

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 95

WEDNESDAY, 10 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 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: Mr Speaker informed the House that members of the Swedish Parliament's Standing Committee on Labour Market and Regional Policy, led by Mr Karl Erik Eriksson, Chairman of the Committee, were present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.
- 3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Bungey, Mr Calder, Mr Connolly, Mr Corbett, 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 preceding petition.
 - Dr Everingham (Minister for Health) and Mr Bungey—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 Bourchier and Mr D. M. Cameron—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 - Mr Jarman and Mr Oldmeadow—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Nixon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House grant \$200,000 to the Shire of South Gippsland, Victoria, for maintenance of services at the 1972 level and that it increase this grant annually in line with the inflation rate.

Petitions received.

- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 5 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1974-75.
 - The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
 - Dairying Research Act—Dairying Research Committee—Third Annual Report, for year 1974-75.
 - Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:
 - Treasurer's Advance—Use of funds—Photo-copy of text of letter from Mr Hayden (Treasurer) to Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister).

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SCIENCE AND RESEARCH: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Lloyd had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government in science and research and its administration".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lloyd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1975: Mr Riordan (Minister representing the Minister for Labor and Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister representing the Minister for Labor and Immigration moving amendments to clause 3 of the Stevedoring Industry Charge Bill during the consideration in committee of the whole of an amendment requested by the Senate to the Bill. Question—put and passed.

8 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1975—SENATE'S REQUEST: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment requested by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OR THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT

After clause 3 add the following new clause:

"4. The operation of this Act shall cease on 1 July 1976, or at such earlier time as legislation is passed providing permanent arrangements for the Stevedoring Industry in substitution for the *Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974*."

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of Act.

Mr Riordan (Minister representing the Minister for Labor and Immigration) moved—That the amendment requested by the Senate be made with the following modifications:

(a) omit "at such earlier time as legislation is passed", substitute "on such earlier date as legislation comes into operation"; and

(b) at the end of the requested amendment add the following sub-clause:

"(2) Sub-section (1) does not affect a liability to pay, or the recovery of, any amount of charge in respect of employment that occurs while this Act is in operation and any such amount shall be paid and may be recovered as if sub-section (1) had not been enacted.".

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Clause 3—

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Riordan, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Page 1, line 12, omit "\$2.50", substitute "\$4.00".

Page 1, line 14, omit "\$3.50", substitute "\$5.00".

Page 1, line 16, omit "\$2.50", substitute "\$3.00".

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

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

Mr Riordan moved—That in the message returning the Bill to the Senate, the Senate be requested to reconsider the Bill in respect of the amendments made by the House of Representatives to clause 3.

Question—put and passed.

9 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1975-76: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee***Schedule 2—**

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$11,499,000—further debated and agreed to.
 Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 4 September be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of the Special Minister of State.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$157,881,000—
 Advance to the Treasurer, \$150,000,000—
 together debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 4 September be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of Police and Customs.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$101,309,000—debated.
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Statement by Senator D. McClelland (Special Minister of State), dated 10 September 1975.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance—1975—No. 5—Lands Acquisition.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: 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 Bill:

10 September 1975—Message No. 196—United States Naval Communication Station Agreement 1975.

12 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had nominated Senator Gietzelt to be a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence in the place of Senator Wheeldon (Minister for Social Security).

13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1975–76: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee***Schedule 2—**

Proposed expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$101,309,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Capital Territory, \$39,486,000—debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

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

14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) 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 tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 September 1975, pursuant to statute:

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-Laws—

Postal—1975—Amendment No. 1.

Postal (Staff)—Amendment, dated 14 July 1975.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 175.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Collard, Mr Enderby, Mr England, Mr Erwin, Dr Forbes, Mr Garrick, 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