

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 44

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1974

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- 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 Dawkins and Mr Kerin—from certain citizens and foreign students in Australia praying that the House ensure the political and other rights of foreign students who study in Australia.

Mr Crean (Treasurer)—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 Crean—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.

Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation)—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Family Law Bill be debated and passed as soon as possible.

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

Mr Macphree—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House pass the Family Law Bill without delay.

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.

Mr Oldmeadow—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House press for an inquiry into public libraries.

Petitions received.

- 3 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM: Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, led by the Right Honourable R. Graham Page, M.B.E., M.P., was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a very warm welcome.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Second Report, for year 1973–74.
 Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—
 Supplement to Twenty-fifth Report, for period 1 July to 30 September 1972.
 Second Report on Part III of the Act, for year 1973–74.
 International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, for year 1973–74.
- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—JOBS OF AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES: 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 failure of the Government to protect the jobs of Australian families”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Fraser addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 7 STATES GRANTS (FRUIT-GROWING RECONSTRUCTION) BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between Australia and the States with respect to the Provision of further Assistance to Persons engaged in Fruit-growing.
 Bill read a first time.
 Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 9 COMPANIES (FOREIGN TAKE-OVERS) 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 Crean (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 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 Mr Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Matters relating to Papua New Guinea), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **JUDGES' PENSIONS 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 96, dated 27 November 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 Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Matters relating to Papua New Guinea) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 12 **LOAN 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. 97, dated 27 November 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Crean (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **NURSING HOMES 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. 98, dated 27 November 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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **HOMELESS PERSONS 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 99, dated 27 November 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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **STATES GRANTS (DWELLINGS FOR PENSIONERS) 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. 100, dated 27 November 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 L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

16 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 3 December 1974, were reported—

(a) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist on its amendment disagreed to by the House:

Message No. 115—Aged Persons Hostels 1974.

(b) acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House in the following Bill:

Message No. 116—Australian Development Assistance Agency 1974.

17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 8 to 17, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

18 NATIONAL HEALTH 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 by Mr Chipp who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the positive sections of the Bill which relate to nursing homes, handicapped children and surgical appliances, this House is of the opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn and re-drafted to omit those provisions which relate to unnecessary ministerial control over health insurance funds and the additional provisions which relate to friendly society dispensaries”.

Debate continued.

Mr Staley rising to address the House—

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 words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 60

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

NOES, 51

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 53

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 Sinclair
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr Lusher	Mr Street
Mr Connolly	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sullivan
Mr Corbett	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Drummond	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Drury	Mr Holten	Mr Macphee	
Dr Edwards	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	
Mr Ellicott	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Erwin	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr England

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 101, dated 27 November 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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Member named: The Deputy Speaker (Dr Jenkins) named the honourable Member for the Northern Territory (Mr Calder) for again interjecting after a warning had been given by the Chair.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for the Northern Territory be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr Calder having apologised to the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with. Debate continued.

Mr Wilson rising to address the House—

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

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

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

19 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION 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 Hunt who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, this House is of the opinion that the

Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory should not have been bypassed and that statutory authorities and voluntary environmental and conservation groups in the Territory should be directly and continuously involved in the preparation and review of the plans of management and the administration of parks, reserves and wilderness zones within the Northern Territory”.

Dr Jenkins addressing the House—

20 ADJOURNMENT: It being half-past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 December 1974, pursuant to statute:

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

No. 667—Postal Telecommunication Technicians Association (Australia).

No. 671—Postal Telecommunication Technicians Association (Australia) and others.

No. 685—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 686—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 687—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 688—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 689—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 690—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Australia.†

(† Not accompanied by statement)

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bonnett, Mr Katter and Mr Wentworth.

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