

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 88

TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Hewson, Mr Hunt, Mr Hyde, Mr Kerin, Mr Lloyd, Mr Lusher, Mr McVeigh and Mr Oldmeadow—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either decrease or reject proposed increases in postal and telephone charges.
 - Mr Anthony, Mr Corbett, Mr Drury, Mr Hodges, Mr Hyde and Mr Katter—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.
 - Mr Anthony, Mr Bonnett, Mr Connolly, Mr Jarman, Mr Macphee and Mr Morris—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), Mr Oldmeadow and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens and foreign students in Australia praying that the House agree to the changes proposed by the Australian Union of Students to the tertiary education scheme.
 - Mr Jarman and Dr Jenkins—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Beazley—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Parliament continue and actively promote the school cadet movement.
 - Mr Enderby (Attorney-General)—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 Bryant (Minister for the Capital Territory)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Parliament implement the Schools Commission Triennium Report.
 - Mr Connolly—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government remove or substantially increase the \$300 limit on income tax deductibility on personal residential land and water rates.
 - Mr Dawkins—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government support the Jandakot Wild Life Sanctuary and Zoological Gardens, Western Australia.
 - Mr Drury—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government reduce the cost of the subscription to *Hansard*.
 - Mr Katter—from certain electors of the Division of Kennedy praying that the House take action which will require the Australian Broadcasting Control Board to provide the Electoral Division of Kennedy with a television service where it is not now provided.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House (1) support a moratorium on whaling, (2) support research into marine biology and alternatives to whale products, (3) close down whaling operations at Cheynes Beach, Western Australia, (4) ban the imports of all whale products and (5) encourage the end of whaling throughout the world.

Mr Morris—from certain electors of the Division of Shortland praying that the House support the Australian Government Insurance Corporation Bill.

Mr Ruddock—from certain students of Macquarie University, New South Wales, and certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to provide radio station 2JJ with facilities to service the whole Sydney region.

Petitions received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the respective absences abroad of Senator Willesee (Minister for Foreign Affairs) and Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), he was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property) was acting as Minister for Tourism and Recreation and would represent the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation and the Minister for Social Security in this House.

- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Killen, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Morrison (Minister for Defence)—

Mr Morrison laid upon the Table the following paper:

Army Cadet Corps—Briefing notes for Minister for Defence.

Questions without notice continued.

- 5 PORTUGUESE TIMOR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the civil war situation in Portuguese Timor, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Portuguese Timor—Ministerial statement, 26 August 1975.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Peacock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

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

Australian Government assistance to local projects—Information booklet prepared by the Department of Urban and Regional Development—Second edition, 1975.

Darwin Cyclone Tracy Relief Trust Fund—Report for May 1975.

Health manpower—Handbook prepared by the Department of Health—Part I, dated February 1975.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1974.

Social Services Act—Department of Social Security—Annual Report of the Director-General, for year 1974–75.

- 7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Fry brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the fifty-ninth series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Fry, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.

- 8 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 9 NATIONAL HEALTH (PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS 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 Everingham (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 PORTUGUESE TIMOR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Daly (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:
 Portuguese Timor—Ministerial statement, 26 August 1975—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Nicholls), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 RAILWAYS AGREEMENT (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) 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 Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1975-76—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House condemns the Budget because it does not provide an adequate program to defeat inflation and relieve unemployment nor does it restore confidence in the private sector of the economy”.
 Debate continued.
 Debate adjourned (Dr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—DELEGATION OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received advice from Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) that, in accordance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of 1 August 1974 (as amended on 21 August 1975) and of the Senate of 12 June 1975, and the nominations of Party Leaders, the delegation to represent the Australian Parliament at the forthcoming meetings of the Australian Constitutional Convention would be as follows:
- House of Representatives:*
Australian Labor Party:
 The Honourable E. G. Whitlam, Q.C. (Prime Minister) (*Leader of the Delegation*)
 The Honourable G. G. D. Scholes
 The Honourable K. E. Enderby, Q.C.
 Dr R. T. Gun
 Mr R. Jacobi
- Liberal Party of Australia:*
 The Honourable J. M. Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) (*Deputy Leader of the Delegation*)
 Mr R. J. Ellicott, Q.C.
 The Honourable D. J. Killen
- National Country Party of Australia:*
 The Right Honourable J. D. Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia)
 The Honourable I. McC. Sinclair

*The Senate:**Australian Labor Party:*

Senator the Honourable J. R. McClelland
 Senator A. T. Gietzelt (Senator D. M. Devitt as alternate)
 Senator R. E. McAuliffe

Liberal Party of Australia:

Senator R. G. Withers
 Senator the Honourable I. J. Greenwood, q.c.

National Country Party of Australia:

Senator J. J. Webster

14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 26 August 1975, were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that the Senate did not insist on the modifications of the resolution disagreed to by the House relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House: Message No. 258.
- (b) returning the following Bill without amendment: Message No. 259—Foreign Takeovers 1975.

15 ADJOURNMENT: It being half-past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 August 1975, pursuant to statute:

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinances—1975—

No. 1—Administration.

No. 2—Interpretation.

No. 3—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).

No. 4—Police Force (Amendment).

Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 162.

Land Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—Jennings, New South Wales.

Electorate office purposes—Hobart, Tasmania.

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

No. 468—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 497—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 498—Union of Postal Clerks and Telegraphists and others.

No. 516—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 517—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.†

No. 518—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 519—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 520—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 521—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 522—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 523—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 524—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 525—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 526—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 527—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

No. 528—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

No. 529—Australian Journalists Association.

Nos. 530 and 531—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 552—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 553—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 554—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 555—Actors' and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.

No. 556—Australian Journalists Association.

(† Not accompanied by statement)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 26 August 1975.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Collard, Mr Cope, Mr England, Dr Forbes, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hurford, Mr Luchetti, Mr Stewart and Mr Young.

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