

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

THURSDAY, 15 MAY 1975

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- 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Honourable G. A. Regan, Q.C., M.L.A., Premier of Nova Scotia and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the General Council of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitor a very warm welcome.
  - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Bonnett, Mr Bouchier, Mrs Child, Mr Erwin, Mr Gorton, Mr Hodges, Mr Lamb, Mr Macphee, Mr Oldmeadow, Mr Staley and Mr Street—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Ellicott, Mr Erwin, Mr Macphee, Mr Oldmeadow and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.
    - Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Connolly and Mr Gorton—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry, in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
    - Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Drury and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill.
    - 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.

Petitions received.

- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator:
  - Industries Assistance Commission—
    - Reports—
      - Brucellosis and tuberculosis, dated 10 April 1975.
      - Fabricated asbestos, etc., dated 9 April 1975.
      - Floor and wall tiles, dated 11 April 1975.
    - Textiles Authority—Report—Certain textile floor coverings, dated 7 February 1975.

- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
14 May 1975—Message No. 191—Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) 1975.
- 7 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.
- 8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—  
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.  
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 9 MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Administrator, dated 14 May 1975, were announced informing the House that—  
(a) His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills: Message No. 153—  
    Appropriation (No. 5) 1974–75.  
    Appropriation (No. 6) 1974–75.  
(b) the proposed law intituled "*Privy Council (Appeals from the High Court) Act 1975*", which was reserved for The Queen's pleasure, had been laid before Her Majesty and that, on 30 April 1975, The Queen was graciously pleased to assent to the said law—Message No. 154.
- 10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Graham (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:  
    One hundred and fifty-third Report—Delays in occupancy of leased premises.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr Graham, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 11 SUPERANNUATION BILL 1975: Dr J. F. Cairns (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for and in relation to an Occupational Superannuation Scheme for persons employed by the Australian Government and certain other persons.  
Bill read a first time.  
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 SUPERANNUATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1975: Dr J. F. Cairns (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922–1974*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS BILL 1975: Dr J. F. Cairns (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973–1974*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 DEFENCE FORCE OMBUDSMAN BILL 1975: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Appointment of a Defence Force Ombudsman, and to Define his Functions and Powers.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Barnard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:  
Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination dated 2 May 1975—Chairman of the Australian Shipping Commission.
- 16 LONG SERVICE LEAVE (GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) BILL 1975: Mr Bowen (Minister assisting the Prime Minister in matters relating to the Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Long Service Leave in respect of Employees of the Australian Government and certain other Persons, and for other purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1975: Mr Bowen (Minister assisting the Prime Minister in matters relating to the Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922–1974*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE BILL 1975: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Housing Loans Insurance Corporation.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Adermann), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 8 and 9, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 20 FAMILY LAW BILL 1974—PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—  
(1) That, unless otherwise ordered—  
(a) during the consideration of the Family Law Bill 1974 in committee of the whole House—  
(i) the operation of standing order 91 be varied to provide that each Member, including the Minister in charge of the Bill, may speak once only to each clause for a period not exceeding 5 minutes without extension of time;  
(ii) clauses 1 to 47 be postponed until after clause 48 on which clause a cognate debate shall take place on both the clause and all proposed amendments to the clause circulated by Members; and  
(iii) the time allowed for the cognate debate on clause 48 shall not exceed 5 hours. At the conclusion of that time, or such earlier time as the debate may conclude, the Chair shall put, without further debate, questions on any proposed amendments to the clause which have been circulated by any Members and which are capable of being put and any other questions necessary to conclude consideration of the clause; and

(b) until the Family Law Bill 1974 is disposed of—

- (i) the operation of standing order 107 shall be suspended; and
- (ii) government business shall take precedence over general business on each sitting day.

(2) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 59

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Bowen	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bryant	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Dr Cass	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
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 Martin	Mr Young
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 55

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 21 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE BILL 1975: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a Minister moving the following motion in a committee of the whole House at the commencement of the consideration of the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill 1975: “That the Bill be amended by omitting the word ‘Office’ (wherever occurring) and substituting the word ‘Corporation’.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 22 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE 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 by Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “to enable the provisions of the Bill to be more adequately considered, the House is of opinion that further progress of the Bill should be deferred until the Budget sittings”.

Debate continued.

Mr Hewson 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)—

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

NOES, 54

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson
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Mr Drummond	Mr Hyde	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Millar	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Nixon	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 Scholes, in the Chair)—

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 155, 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*

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation) moved, pursuant to the resolution of the House this day (*see* entry No. 21)—That the Bill be amended by omitting the word “Office” (wherever occurring) and substituting the word “Corporation”.

Question—put and passed.

Clause 1, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
Clauses 3 to 7, as amended, by leave, taken together, and debated.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Martin reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
15 May 1975—Message No. 194—Tasman Bridge Restoration 1975.

24 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DARWIN CYCLONE DAMAGE COMPENSATION BILL 1975: Message No. 193, dated 15 May 1975, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to provide for Payment by Australia of Compensation in respect of Loss of, or Damage to, Property arising out of the Darwin Cyclone*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

25 PURCHASING COMMISSION BILL 1975: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Purchasing Commission.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

Mr Crean (Minister for Overseas Trade) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Bowen continued his speech.

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

26 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State) moved—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 Monday next at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 15 May 1975, pursuant to statute:

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

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