

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 100

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1975

- 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 CYRIL CHAMBERS): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 2 October 1975, of the Honourable Cyril Chambers, C.B.E., a Member of this House for the Division of Adelaide from 1943 to 1958 and a Minister of the Crown from 1946 to 1949.
- As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

- Mr Hunt, Mr Kelly and Mr Kerin—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either decrease or reject proposed increases in postal and telephone charges.
- Mr Connolly and Mr Howard—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.
- Mr McLeay and Mr I. L. Robinson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that no further measures be taken which will make home ownership unattractive to those who have a home and unachievable for those who have not.
- Mr Bungey—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Parliament continue and actively promote the school cadet movement.
- 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 Cross—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.
- Dr Gun—from certain citizens of Australia praying that postal rate increases be decreased or rejected and special rates be provided for Category A magazines.
- Mr Howard—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the television program standards of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board be raised.
- Mr Hunt—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Warkton Post Office, New South Wales be not downgraded.
- Mr Kerin—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 Kerin—from certain citizens of Australia praying that all current woodchip export licences be cancelled, more funds be provided for research into the recycling of used packaged material and future applications for woodchip leases be preceded by an environmental inquiry.

Mr Macphee—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 Wentworth—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House withdraw its confidence from the Prime Minister in order that there may be a speedy election.

Petitions received.

Mr Wentworth informed the House that he proposed to take action in connection with the petition which he had lodged, and moved—That the petition lodged by the honourable Member for Mackellar be printed.

Question—put and negatived.

- 4 MINISTERIAL AND DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that Mr Daly had been appointed Minister for Administrative Services following his resignation as Minister for Services and Property, a change in the name of his Department, and the transfer of responsibility for property and survey matters to the Minister for Urban and Regional Development. Mr Whitlam also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Senator D. McClelland (Special Minister of State), Mr Bowen (Minister for Manufacturing Industry) was acting as Special Minister of State.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Shippers' Council—Third Annual Report, for year 1974–75.

Defence Report 1975.

Department of the Media—Report for year 1974–75.

Department of Tourism and Recreation—Review of activities to 30 June 1975.

Schools of high migrant density—Report of inquiry, dated June 1975.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Darwin Cyclone Damage Compensation Act—Report by Minister, for period ended 30 June 1975.

7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:

Mr Whan brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the 59 (A) series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs.

Ordered to be printed.

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

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ROYAL COMMISSION ON PETROLEUM:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to take account of doubts expressed by the Secretary and President of the A.C.T.U. about the findings of the Royal Commission on Petroleum in relation to the contract between Allied Petrochemicals Pty Ltd and A.C.T.U.—Solo Enterprises Pty Ltd for the supply of crude oil".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Anthony addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Staley addressing the House—

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

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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	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Dr Forbes	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 Howard	Mr McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr Calder	Mr Hunt	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hyde	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr Millar	
Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Newman	
Dr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett
Mr Erwin	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Viner
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 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—Department of Housing and Construction, \$178,919,000—debated.

Closure: Mr Riordan (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Labor and Immigration, \$314,208,000—debated.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Northern Australia, \$51,194,000—debated.

Mr Kelly rising to address 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 proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Science and Consumer Affairs, \$139,201,000—debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Science and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 7 October 1975, pursuant to statute:

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—Telecommunications (Staff) By-laws—Amendment No. 4.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr K. M. Cairns, Mr D. M. Cameron, Dr Cass, Mr Connolly, Mr Connor, Mr England, Mr Fry, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hurford and Mr Luchetti.

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