

## AUSTRALIA

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 68

WEDNESDAY, 23 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 Whitlam (Prime Minister), Mr Bonnett, Mr Gorton, Mr Hodges, Mr Katter, Mr Lamb, Mr Nixon and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Drury, Mr Reynolds and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill.
- 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.
- Petitions received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Australian Film Commission—Interim Board—Report dated February 1975.
- Australian Government Insurance Office—Establishment—Report of Interdepartmental Committee.
- Cyclone Tracy—Interim report by Bureau of Meteorology, dated March 1975.
- Government procurement policy—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated May 1974.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Temporary Assistance Authority—Reports—Certain plastic products, dated 4 April 1975.
- Chain saws and chain saw engines, dated 11 March 1975.
- Townsville economic structure study—Report to the Cities Commission by Philip Shrapnel and Co. Pty Ltd, dated December 1974.
- 5 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's defence policy, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Australian defence—Ministerial statement, 23 April 1975.
- Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- 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 Killen speaking for a period not exceeding 35 minutes.
- Question—put and passed.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr Cross moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 53

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

NOES, 51

Mr Adermann	Dr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bungey	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr Lusher	Mr Snedden
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Corbett	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Ellicott	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Erwin	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Bourchier
Mr Fisher	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	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.

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

Tasmanian Government railway system—Principles to govern transfer to the Australian Government.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Lucock moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the debate on the motion to take note of the ministerial statement on Australian defence being continued.

*Closure of Member:* Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

The motion moved by Mr Lucock not being seconded it thereupon lapsed.

8 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 13 May at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

22 April 1975—Message No. 184—Common Informers (Parliamentary Dis-qualifications) 1975.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Killen had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to facilitate adequate Parliamentary debate on defence and to acknowledge and respond to Australia’s changing defence responsibilities”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Killen rising to address the House—

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 58

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

NOES, 54

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

12 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE BILL 1975: Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), for Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Government Insurance Office.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

13 VICTORIA GRANT (SEYMOUR FLOOD MITIGATION) BILL 1975: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to Victoria for the purpose of Flood Mitigation Works in relation to the Town of Seymour.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

14 PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—

(1) That paragraph (12) of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Committee on Pecuniary Interests of Members of the Parliament be omitted and that the following paragraph be substituted:

“(12) That the committee report within the shortest reasonable period, not later than 30 September 1975, and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.”.

(2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence.

Question—put and passed.

15 **CRIMES BILL 1975:** Mr Enderby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1914–1973* for the purposes of the Protection of the Property of certain Organizations.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

16 **TRADE UNION TRAINING 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 D. M. Cameron 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*

Clauses 1 to 13, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr Street, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 7, at the end of sub-clause (1) add the following paragraphs:

- “(g) 1 member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia appointed by the Prime Minister;
- (h) 1 member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia appointed by the Leader of the Opposition; and
- (i) 1 member appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Minister for Education.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 56, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 57—

On the motion of Mr Street, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 22, after sub-clause (1) insert the following sub-clause:

“(1A) A report referred to in sub-section (1) shall include details of the syllabuses and study undertaken at the College and at each of the Trade Union Training Centres.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), by leave, the House adopted the report.

Mr Cameron moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
23 April 1975—Message No. 186—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power 1975.
- 18 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—SIXTH REPORT: Mr McKenzie (Chairman) brought up the Sixth Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

## SIXTH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

- Australian Development Assistance Agency—Australian aid to developing countries—Report dated 20 November 1974.
- Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council and Australian Radiation Laboratory, Department of Health—Fallout over Australia from nuclear weapons tested by France in Polynesia during July and August 1973—Reports dated May 1974.
- Cities Commission—Darwin Planning Guidelines—Second Report, dated 14 March 1975.
- Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Electoral Divisions—1975—Queensland—Report by the Distribution Commissioners together with a map showing the boundaries of each proposed Division, dated 14 March 1975 (Volume 1).
- Tasmania—Report by the Distribution Commissioners together with a map showing the boundaries of each proposed Division, dated 15 April 1975 (Volume 1).
- Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Twenty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1973-74.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Second-hand railway locomotives, dated 20 February 1975.
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—Reports—
  - Consumer electronic equipment and components, dated 17 March 1975.
  - Domestic refrigerators, washing machines and clothes dryers, dated 22 February 1975.
  - Paper, dated 11 March 1975.
  - Precision ground steel ball bearings, dated 4 March 1975.
  - Sheets and plates of iron and steel, dated 12 February 1975.
  - Spectacles, sunglasses, goggles and frames, etc., dated 18 February 1975.
- National Coal Research Advisory Committee—Tenth Annual Report, for period December 1973 to November 1974.
- Navigation Act—Report by the Minister of cases in which the power of the Governor-General has been exercised under section 422A of the Act for 1974.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—
  - Cyclone Disaster Emergency Ordinance (No. 2) 1975, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance.
  - Cyclone Disaster Relief Ordinance 1975, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
  - Police and Police Offences (No. 3) 1974, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
- Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period ended 30 June 1973 and year 1973-74.
- River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1973-74.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Legal Aid Ordinance—Legal Aid Committee of the Australian Capital Territory—Report and financial statement, together with the auditor's report, for year 1972–73.

DAVID MCKENZIE,  
Chairman

23 April 1975

Mr McKenzie moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

19 CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) 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*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Enderby (Minister for Police and Customs), the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 4—

Page 2, line 11, after “goods” insert “have been so exported otherwise than by the importer and”.

Page 2, line 18, after “goods” insert “have been so exported otherwise than by the importer and”.

Page 2, lines 39 and 40, omit “the importer”, substitute “an importer”.

Clause 15, page 15, line 8, omit “to” (first occurring).

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Enderby, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 CUSTOMS 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Enderby (Minister for Police and Customs), the Bill was read a third time.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY BILL 1975: The following message from the Senate was reported:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 185

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to establish a Road Safety and Standards Authority*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JUSTIN O'BYRNE,  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 23 April 1975

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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*In the committee*

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 6, clause 15, sub-clause (1), lines 7 and 8, leave out “is directly or indirectly interested in a contract made or proposed to be made”, insert “has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered”.

No. 2—Page 6, clause 15, sub-clause (1), line 10, after “persons”, insert “and of which he is not a director”.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Jones, the House adopted the report.

22 DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the Bill was read a third time.

23 DRIED FRUITS LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the Bill was read a third time.

24 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 6, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

25 LOANS (AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 146, dated 21 April 1975, 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 (Acting Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

26 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation) 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 Tuesday, 13 May at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 April 1975, pursuant to statute:

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 53.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1975—

No. 154—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.

- No. 198—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 Nos. 199 and 200—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.  
 No. 201—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.†  
 Nos. 202 and 203—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.  
 No. 204—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†  
 No. 205—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization  
 Technical Association.  
 No. 206—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
 Nos. 207 and 208—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.  
 No. 209—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 210—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.  
 Nos. 211 and 212—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division  
 Officers).  
 No. 213—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.  
 Nos. 215 and 216—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division  
 Officers).  
 No. 217—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.  
 Nos. 218 and 219—Non-Official Postmasters Association of Australia.†  
 No. 220—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.†  
 († Not accompanied by statement)
- Schools Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 57.  
 Structural Adjustment (Loan Guarantees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules  
 1975, No. 55.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except  
 Mr Beazley, Dr J. F. Cairns, Mr Sherry and Mr Wentworth.

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