

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 5

WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 1976

- 1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker referred to the matter raised yesterday by Mr Fry and stated that he could not find in Mr Fry's remarks any precise instance of where the performance of the honourable Member's duties in the House had been affected. Accordingly, in his opinion, no *prima facie* case of a breach of privilege had been made out and the matter should not be accorded precedence over other business.
- 3 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Bonnett, Mr Hurford and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Cadet forces be re-instated.
- Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) and Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General)—from Danny Sankey of Vauclose, N.S.W., solicitor, praying that the House grant leave to the petitioner and his legal representatives to inspect the documents tabled in the House during the course of proceedings which took place between 2.55 p.m. and 10.09 p.m. on 9 July 1975, to issue and serve a subpoena for the production of the relevant official records of the aforesaid proceedings and of the relevant documents tabled therein and to issue and serve subpoenas for the attendance at the Queanbeyan Court, N.S.W., to give evidence of all those persons who took the official record of the aforesaid proceedings.
- Mr Calder—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the land rights of the citizens of Nhulunbuy, N.T. be protected in any relevant legislation before the Parliament.
- Dr Cass—from certain citizens of Australia praying that powers to vary income tax be not given to State Governments.
- 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.
- Dr Klugman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the introduction of television and radio licence fees, the imposition of a tax levy for Medibank and the introduction of higher charges for drugs dispensed under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be prevented.
- Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.

Petitions received.

- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Dyeline base paper (By-law), dated 18 June 1975.

Maritime Industry—Commission of Inquiry—Report on adequacy of Australia's ports, dated February 1976.

Port Pirie—Economic evaluation of harbour improvements—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated October 1975.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Thirtieth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1974–75.

Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1974–75, together with Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—

Academic Salaries Tribunal—Determination and report dated 11 February 1976—Academic staff of institutions of tertiary education.

Remuneration Tribunal—Determination dated 29 October 1975—Holders of public offices on the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and other bodies.

6 ANSETT TRANSPORT INDUSTRIES LIMITED—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

Airlines Agreements Act—Ansett Transport Industries Limited—Airline activities—Financial statements for year ended 28 June 1975.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF ROADS—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Bureau of Roads—Report on roads in Australia, 1975—and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate ensued.

Mr Ruddock moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 86

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Hamer	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr Mackenzie	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett

NOES, 34

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 JAPAN—VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to his visit to Japan from 5 to 13 February 1976, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Japan—Visit of Deputy Prime Minister—Ministerial statement, 25 February 1976.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Question—put and passed.

- 9 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1976: 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.

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

AYES, 83

Mr Abel	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Dr Richardson
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Mackenzie	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Chipp	Mr Hyde	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Nixon	Mr Corbett

NOES, 32

Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Dr Cass	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr Connor	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 11, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 14, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Question—That the clauses be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 84

Mr Abel	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr Mackenzie	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett

NOES, 31

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	Mr L. K. Johnson
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Health), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION BILL 1976: 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 Ellicott (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1976: 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 1, dated 19 February 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Fry), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.40 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 February 1976, pursuant to statute:

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 112—Departments (School of General Studies).

No. 113—Membership of the Council Amendment No. 2.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 69.

Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 70.

Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 68.

Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 72.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr C. R. Cameron and Mr Groom.

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