Australia) and others.†
No. 652—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
No. 653—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
No. 654—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
Nos. 655 and 656—Professional Musicians Union of Australia.
No. 657—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
(† Not accompanied by statement)
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Health—D. Blewett.
Labor and Immigration—R. E. Lieu.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1974—No. 51—Seaweed Protection (No. 2).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Everingham and Mr Katter.

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