

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 14

WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Burr, Mr Haslem and Mr Lucock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.

Mr Hurford—a similar petition from certain members of the Department of Zoology, University of Adelaide, S.A.

Mr Armitage, Mr Innes and Mr L. K. Johnson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government recognize the Democratic Republic of East Timor, assist in the delivery of humanitarian aid to East Timor, support the proposal of a neutral zone there, cease all military, economic and trade aid to Indonesia, uphold actions to remove the Indonesian presence from East Timor and hold a public inquiry into the deaths of Australian journalists in East Timor.

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

Mr Thomson—from certain electors of the Division of Leichhardt in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Fry and Mr Haslem—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Molonglo Arterial-Western Distributor be deferred until the project has been further investigated and reported upon in relation to cost, need and possible alternatives.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens of Australia praying that an inquiry be commissioned into the Aurukun Associates Agreement Act 1975 and an export licence to the consortium involved be refused until properly documented terms of agreement have been decided upon after consultation with the Aurukun community.

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Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the export of mineral sands from Fraser Island be prohibited and the Queensland Government and other bodies be assisted to develop and conserve the natural environment of the Island.

Petitions received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:
 By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Australian Education Council—Report on meeting held at Sydney, 12–13 February 1976.
 Pursuant to statute:
 Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1974–75.
 Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1976/1—Holders of public offices on the Administrative Review Committee and another body.
- 5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) moved—That leave of absence for 1 month be given to the honourable Member for Braddon (Mr Groom) on the ground of ill health.
 Question—put and passed.
- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
 23 March 1976—Message—
 No. 13—
 Loan 1976.
 Loan (No. 2) 1976.
 No. 14—Meat Export Charge Amendment 1976.
- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—GENERAL REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr L. K. Johnson (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Thirty-ninth General Report.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr L. K. Johnson and Mr Kelly, by leave, made statements in connection with the work of the committee.
- 8 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian National University Act* 1946–1975, this House elects Mr Ruddock to be a member of the Council of the Australian National University to and including 27 August 1976.
 Question—put and passed.
- 9 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 15, dated 19 March 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr MacKellar (Minister representing the Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 24 March 1976—Message—
 No. 17—States Grants (Fruit Canneries) 1976.
 No. 18—Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Amendment 1976.

- 11 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 16, dated 19 March 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) AMENDMENT 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. 17, dated 19 March 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) 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. 18, dated 19 March 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) AMENDMENT 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. 19, dated 19 March 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION) AMENDMENT 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. 20, dated 19 March 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 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 tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 March 1976, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 80.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 81, 82.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 18 (*in substitution for the paper presented on 17 February 1976*).

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

* On leave

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