

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 9

THURSDAY, 4 MARCH 1976

1 The House met, at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr Braithwaite and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Cadet forces be re-instated.

Mr Fry and Mr Haslem—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the introduction of self-government for the A.C.T. be not proceeded with until the residents of the Territory are consulted by means of a referendum.

Mr Jarman and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

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.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Darwin Cyclone Tracy Relief Trust Fund—Reports—

1975—

October.

November.

December.

1976—January.

Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1975.

Social Welfare Commission—Report on the Australian Assistance Plan, dated February 1976—Statement by Senator Guilfoyle (Minister for Social Security).

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Citizenship Act—Return for year 1974–75.

Social Welfare Commission Act—Social Welfare Commission—Report on the Australian Assistance Plan, dated February 1976.

- 5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 16 March, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES COUNCIL: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act 1964–1973*, this House appoints Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Wentworth to be members of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, and to continue as members until the dissolution of the Thirtieth Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COMMONWEALTH POLICE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The use of Commonwealth Police for Party political purposes”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.

Ordered—That Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Ordered—That Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr Bowen be granted an extension of time.

Mr Bowen having been directed by the Deputy Speaker to withdraw an unparliamentary remark and Mr Bowen refusing to do so—

Mr Bowen asked leave to move a substantive motion.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Scholes moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Kingsford-Smith from moving a motion relating to the Attorney-General and the Prime Minister.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Bowen addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—put and negatived.

Mr Bowen, by leave, withdrew any personal reflections contained in his previous remarks.

Paper: Mr E. G. Whitlam, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) during a personal explanation—

Mr MacKellar laid upon the Table the following paper:

Passports for Iraqi visitors—Note for Minister.

Discussion of the matter of public importance concluded.

- 8 STATES GRANTS (FRUIT CANNERIES) BILL 1976: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia to enable those States to make Loans to certain Canneries of Fruit.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 9 DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILIZATION AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to extend the Operation of the *Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Act 1971* for a further Season, and for other Purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 10 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dried Vine Fruits Levy Act 1971*. Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Lynch (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the economy and the Government's economic policy, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian economy—Ministerial statement, 4 March 1976.

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

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Sinclair, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hurford speaking for a period not exceeding 47 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Hurford was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 12 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:

4 March 1976—Message No. 6—

Australian Security Intelligence Organization 1976.

Conciliation and Arbitration 1976.

- 13 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act 1966–1974*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 14 PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS BOUNTY AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act 1963–1971*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 15 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Dr Jenkins, viz.*—That the following words be added to the Address: “, but note that—

- (a) the Speech makes no acknowledgment of the financial pre-eminence of the House of Representatives;
- (b) the Speech makes no reference to the need for action to ensure that there cannot be a recurrence of the Constitutional crisis which threatens the continuation of the Australian Parliamentary system, and
- (c) the proposals outlined in the Speech are so framed as to cause a major transfer of resources from middle and low income families to those on higher income levels”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 16 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—CERTAIN ENTITLEMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement with regard to the Remuneration Tribunal and the making of determinations on certain entitlements for Members of the Parliament, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Remuneration Tribunal—Certain entitlements for Members of the Parliament—Ministerial statement, 4 March 1976.

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

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

17 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 4 March 1976, were reported—

(a) acquainting the House of the appointment of Senators to the following committees:

Message—

No. 4—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Senators Kilgariff, Melzer and Young.

No. 5—Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Senators Sir Magnus Cormack and D. McClelland.

No. 6—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senators Baume, Colston and Messner.

(b) returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 7—States Grants (Capital Assistance) 1976.

No. 8—Air Navigation (Charges) 1976.

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- (c) the proposals outlined in the Speech are so framed as to cause a major transfer of resources from middle and low income families to those on higher income levels”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Chapman addressing the House—

Adjournment negated: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and negated.

Mr Chapman continued his speech.

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

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11.00 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 16 March, at 2.15 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 March 1976, pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1976—

No. 5—Collections.

No. 6—Liquor.

No. 7—Scaffolding and Lifts.

No. 8—Protection of Lands.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Garrick, Mr Groom and Mr O'Keefe.

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