

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 22

TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), Mr Staley (Minister for the Capital Territory), Mr Brown, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Connor, Dr Edwards, Mr Fisher, Mr Garland, Mr Groom, Mr Hayden, Mr Martin and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government reverse the decision to cut 1975–76 overseas development assistance, reaffirm Australia's commitment of assistance of a minimum of 0.7% of G.N.P. and establish an independent statutory authority to administer such assistance.

Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.

Mr Peacock—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.

Mr Aldred—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the conditions applying to NEAT system trainees approved prior to 1 April 1976 remain until these students complete their training.

Mr Bryant—from certain citizens of Australia praying that any proposal to build an Omega station on Australian soil be rejected.

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 Giles—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the mining of uranium in Australia be restricted to that needed for physical and bio-medical research and medical diagnosis.

Mr Jull—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be continued as a longer term program on a regional basis.

Mr Millar—from certain members of the Maryborough, Wide Bay and Burnett Historical Society praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.

Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens of Australia in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that milk substitutes for children up to 6 years of age be restored to the schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, in future, the Minister for Transport would be represented in the Senate by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—Ninety-fifth meeting, Perth, 31 January 1976.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Fruitgrowing—

Part A: Fruitgrowing reconstruction, dated 16 January 1976.

Part B: Apples and pears, dated 16 January 1976.

Part C: Dried vine fruit, dated 16 January 1976.

Part D: South Australian Riverland, dated 16 January 1976.

Miscellaneous industrial machinery, dated 30 December 1975.

Pursuant to statute:

Dairy Adjustment Act—Dairy Adjustment Programs—Amending Agreement between the Australian and Western Australia Governments, dated 9 March 1976.

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:

8 April 1976—Message No. 34—Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Amendment 1976.

12 April 1976—Message No. 35—

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Amendment 1976.

Loans (Qantas Airways Limited) 1976.

Loans (Australian National Airlines Commission) 1976.

13 April 1976—Message No. 36—Commonwealth Teaching Service 1976.

7 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Connolly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts: One hundred and fifty-seventh Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial year 1973–74.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Connolly, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN N.S.W.: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Cohen had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The continuing high incidence of unemployment and the failure of the Government to take remedial action especially in respect of its rejection of requests to provide assistance to the building and construction industry in New South Wales".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Cohen addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Killen (Minister for Defence)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 1 April 1976*), viz.:

Foreign investment in Australia—Ministerial statement, 1 April 1976, and attachment—

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

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

27 April 1976—Message—

No. 31—Financial Agreement 1976.

No. 32—National Debt Sinking Fund Amendment 1976.

- 12 ACTS CITATION 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.

- 13 DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS (PENSION INCREASES) BILL 1976: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Provision for and in relation to Increases in Pensions payable to or in respect of former Members of the Defence Force.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 AGED PERSONS HOSTELS AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Hunt (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972–1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 TRADE PRACTICES 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—

Debate resumed.

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

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Neil addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 26			
Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Wallis	Mr Nicholls
NOES, 80			
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Bungey
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock	
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	

And so it was negatived.

Mr Keating rising to address the House—

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 79			
Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Bungey
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett
NOES, 27			
Mr Armitage	Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate extended: It being past 11.00 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Howard required the debate to be extended.

Mr Howard addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
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Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Groom	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Bungey
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	Mr Corbett

And so it was negated.

It being past 11.10 p.m., Mr Speaker, at 11.14 p.m., adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 April 1976, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for—

Australian Atomic Energy Commission purposes—Mascot, N.S.W.

Defence purposes—Amberley, Qld (2).

Stores and transport depot purposes—Pennington, S.A.

Telephone purposes—

Koongawa, S.A.

Murbko, S.A.

Murtho, S.A.

Yabmana, S.A.

Statements (2) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 7 (1) of the Act.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1976—

No. 15—Crown Lands (No. 4) 1975.

No. 16—Darwin Town Area Leases 1975.

No. 17—Unit Titles 1975.

No. 18—Real Property (Unit Titles) 1975.

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Aboriginal Affairs—R. J. Moore.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 94, 95, 96.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1976—

No. 13—Education.

No. 14—Festival Australia Incorporation.

No. 15—Lake Burley Griffin.

Regulations—1976—No. 7 (Building and Services Ordinance).

Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 92.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—

By-laws—Telecommunications (General)—Amendment No. 5.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 93.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bouchier, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Graham, Mr Holten, Mr Martin, Mr Ruddock and Mr Stewart.

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