

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 63

TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 1975

1 The House met, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable G. G. D. Scholes) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR A. LEWIS): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 11 April 1975, of Mr Arthur Lewis, a Member of this House for the Division of Corio from 1929 to 1931.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Bonnett, Dr Edwards, Mr Ellicott, Mr Fulton, Mr Giles, Mr Gorton, Mr Graham, Mr Hodges, Mr Howard, Mr Hunt, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Mr Kelly, Mr Keogh, Mr King, Mr McMahon, Mr Macphee, Mr McVeigh, Mr Millar, Mr Peacock, Mr Viner and Mr Willis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Whitlam (Prime Minister), Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party), Mr Bonnett, Mr Gorton, Mr Howard, Mr Jarman, Mr MacKellar, Mr Peacock and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill.

Mr Jarman, Mr Peacock and Mr Viner—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House oppose the Family Law Bill.

Mr Armitage—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Parliament call upon the New South Wales Government to expedite the acceptance of the Medibank scheme so that citizens of New South Wales may not be disadvantaged regarding hospital care.

Mr Drury—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government reduce the cost of the subscription to *Hansard*.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Development Assistance Agency—Australian aid to developing countries—Report dated 20 November 1974.

Cities Commission—Darwin planning guidelines—Second report, dated 14 March 1975.

Computerisation of criminal data—Report of Committee, dated August 1973.

Uranium exploration in the Northern Territory—Statement by Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), dated 15 April 1975.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Electoral Divisions, South Australia, 1975—

Report, with Map, by the Distribution Commissioners (Volume I).

Suggestions, comments or objections lodged with the Distribution Commissioners (Volume II).

Ordered—That the Report, with Map, be printed.

Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Twenty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

Mr Peacock asked leave to make a statement relating to the report of the Australian Development Assistance Agency.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 6 COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO MEMBERS: Mr Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:

HIS EXCELLENCY the Honourable Sir John Robert Kerr, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of Australia and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Force of Australia

To the Honourable GORDON GLEN DENTON SCHOLLES, Member of Parliament, Speaker of the House of Representatives

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution it is, amongst other things, enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorised by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR JOHN ROBERT KERR, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents authorise you from time to time, at Parliament House, Canberra, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already made and subscribed that oath or affirmation since their election or last election to the House of Representatives.

GIVEN under my Hand on 20 March 1975

JOHN R. KERR  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

E. G. WHITLAM  
Prime Minister

- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

11 April 1975—Message No. 139—Refrigeration Compressors Bounty 1975.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

10 April 1975—Message No. 182—Australian National Railways 1975.

- 9 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SYSTEM—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had nominated Mr Morris to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System in place of Mr Berinson, resigned.

- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INFLATIONARY CONSEQUENCES OF PRINTING MONEY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The inflationary consequences of the Government's policy of printing money to pay for its excessive spending programs".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Lynch addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 11 CHILDREN'S COMMISSION BILL 1975: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act for and in Relation to the Establishment of a Children's Commission.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Wilson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CENTRE BILL 1975: 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.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3 postponed.

Clauses 4 to 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr Wilson moved the following amendment: Page 4, omit sub-clause (1), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(1) The Curriculum Development Centre Council shall consist of—

- (a) the Director;
- (b) 1 member nominated by the Secretary to the Department of Education;
- (c) 3 members nominated by the Australian Education Council;
- (d) 1 member nominated by each State Minister who is a member of the Australian Education Council;
- (e) 2 members nominated by the Schools Commission; and
- (f) such number of other members, not being more than 3, as is from time to time determined by the Governor-General by notice published in the *Gazette*.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, including postponed clause 3, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION COMMISSION BILL 1975: 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.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr Wilson moved the following amendment: Page 5, omit sub-clause (1), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(1) The Commission shall consist of—

(a) a Chairman;

(b) a Deputy Chairman;

(c) 1 member from each State nominated by the Minister of the State concerned responsible for education, and

(d) such number of other members, if any, not being more than 4, as is from time to time prescribed.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Martin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 6, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 15 ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY BILL 1975: 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 Wentworth 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 Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

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

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The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negatived:* The question was accordingly 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.

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

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*In the committee*

Debate continued.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport) 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.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 April 1975, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired for Department of Transport purposes—Cairns, Queensland.

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

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 9 April 1975.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Morrison.

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N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives