

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 65

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 1975

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

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

Mr Bouchier, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mrs Child, Mr Cope, Mr Erwin, Mr Fisher, Dr Forbes, Mr Fulton, Mr Garland, Mr Garrick, Mr Giles, Mr Hodges, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jarman, Dr Jenkins, Mr Keogh, Mr Killen and Mr McKenzie—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), Mr Cope, Mr Drury and Mr McKenzie—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill.

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

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

Mr Lucock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) cease the mining and export of uranium until safe disposal methods have been guaranteed, (2) increase expenditure on research into clean and inexhaustible sources of energy and (3) aid underdeveloped countries in their plea for a share of world energy resources.

Mr McKenzie—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.

Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) take measures to restore respect for the Paris Peace Agreement, (2) recognise the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam on the same basis as the Saigon Administration and (3) seek the release of all political prisoners and the restoration of democratic rights in South Vietnam.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Defence Force Academy—Appointment of Development Council—Statement by Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), dated 17 April 1975.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Electoral Divisions, 1975—

Reports, with Maps, by the Distribution Commissioners (Volumes I) for the States of—

Queensland.

Tasmania.

Suggestions, comments or objections lodged with the Distribution Commissioners (Volumes II) for the States of—  
Queensland.  
Tasmania.

5 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to the attitude of the Opposition to the granting of “pairs” to Ministers.

Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Fraser, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.

6 ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m. Question—put and passed.

7 NORTHERN AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT: Mr Katter moved, pursuant to notice—That this House believes the Government should completely review its plans for northern Australian development believing the Government's present policies on northern development do not contribute to the prosperous growth of northern Australia.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 55

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

NOES, 59

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

And so it was negatived.

8 FRASER ISLAND MINERALS—ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF SAND MINING: Mr Hunt moved, pursuant to notice—That this House deplores the granting by the Government to a company, known as D.M. Minerals, the right to negotiate overseas contracts for the sale of minerals obtained by sand mining on Fraser Island before making public an environmental impact statement.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy) be granted an extension of time.

Mr Bouchier rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
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Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sullivan
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	
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Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negatived.

9 PENSIONERS—ASSISTANCE TO HOME OWNERS: Mr Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice—

That, in the opinion of this House, finance should be made available to assist pensioners who own their own homes to meet rates and other necessary outgoings.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Wentworth was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 11 AND 12 (1975): Mr Enderby (Minister for Police and Customs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 11 and 12 (1975).

Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 5) 1974-75: 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.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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.

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.

12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 1974-75: 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.

13 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1975-76: 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.

14 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1975-76: 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.

15 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 Monday next at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 17 April 1975, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—D. F. Butler.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Hewson, Mr Nixon and Mr Sherry.

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