

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 34

FRIDAY, 28 MAY 1976

1 The House met, at 10.00 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 Lynch (Treasurer)—from certain members of the Phillip Island Conservation Society praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.

Mr Adermann (Minister for the Northern Territory)—from certain members of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (Caloundra Branch); Mr Carige— from certain citizens of the Electorate of Capricornia; and Mr Wentworth— from certain members of the Kameruka Bushwalking Club, in terms similar to the preceding petition.

Mr Lynch and Mr Chipp— from certain students and staff of Christ College and State Colleges of Victoria praying that the income tax exemption for teachers recruited outside Australia by the Victorian Education Department be cancelled.

Mr Baume and Mr Chipp— from certain citizens of Australia praying that all Australian whaling licences be immediately revoked and the importation of all whale produce be banned.

Dr J. F. Cairns and Mr Fife— 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 Giles and Mr W. McMahon— 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 Anthony (Minister for National Resources)— 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 Baume— from certain residents of Australia praying that the House (1) support a moratorium on whaling, (2) support research into marine biology and alternatives to whale products, (3) close down whaling operations at Cheynes Beach, W.A., (4) ban the import of all whale products and (5) encourage the end of whaling throughout the world.

Mr Cadman— 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.

Mr Connolly— 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 Connolly—from certain citizens of Australia praying that all current woodchip export licences be cancelled, more funds be provided for research into the recycling of used packaged material and future applications for woodchip leases be preceded by an environmental inquiry.

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 Hamer—from certain students and staff of Christ College and State Colleges of Victoria praying that the immigration of teachers recruited outside Australia be prevented.

Mr James—from certain citizens of Western Australia praying that a referendum be held on the abolition of the position of Governor-General.

Mr P. F. Johnson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that further mining and export of uranium, except for bio-medical purposes, be banned and the Australian Atomic Energy Commission be transformed into an Australian Energy Commission.

Mr J. L. McMahan—from certain citizens of Australia praying that social security payments be adjusted instantly and automatically with increases in the Consumer Price Index and certain other benefits be adjusted.

Mr J. L. McMahan—from certain citizens of Australia praying that grants to under-privileged schools in the Sydney inner city area be retained.

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

Mr Simon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that immediate steps be taken to support dairy farmers until the industry is stabilised.

Petitions received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs) and Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) would act as Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Mr Fraser also informed the House that, as from today, Mr Newman (Minister for Repatriation) would act as Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development.

- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Grants Commission—Special report on financial assistance for local government, dated 26 May 1976.

Literacy and numeracy in Australian schools—Report to schools by the Australian Council for Educational Research—
Report.

Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education).

Pursuant to statute:

Compensation (Australian Government Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—Report for year 1974–75.

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1974–75.

- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 27 May 1976—Message—
 No. 54—Apple and Pear Stabilization Amendment 1976.
 No. 55—Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Amendment 1976 (*without requests*).
 No. 56—Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Collection Amendment 1976.
- 7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 8 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1976–77: 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 E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1976–77: 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.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 WOOL INDUSTRY 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.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Post and Telecommunications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 WOOL TAX AMENDMENT BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 5) 1976: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—
 Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.
 Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bills were together read a third time.
- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 and 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (STAFFING ASSISTANCE) TERMINATION 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 Sinclair (Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—PARTICIPATION BY COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), for Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, moved—
 (1) That the House of Representatives agrees that the Commonwealth Parliament participate with the Parliaments of the States in the continuing work of the

Constitutional Convention established to review the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution and accordingly resolves:

- (a) That, for the purposes of the Convention—
- (i) a delegation from the Commonwealth Parliament consisting of 16 members of the Parliament take part in the deliberations of the Convention, of whom 6 shall be members of the Senate and 10 shall be members of the House of Representatives;
 - (ii) the 10 members of the House of Representatives comprise 3 members of the Liberal Party of Australia, 2 members of the National Country Party of Australia and 5 members of the Australian Labor Party:
- (b) That—
- (i) the Prime Minister and 4 other members of the House of Representatives, 2 being members of the Liberal Party of Australia and 2 being members of the National Country Party of Australia, nominated by him; and
 - (ii) the Leader of the Opposition and 4 other members of that House, being members of the Australian Labor Party, nominated by him, be members of the Delegation:
- (c) That the Prime Minister be the Leader of the Delegation, and the Leader of the Opposition be the Deputy Leader:
- (d) That a member of the Delegation cease to be a such a member if—
- (i) he ceases to be a member of the Commonwealth Parliament;
 - (ii) the House of the Parliament of which he is a member terminates his appointment; or
 - (iii) he resigns as a member of the Delegation by writing addressed to the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the case requires:
- (e) That where, because of illness or any other cause, a member of the Delegation is not available to attend a meeting, or part of a meeting, of the Convention, the Leader or senior available member of the Party in the House from which the member was drawn may nominate an alternate member (being a member of the House of which the first-mentioned member is a member) and the member so nominated shall be a member of the Delegation for that meeting, or that part of that meeting:
- (f) That, in the event of a member of the Delegation ceasing to be such a member, the Leader of the Party in the House from which the member was drawn may nominate another member (being a member of the House of which the first-mentioned member is or was a member) to replace the first-mentioned member:
- (g) That the Leader of the Delegation from time to time make a report for presentation to each House of the Parliament on matters arising out of the Convention, and that the Deputy Leader of the Delegation may make an accompanying report.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of the resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

15 DAIRY ADJUSTMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Adjustment Act* 1974.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 16 DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION LEVY BILL 1976: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to a Levy on Whole Milk and Butter Fat.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1976: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Butter Fat Levy Act 1965–1972*, and to amend certain other Acts.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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 C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 19 STATES GRANTS (HOSPITAL OPERATING COSTS) BILL 1976: Mr Lynch (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to the Costs of Operating Hospitals.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.35 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 May 1976, pursuant to statute:

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

No. 8 (Roads and Public Places Ordinance).

No. 9 (Building and Services Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Bungey, Mr Burr, Dr Cass, Mr Chipp, Dr Edwards, Mr Holten*, Dr Jenkins, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Katter, Mr MacKellar, Mr Nicholls, Mr Nixon, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Peacock, Dr Richardson, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr Sullivan.

* On leave

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