

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 69

TUESDAY, 13 MAY 1975

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- 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 (THE HONOURABLE C. L. A. ABBOTT):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 30 April 1975, of the Honourable Charles Lydiard Aubrey Abbott, a Member of this House for the Division of Gwydir from 1925 to 1929 and from 1931 to 1937, and a Minister of the Crown in 1928 and 1929.
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 Beazley (Minister for Education), Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Chipp, Mr Duthie, Dr Edwards, Mr Fisher, Mr Fry, Mr Garrick, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Mr Killen, Mr Lamb, Mr Millar, Mr Riordan and Mr Willis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Drury, Mr Fry, Mr James and Mr Kerin—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill.
 - Mr Beazley and Mr Riordan—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government seek information from the Soviet Government concerning Leonid Plyushch.
 - Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.
 - Mr King—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry in terms similar to the petition lodged by Mr Anthony.
 - Mr Garrick—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 Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House oppose the Family Law Bill.
 - Mr Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government increase its humanitarian aid to Vietnam.
 - 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.
- 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Dr Everingham (Minister for Health), Dr Cass (Minister for Environment) was acting as Minister for Health.

- 5 NATIONAL COUNTRY PARTY OF AUSTRALIA: Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) informed the House that the Parliamentary Party of which he was Leader would now be known as the National Country Party of Australia. Mr Daly (Leader of the House) asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF PRIME MINISTER: Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Prime Minister of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for deliberately misleading the House on 9 April when, in answer to my questions about cables to Hanoi and Saigon, he claimed that the communications were substantially the same.

Ordered—That Mr Fraser be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Peacock rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 63

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
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Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negatived.

8 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator:

Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—Ninety-first meeting, Sydney, 14 February 1975.

Australian Education Council—Report on meeting held at Perth, 17–18 April 1975.
Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, Jamaica—Final communique, dated 6 May 1975.

Economic and environmental aspects of the export hardwood woodchip industry—
Report of working group, dated April 1975—

Volume 1—Final report.

Volume 2—Attachments.

Prime Minister's visit to Peru—Joint communique by Mr Whitlam and Major General Francisco Morales Bermudez (Prime Minister of Peru), dated 27 April 1975.

Reserve Forces pay and allowances—Report of Committee of Reference for Defence Forces Pay, dated 21 March 1975.

States Grants (Schools) Acts—Funds available and expenditure approved for government and non-government schools for period 1 January 1974 to 13 May 1975.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Airlines Agreements Act—Ansett Transport Industries Limited—Airline activities—
Financial statements for year ended 29 June 1974.

Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—
Twenty-ninth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1973–74.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Electoral Divisions, 1975—
Reports, with Maps, by the Distribution Commissioners (Volumes I) for the
States of—

New South Wales.

Victoria.

Suggestions, comments or objections (Volumes II), with Maps (Appendices to
Volumes II), lodged with the Distribution Commissioners for the States of—
New South Wales.

Victoria.

Ordered—That the Reports, with Maps, by the Distribution Commissioners, be printed.

Fishing Industry Research Act—Fishing Industry Research Committee—Fifth
Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

States Grants (Schools) Act—Grants for recurrent expenditure in non-government
schools—Supplementary statement of payments for year 1973.

9 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:
23 April 1975—Message No. 147—Common Informers (Parliamentary Disqualifi-
cations) 1975.

24 April 1975—Message No. 148—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power 1975.

1 May 1975—Message No. 149—Road Safety and Standards Authority 1975.

10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 13 AND 14 (1975): Mr Enderby (Minister for Police
and Customs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 13 and 14 (1975).

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

11 HEALTH INSURANCE BILL 1975: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to
notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

12 SOCIAL SERVICES 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 150, dated 23 April 1975, from His
Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation
of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

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 clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the House adopted the report.

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

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 third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 13 REPATRIATION ACTS AMENDMENT 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 151, dated 23 April 1975, 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 CHILDREN'S 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.

Mr K. M. Cairns addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 May 1975, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 56.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—R. E. Partington.

Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 70.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 58, 59, 60, 62.

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 73.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Brisbane, Queensland.

Cabarlah, Queensland.

Learmonth, Western Australia.

Lighthouse purposes—Cape Martin, South Australia.

Post office purposes—Grafton, New South Wales.

Statements (2) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 66, 68.
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 77, 78.
Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 65, 67.
Papua New Guinea (Application of Laws) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 61.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 63.
Prices Justification Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 74.
Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department—
 Labor and Immigration—C. F. Hall.
 Urban and Regional Development—H. Stein.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 71, 72.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 8 May 1975.
Trade Commissioners Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 76.
Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 75.
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 64.

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

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