

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 153

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 1972

- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: Mr D. M. Cameron presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Federal Government take immediate steps to act on behalf of all Australian people to preserve Lake Pedder in its natural state.
Mr Klugman presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House seek to have Australia adopt the principle followed by Britain, Italy, Greece, Malta, The Netherlands, France, Germany, Turkey, Canada and the United States of America, which already transfer the social entitlement of their citizens wherever they may choose to live.
Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that a committee of inquiry, on which are represented the Department of Education and Science, institutions of tertiary education, practising educators, and the Canberra community, be instituted to inquire into the form that an Australian Capital Territory Education Authority should take, the educational principles and philosophy that should underly it, and its mode of operation and administration.
Petitions severally received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—
Mr Bryant having addressed a question to the Minister for Labour and National Service which referred personally to the Minister—
Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the question was out of order.
Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Bryant moved—That the ruling be dissented from.
Debate ensued.
Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	Mr Whitlam
Mr Connor	Mr Guh	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr James

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahon	
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	

Tellers:

Mr Fox
Sir W. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

- 4 HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Katter (Minister for the Army) be discharged from attendance on the House Committee, and that, in his place, Mr O'Keefe be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 STATEMENTS BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: Mr Brown moved, pursuant to notice—That this House deplores statements by the Leader of the Opposition that tend to encourage and condone breaches of the laws of this Parliament.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1 be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Enderby was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1972: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Capital Assistance) Act 1971*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 7 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1972: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr Stewart moved—That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof:

“4. Section 85 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after sub-section (2A.) the following sub-sections:—

Renewal of
licence.

‘(2B.) The Minister shall refer an application made under this section to the Board for its recommendation as to the renewal of a licence.

‘(2C.) Before making a recommendation, the Board shall hold an inquiry in accordance with this Act into the application.’; and

(b) by omitting sub-sections (3.), (4.), (4A.), (5.) and (6.).”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and passed.

Clauses 5 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Sherry moved—That the following new clause be added to the Bill:

“9. After section 124 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted:—

‘124AA. A person who claims to have been defamed in a broadcasting or television programme shall be entitled, on request to the Commission or the licensee, as the case may be, and upon payment of an adequate fee, to receive a record of such programme.’.”

Supply of record of defamatory broadcast or televised statement.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8 BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES BILL 1972: 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 Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

9 TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES BILL 1972: 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 Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 5 (1972): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 5 (1972).

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

11 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Report—Industrial gamma ray equipment.

Ordered to be printed.

12 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1972: 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had appointed Mr Lloyd to be a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in the place of Mr Katter (Minister for the Army).

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

2 March 1972—Message No. 275—Dairy Produce Export Control 1972.

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 2 March 1972, pursuant to statute:

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Defence—E. J. Mulholland.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr Bate, Mr Beazley, Mr L. F. Bowen, Mr Bury, Mr Calder, Mr Graham, Mr Mackay, Mr MacKellar, Mr Morrison and Mr Wentworth.

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