

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 92

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 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 Armitage, Mr Fry, Mr Gorton, Mr Jarman, Mr Kelly and Mr Killen—from certain citizens of Canberra praying that Parliament either disallow or amend the *Dog Control Ordinance* 1975 of the Australian Capital Territory.

Mr Drury, Mr Kelly and Mr Lucock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either decrease or reject proposed increases in postal and telephone charges.

Mr Bourchier—from certain electors of the Division of Bendigo in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Bungey, Mr Connolly, Mr Hyde and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.

Mr Macphee—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Riordan (Minister for Housing and Construction)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) pensions be related to average weekly earnings and (2) no charge be made for the installation or rental of telephones for pensioners.

Mr Bennett—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government adopt the recommendations of the Australian Committee on Technical and Further Education and provide funds to implement fully those recommendations.

Mrs Child—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House ensure that the Government (1) prohibit the export of mineral sands from Fraser Island and (2) assist the Queensland Government and other bodies to conserve the natural environment of Fraser Island for the benefit of the people of Australia.

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

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Kelly—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government increase the "B Benefits" allowance to children living in isolated districts.

Mr Oldmeadow—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 import of all whale products and (5) encourage the end of whaling throughout the world.

Mr Oldmeadow—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:

Albury-Wodonga development—Ministerial Council—Communique of meeting held on 14 August 1975.

Fraser Island—Mineral leases Nos. 95 and 102—Special environmental conditions or covenants applying to the leases.

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

2 September 1975—Message No. 263—Defence Force Re-organization 1975.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Street had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's total indifference to the unemployment situation in Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Street addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 SENATE—CASUAL VACANCIES: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property) moved, pursuant to notice that—

- (1) the House of Representatives is of the opinion that the choice of a Senator to fill a casual vacancy is, by section 15 of the Constitution, the sole responsibility of the Houses of Parliament of the State, or if the Houses of Parliament of the State are not in session, of the Governor of the State acting upon the advice of his Executive Council;
- (2) the House of Representatives commends to the Parliaments of all the States the practice which has prevailed since 1949 whereby the States, when casual vacancies have occurred, have chosen a Senator from the same political party as the Senator who died or resigned, and
- (3) the House of Representatives views with the greatest concern reports that the long-established convention may not be followed in relation to the filling of the vacancy now existing in the representation of the State of Queensland.

Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added at the end of paragraph (3): " , but notes that a statement has been made by the Premier on behalf of the Queensland Government that it will recommend to the Queensland Parliament that the vacancy be filled by a member of the same political party as the late Senator Milliner, that is the Australian Labor Party".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

AYES, 50

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

NOES, 54

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

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

2 September 1975—Message No. 193—

Australian National University 1975.

Canberra College of Advanced Education 1975.

- 9 EXCISE TARIFF 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.

Ordered—That Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) be granted an extension of time.

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

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

AYES, 56

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

NOES, 52

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Point of order: Mr MacKellar raised a point of order that, when the tellers were appointed for the last division, Mr Armitage was in the Chair and in accordance with standing orders 197 and 202 he was not entitled to vote.

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker upheld the point of order and ordered that the vote of Mr Armitage should not be counted.

The result of the division was accordingly amended to read Ayes, 55, and Noes, 52.

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

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56			
Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr Bowen	Mr Dawkins	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Duthie	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr Morris	
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Morrison	
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mulder	
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Oldmeadow	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Dr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 53			
Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lucock	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Snedden
Mr Bouchier	Mr Hewson	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Hodges	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Holten	Mr McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Howard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	
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Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Edwards	Mr King	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Corbett

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Police and Customs), the House adopted the report.

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

Debate ensued.

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

10 CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) 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 Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Police and Customs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 CUSTOMS BILL (No. 2) 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Police and Customs), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), viz.—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 resumed.
Mr Connolly addressing the House—

- 13 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Collard, Mr Enderby, Mr England, Mr Erwin, Dr Forbes, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hayden, Mr Hurford, Mr Kerin, Mr Luchetti, Mr Ruddock and Mr Thorburn.

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