

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 68

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1976

1 The House met, at 11.45 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 L. R. Johnson, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Martin and Mr Stewart—from certain citizens praying that the 1976-77 Budget be redrafted to provide for economic recovery within the guidelines laid down in the 1975-76 Budget.

Mr Bryant and Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens praying that the freeze on European claims to unalienated Crown lands of the Northern Territory be extended and the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976 be amended.

Mr Jones and Mr Morris—from certain citizens of the Hunter Valley Region, N.S.W., praying that funds be provided for the establishment and maintenance of a Hunter Symphony Orchestra.

Dr J. F. Cairns—from certain citizens praying that pensions for single pensioners be continued for 12 weeks after death in order to cover funeral expenses.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the Government (1) cease the mining and export of uranium until safe disposal methods have been guaranteed, (2) increase expenditure on research into safe, clean and inexhaustible sources of energy and (3) aid underdeveloped countries in their efforts to secure a share of world energy resources.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that the Government call upon South Africa to eliminate racial discrimination and that it withdraw Australian Trade Commissioners from South Africa.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Newcastle, N.S.W., praying that the Government place immediate orders with the Newcastle State Dockyard and implement the plan to build a graving dock in Newcastle.

Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that the House call on Sir John Kerr to resign as Governor-General.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Education administration changes in the A.C.T.—Statement by Senator Carrick (Minister for Education), dated 10 November 1976.

Pursuant to statute:

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1975-76.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975-76.

- 5 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
10 November 1976—Message—
No. 120—Appropriation (No. 1) 1976–77 (*without requests*).
No. 121—Appropriation (No. 2) 1976–77.
- 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being continued until 1 p.m.
Question—put and passed.
- 7 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
It being 1 p.m., the debate was interrupted.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 8 ROADS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1976: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads.
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.
- 9 PRICES JUSTIFICATION AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Prices Justification Act 1973* and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 10 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1976: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howard 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.
- 11 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES 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. 117, dated 4 November 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 (NO. 2) 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. 118, dated 4 November 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the following amendment was made, after debate:

Clause 16, pages 9 and 10, Schedule 1, Part II, omit the Part, substitute the following Part:

“ PART II

SPECIAL PURPOSES IN RELATION TO GRANTS FOR RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

Column 1 University	Column 2 Purpose	Column 3 Amount
University of Sydney ..	General development approved by Commission	\$ 1,029,000
University of New South Wales	Australian Graduate School of Management, for teaching and research	537,000
University of Newcastle ..	School of Medicine, for teaching and research	183,000
University of Melbourne ..	General development approved by Commission	1,029,000
James Cook University of North Queensland	School of Medicine, for planning purposes ..	46,000
Flinders University of South Australia	School of Medicine, for teaching and research	1,554,000
Murdoch University ..	School of Veterinary Studies, for teaching and research	817,000”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Viner, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 119, dated 4 November 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 (No. 2) 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. 120, dated 4 November 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 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 by Mr Bowen who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not opposing the Bill the House is of the opinion that insufficient resources are being directed into the technical education area”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 121, dated 4 November 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 URANIUM EXPORTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of certain decisions of the Government on uranium exports, following consideration of the First Report of the Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Uranium exports—Ministerial statement, 11 November 1976.

Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Uren—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Mr Chipp, by leave, made a statement regarding the resumption of the debate on the motion.

Mr Newman, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 17 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION) AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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. 122, dated 4 November 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.

- 18 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 123, dated 11 November 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Bowen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 7, page 11, line 20, after "State," insert "but only after consultation with the Schools Commission and report to the Parliament".

Clause 12, page 14, after paragraph (a) of sub-clause (2) insert the following paragraph:

"(aa) after consultation with the Schools Commission, the Commonwealth Education Minister may permit the allocation of a specific amount from a school's allocation to be spent at the discretion of the school board;"

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS) 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. 124, dated 4 November 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.

20 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:

11 November 1976—Message No. 125—

Appropriation (No. 1) 1976–77.

Appropriation (No. 2) 1976–77.

21 CHRISTMAS ISLAND AGREEMENT 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.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr D. M. Cameron moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr D. M. Cameron moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Street (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), the House adopted the report.

Mr Street, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr D. M. Cameron moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 22 **SOFTWOOD FORESTRY AGREEMENTS 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. 126, dated 3 November 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 **DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION LEVY 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 Bryant), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 24 **SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1976:** Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 25 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

11 November 1976—Message No. 122—Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment (No. 2) 1976.

- 26 **DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION LEVY 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.

Mr Baume addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 November 1976, pursuant to statute:

Bankruptcy Act—Rule—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 235 (*in substitution for the paper presented on 10 November 1976*).

Explosives Act—Explosives Areas Regulations—Order—Limits of load.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony*, Mr Armitage, Mr Brown*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Garrick, Mr Hayden, Mr Keating, Mr Killen, Mr Nicholls*, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Young.

* On leave

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