

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 161

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 1972

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration), Mr Katter (Minister for the Army), Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Corbett, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr England, Mr Keogh, Mr Bonnett, Mr Fulton, Sir Winton Turnbull, Mr Cohen, Mr Lloyd, Mr Sherry, Mr Drury, Mr Morrison, Mr Giles, Mr Daly, Mr Maisey, Mr Duthie, Mr Solomon, Mr Hurford, Mr King, Mr Kirwan, Mr Turner, Mr Hansen, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Nicholls, Mr Lucock, Mr Wallis, Mr Brown, Mr Gun and Mr Everingham each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to call a halt to the closing of post offices and the reorganisation of the Post Office and initiate a joint parliamentary inquiry into the Postmaster-General's Department.
- Mr Jenkins and Mr Collard each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will immediately enact legislation providing for a base pension rate of 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings and other health and social service changes and initiate a public inquiry into Australia's social welfare structure.
- Mr Barnard also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will (1) take immediate steps to make emergency finance available to the States for State school education and (2) divert the large sums of public money being spent on private schools to the government school system for which the Government is truly responsible.
- Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the sales tax and customs duties on all forms of contraceptive devices be removed, and that all contraceptive devices be placed on the National Health Scheme Pharmaceutical Benefits list.
- Mr Daly also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will (a) ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes, (b) ban the export of all kangaroo products from Australia, (c) prevent the extinction of the red kangaroo, (d) institute a scientific survey of the kangaroo population, (e) establish large national parks of good quality land as major tourist attractions and (f) take control of and be completely responsible for the management of Australia's wildlife.
- Mr Enderby also 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.
- Mr Bonnett also presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the House direct the Department of Civil Aviation to investigate other and less vulnerable sites than Many Peaks Range for its proposed unmanned radar stations near Townsville.

Mr FitzPatrick presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that this House will give urgent consideration to improving the educational opportunities of children living in isolated areas through the granting of certain financial aid, taxation concessions, accommodation and travelling allowances.

Petitions severally received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Reynolds, by leave, made a statement relating to an answer given yesterday by Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) to a question without notice in which reference was made to the voting of the Australian Labor Party in the Senate on the States Grants (Independent Schools) Bill.
- 5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 11 April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
- 6 DEVELOPMENT WORKS, H.M.A.S. *Nirimba*, QUAKERS HILL, N.S.W.—STAGE 2—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of stage 2 development works, H.M.A.S. *Nirimba*, Quakers Hill, N.S.W.  
Question—put and passed.
- 7 SEWERAGE PLANT, TENNANT CREEK, N.T.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of sewerage reticulation and treatment plant at Tennant Creek, N.T.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 8 ROAD TO EAST ALLIGATOR RIVER AREA, N.T.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of road to East Alligator River area, N.T.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 9 EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1972: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff 1921–1971* in relation to Metric Conversion.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 EXCISE BILL 1972: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act 1901–1968*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 **DISTILLATION BILL 1972:** Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Distillation Act 1901–1968*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **SPIRITS BILL 1972:** Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Spirits Act 1906–1969*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (No. 1) 1972:** Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Diesel Fuel Tax Act (No. 1) 1957–1971* in relation to Metric Conversion.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (No. 2) 1972:** Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Diesel Fuel Tax Act (No. 2) 1957–1971* in relation to Metric Conversion.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **NAVIGATION BILL 1972:** Mr Hunt (Acting Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act 1912–1970* with respect to the Tonnage Measurement of Ships, and for other purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Hunt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **COMMONWEALTH TEACHING SERVICE BILL 1972:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Clause 23—

Mr Bryant moved the following amendment: Page 8, lines 39 and 40, omit “, with the approval of the Public Service Board,”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Drury, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53

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

*Tellers:*

Mr Fox  
Sir W. Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Enderby	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Everingham	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 24 debated and agreed to.

Clause 25—

Mr Beazley moved the following amendment: Page 9, lines 13 and 14, omit “, with the approval of the Public Service Board,”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 26—

Mr Beazley moved the following amendment: Page 9, lines 16 and 17, omit “, with the approval of the Public Service Board,”.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 27 agreed to.

Clause 28—

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

Page 10, line 28, omit “not only”.

Page 10, lines 30–32, omit “but also for the discharge of the duties of the kinds required to be performed by officers filling positions of higher status in the Service”.

Debate continued.

Amendments withdrawn, by leave.

On the motion of Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 10, omit sub-clause (3.).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 29—

On the motion of Mr Beazley, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 11, lines 4–13, omit all words after “promoted” to the end of sub-clause (4.), insert “and determine the appeal or appeals.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 32, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 33—

Mr Beazley moved the following amendment: Page 14, omit sub-clauses (4.) and (5.), insert the following sub-clauses:

“(4.) An officer is entitled to receive her normal salary in respect of a period of absence from duty in accordance with this section.

“(5.) Nothing contained in, or done under, this section prevents the grant of leave of absence with pay, on the production of a medical certificate, relating to herself or the child, in support of an extension of leave, to an officer in respect of a period in excess of the 26 weeks referred to in sub-section (1.) of this section.

“(5A.) A female temporary employee who has become pregnant shall take leave of absence and be entitled to paid maternity leave and such leave benefits on account of pregnancy as are applicable to a female officer in accordance with this section.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clauses proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turnbull

NOES, 39

Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Enderby	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Everingham	Mr Jenkins	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Foster	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr Enderby, who had already spoken twice, again addressed the committee, by leave.

Debate continued.

Remainder of Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

17 HONEY INDUSTRY 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

18 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Patterson, by leave, made a statement relating to his remarks concerning the honourable Member for Corangamite (Mr Street) made during proceedings yesterday on the motion relating to the export of merino rams.

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure*: Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts) moved—

That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 11 April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Berinson, Mr Birrell, Mr Bury\*, Mr Calwell, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Davies, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Jess, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Nixon and Mr Uren.

\* On leave

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