AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 115

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1975

- 1 The House met, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable G. G. D. Scholes) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 MOTION OF CENSURE OF GOVERNMENT—PRECEDENCE TO NOTICE OF MOTION: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) informed the House that he accepted the notice of motion given on 6 November 1975 by Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) as a motion of censure of the Government for the purposes of standing order 110.
- 3 MOTION OF CENSURE OF GOVERNMENT: Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice—That this House censures the Government and its Ministers:
 - (1) for their stated intention to continue to govern without the approval of the Parliament to the Appropriation Bills;
 - (2) for concealing from the Parliament the procedures and the practices which it intends to follow in the event of the Appropriation Bills failing to pass;
 - (3) for the grave threat to the Australian Constitution resulting from the attempt by the Prime Minister to reduce the power of the Australian Senate, and
 - (4) for the risk to democracy in the failure of the Government to call a general election in accordance with custom and convention.
 - Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "this House:
 - (1) censures the Leader of the Opposition for procuring the action of the Senators of non-Government parties in deferring debate on the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1975-76 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1975-76 in breach of constitutional practices which have endured throughout the previous history of the Australian Parliament, and
 - (2) calls upon the Leader of the Opposition to desist from his reprehensible action which is seriously prejudicing the basis of stable Government in this country".

Debate continued.

Mr Killen 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, 63		
Mr Armitage	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 Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bowen	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
Mr Clayton	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whitlam
Mr Coates	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	Tellers:
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

	Noes	s, 55	
Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Peacock
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	Tellers:
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron

Mr Nixon

Mr Corbett

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Kelly

Mr Erwin

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put— The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 63			
Mr Armitage	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 Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bowen	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
Mr Clayton	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whitlam
Mr Coates	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	Tellers:
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls
	Noes, 56	5	
Mr Adermann	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bourchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	
Mr Drury	· Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Nixon	Tellers:
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz.: That this House:

- (1) censures the Leader of the Opposition for procuring the action of the Senators of non-Government parties in deferring debate on the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1975-76 and the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1975-76 in breach of Constitutional practices which have endured throughout the previous history of the Australian Parliament, and
- (2) calls upon the Leader of the Opposition to desist from his reprehensible action which is seriously prejudicing the basis of stable Government in this country—be agreed to—put.

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

	Ayes, 63	3	•
Mr Armitage	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 Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bowen	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
Mr Clayton	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whitlam
Mr Coates	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	Tellers:
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls
	Noes, 5	6	
Mr Adermann	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Nixon	Tellers:
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Bourchier
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4 DEADLOCK BETWEEN THE HOUSES—DOUBLE DISSOLUTION OF THE PARLIAMENT—CARETAKER GOVERNMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) made a statement informing the House that His Excellency the Governor-General had, after withdrawing Mr Whitlam's Commission as Prime Minister, commissioned him to form a government until elections could be held to resolve the deadlock over supply which had arisen between the two Houses of the Parliament.

Mr Fraser stated that he had accepted the Governor-General's Commission, having given His Excellency an assurance that he would immediately seek to secure the passage of the Appropriation Bills at present before the Senate, thus ensuring supply for the carrying on of the public service in all its branches and that, upon the granting of supply, he would immediately recommend to His Excellency the dissolution of both Houses of the Parliament and, further, that his Government would act as a caretaker Government and would make no appointments or dismissals or initiate new policies before a general election was held.

Mr Fraser also stated that, under the terms of the double dissolution, the Bills in a double dissolution position would all be cited in that double dissolution.

5 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question-put.

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

	Ayes, 55	5	
Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Peacock
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	Tellers:
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett
	Noes, 6	4	
Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bowen	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Tellers:
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr James
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negatived.

6 Suspension of standing orders—Motion without notice: Mr Daly moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Werriwa from moving a motion without notice forthwith.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Daly 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, 64

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

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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 Bourchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeav	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Tellers:
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put— The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 64				
Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds	
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan	
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry	
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart	
Mr Bowen	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn	
Mr Bryant	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan	
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam	
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis	
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Young	
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	_	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris		
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison		
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Tellers:	
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr James	
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson	Mr Nicholls	
	Noes, 54	1		
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 Bourchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair	
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley	
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Street	
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Sullivan	
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth	
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar		
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Tellers:	
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron	
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

7 PRIME MINISTER—RESOLUTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Australian Labor Party) moved—That this House expresses its want of confidence in the Prime Minister and requests Mr Speaker forthwith to advise His Excellency the Governor-General to call the honourable Member for Werriwa to form a Government.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Daly 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,	, 64	
Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bowen	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Tellers:
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr James
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson	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 Bourchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Tellers:

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Katter

Mr Kelly

Mr Ellicott

Mr Erwin

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put— The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

Mr Nixon

Mr O'Keefe

Mr D. M. Cameron

Mr Corbett

	Ayes,	, 64	
Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bowen	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	•
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Tellers:
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr James
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	: Dr Patterson	Mr Nicholls

	Noes	s, 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 Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Tellers:
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Nixon	Mr Bourchier
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Speaker stated he would convey the resolution of the House to His Excellency the Governor-General at the first opportunity.

- 8 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - 11 November 1975-Message-

No. 293—Appropriation (No. 1) 1975-76 (without requests).

No. 294—Appropriation (No. 2) 1975-76.

Suspension of sitting: At fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m. Mr Speaker suspended the sitting.

DISSOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE PARLIAMENT: The Senate and the House of Representatives having been dissolved by Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, the sitting did not resume.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 November 1975, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (2) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1975—No. 634—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 648—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 649—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

Nos. 650 to 652—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 653—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

(† Not accompanied by statement)

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 198.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Chipp, Mr England*, Mr Jarman, Mr Snedden and Mr Viner.

• On leave

N. J. PARKES.

Clerk of the House of Representatives

APPENDIX 1

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General

ASSENT TO BILLS

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General intimating that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills, were received after the dissolution of the House on 11 November 1975:

6 November 1975—

No. 224—States Grants 1975. States Grants (Special Assistance) 1975. Local Government Grants 1975.

11 November 1975-

No. 225—Income Tax Assessment (No. 2) 1975.
Income Tax 1975.
Income Tax (International Agreements) 1975.
Cities Commission (Repeal) 1975.
Captains Flat (Abatement of Pollution) Agreement 1975.

No. 226—Appropriation (No. 1) 1975–76. Appropriation (No. 2) 1975–76.