

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 27

THURSDAY, 6 MAY 1976

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- 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 Adermann (Minister for the Northern Territory), Mr Connolly, Mr Fisher, Mr Fry and Mr Willis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a Commission of Inquiry be initiated into the Aurukun Associates Agreement Act, no mining take place on the Aurukun Aboriginal Reserve until a full environmental impact study has been made and an export licence to the consortium concerned be refused until negotiations are held with the Aurukun people and an agreement has been reached.
- Mr Bradfield and Mr Hurford—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian delegation to the fourth session of UNCTAD be instructed to support the principle of an integrated program of commodities and take certain other action.
- Mr Bradfield and Dr Klugman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the right of all trade union members to participate in ballots be guaranteed, voting in union elections be made compulsory and re-introduction of the collegiate system of union elections be resisted.
- Dr J. F. Cairns and Mr Falconer—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be continued as recommended in the report tabled in Parliament on 4 March 1976.
- Mr Chapman and Mr Fry—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 J. L. McMahon and 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.
- Mr Bonnett—from certain members of the staff of Pimlico State High School, Qld, praying for continuing financial support from the Commonwealth Government for education.
- Mr Carige—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Cadet forces be re-instated.
- Mr Carige—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be continued as a longer term program on a regional basis.
- 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 Connolly—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 Fry—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 Fry and Dr Jenkins—from certain members of the Society for Growing Australian Plants (Canberra Region) and the Warringal Conservation Society, Heidelberg, Vic., respectively, in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Fry—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian National Library be accessible to readers from 9.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. daily.

Mr L. K. Johnson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that no measures be taken to interfere with the Schools Commission.

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

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:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—First Annual Report, for period 6 June 1973 to 28 June 1975, and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 30 June 1974 to 28 June 1975.

Bilingual education program in schools in the Northern Territory—
Second Progress report, dated December 1974.

Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Pursuant to statute:

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—
1976/2—Chairman of the Interim Darwin Reconstruction Commission.
1976/3—Holders of public offices on the Schools Commission.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of receipts and expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1974–75.

Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement relating to financial assistance to Western Australia for year 1975–76 for urban expansion and redevelopment (Moore River studies).

5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18 May, 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6 NATURAL DISASTER INSURANCE SCHEME: Notice No. 1, general business, having been called on—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Jacobi and Mr Macphee each speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Jacobi, pursuant to notice, moved—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should implement forthwith a natural disaster insurance scheme.

Mr Hayden addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Macphee moved, as an amendment—That the word “forthwith” be omitted with a view to substituting the words “as soon as practicable”.

Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Howard moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Question proposed—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to.

Mr Scholes addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted.

Mr Howard asked leave to move a motion.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of standing orders—General business: Mr Howard moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of general business being continued forthwith.

Mr Scholes rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion to suspend the standing orders amended by Mr Howard, by leave, by inserting the words "notice No. 1" after the word "business".

And the question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Motion, as amended, viz.: That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should implement as soon as practicable a natural disaster insurance scheme—agreed to.

- 7 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Lynch (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976: Mr Lynch (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act* 1976 in relation to the Investment Powers of the Superannuation Fund Investment Trust.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Lynch (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act* 1953–1975.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND) BILL 1976: Mr Lynch (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Agreement establishing a Financial Support Fund of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act 1967–1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented a Bill for an Act to extend the operation of the *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1975*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Hodges (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation:

First report—Land use pressures on areas of scenic amenity. (Case study: Dandenong and Macedon Ranges, Vic.)

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Hodges and Dr Jenkins, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 14 ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY (REPEAL) BILL 1976: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Road Safety and Standards Authority Act 1975*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS' LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 16 AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Accidents (Australian Government Liability) Act 1963–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Staley (Minister for the Capital Territory), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act 1962–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

18 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1975-76: 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 Graham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

19 AUSTRALIA-JAPAN TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with a treaty of friendship and co-operation between Australia and Japan, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australia-Japan treaty of friendship and co-operation—Ministerial statement, dated 6 May 1976.

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

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

20 OVERSEAS LOANS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the former Government's overseas loan raising activities, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Overseas loans—

Copy of letter, dated 12 March 1976, from Richard B. Todd, Managing Director, Whitney, Todd and Company, to the Prime Minister, together with enclosures.
Ministerial statement, dated 6 May 1976.

Press release, dated 17 December 1975, by the Treasurer relating to new guidelines governing unsolicited loan offers made to the Government.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) rising to address the House—

Closure moved: Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 27

Mr Armitage	Mr Garrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Beazley	Mr Hurford	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Morris	Mr James
Mr Fry	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes	Mr Nicholls

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr Anthony continued his speech.

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

Debate continued.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Sinclair moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Wentworth speaking without interruption for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Sinclair moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 28

Mr Armitage	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Beazley	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahan	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	
Mr Bryant	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 28

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

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

Mr Wentworth further addressed the House and asked leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Wentworth continued his speech.

Closure: Mr Sinclair moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Innes	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Jacobi	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Morris	
Mr Fry	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Garrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Hurford	Mr Keating	Mr Uren	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House take note of the papers—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

6 May 1976—Message—

No. 41—States Grants (Schools) 1976.

No. 42—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (Pension Increases) 1976.

22 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1975–76: 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 having been resumed by Mr Graham—

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

Retirement of Mr S. G. Riddle, Principal Attendant: Mr Speaker informed the House of the approaching retirement of Mr S. G. Riddle, Principal Attendant, who had joined the Department of the House of Representatives in 1946. Mr Speaker extended the best wishes of the House to him for his future.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) associated the Government parties and Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) associated the Opposition with the remarks of Mr Speaker.

Debate ensued on the question—That the House do now adjourn.

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

Mr Hunt (Minister for Health) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.03 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 18 May, 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 6 May 1976, pursuant to statute:

Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 97.

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

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1976—No. 1—Public Moneys.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Giles, Mr Holten, Mr McLean, Mr Martyr and Mr Peacock.

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