

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 166

WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), Mr Everingham, Mr Sherry, Mr Jenkins, Mr Hansen, Mr Scholes, Mr Cass, Mr Stewart and Mr L. K. Johnson 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 Corbett, Mr Kennedy, Mr Lucock, Mr Everingham, Mr Kelly and Mr Hayden 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 Luchetti and Mr Klugman each presented a petition from certain residents of the western suburbs in the Sydney metropolitan area and surrounding districts praying that this House take appropriate steps to ensure that the Government does not proceed with the proposal to site the second twenty-four hour international airport for Sydney at Richmond or anywhere else in the far western suburbs of the metropolitan area.
- Petitions severally received.
- A similar petition to that presented by Mr Luchetti was presented by Mr Armitage, and was received and read.
- Mr MacKellar 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.
- Petition received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 AUSTRALIAN FILM AND TELEVISION SCHOOL—ESTABLISHMENT—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
- National Film and Television Training School—Interim Council—
Third Report, February 1972.
- Letters, dated 20 and 21 March 1972, from the Chairman of the Council to the Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts.
- Letter, dated 28 March 1972, from the Executive Officer of the Council to the Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts.
- Letter, dated 2 March 1972, from Mr Hector Crawford to the Chairman of the Council.
- Mr Howson, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the papers and the establishment of the Australian Film and Television School, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Australian Film and Television School—Establishment—Ministerial statement, 19 April 1972.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate ensued.

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

- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EXPLORATION OF OIL RESOURCES: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that both Mr Bonnett and Mr Patterson had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, Mr Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Patterson, namely, "The failure of the Government to implement positive policies to encourage and maintain the progressive exploration of Australian oil resources".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Patterson addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 6 DAIRYING INDUSTRY BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 5 of the *Dairying Industry Act 1962-1970*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 3 of the *Processed Milk Products Bounty Act 1962-1970*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 SOFTWOOD FORESTRY AGREEMENTS BILL 1972: Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in connexion with Softwood Forestry.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Swartz moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (No. 2) 1972 [No. 2]: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Social Services.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 210, dated 19 April 1972, 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 Wentworth, the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 REPATRIATION BILL 1972: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920-1971* so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions payable to certain persons, and for purposes connected therewith, and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of certain payments resulting from those amendments.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Holten moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Leave granted for debate to ensue.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “while not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House condemns the Government’s failure to restore the relative value of repatriation pensions, in particular the general rate pension”.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 51

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr O’Keefe	Sir W. Turnbull

NOES, 44

Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Shery
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cass	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. 211, dated 19 April 1972, 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 Holten, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 SEAMEN’S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1972: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), for Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen’s War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1971* so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions.

Bill read a first time

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

Question—put, by leave, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Holten, the Bill was read a third time.

12 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 20 MARCH 1972—AMENDMENTS OF STANDING ORDERS AND CHANGES IN PRACTICE: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), as amended, viz.—

- (a) That recommendations Nos. 1 to 10 contained in the report of the Standing Orders Committee dated 20 March 1972 be agreed to.
- (b) That other decisions of the Committee Nos. 1 to 5 be endorsed, subject to decision No. 2 being referred back to the Committee for further consideration.
- (c) That the amendments of the standing orders and changes of practice adopted by this resolution be effective from and including the next sitting—

*And on the further amendment moved thereto by Mr Bryant, viz.—*That after paragraph (b) the following paragraph be inserted:

“(ba) That the standing orders be amended by inserting after standing order 49 the following new standing order:

‘49A. That, at 10 p.m. each sitting day, the Speaker shall put the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate; if the House be in committee at that hour, the Chairman shall in like manner put the question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the House; and upon such report being made the Speaker shall forthwith put the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate: Provided that if the House or the committee be in division at the time named, the Speaker or the Chairman shall not put the question referred to until the result of such division has been declared; and if the business under discussion shall not have been disposed of at such adjournment it shall appear on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day.’ ”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Luchetti moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment—That the proposed new standing order be omitted with a view to inserting the following standing order in place thereof:

“49A. Unless otherwise ordered, at eleven o’clock p.m. on Tuesday and at half-past ten o’clock p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker shall propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate; if the House be in committee at that hour, the Chairman shall report progress and upon such report being made the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate.

Provided that:

- (a) if a division be in progress at the time of interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced,
- (b) if, on the question—That the House do now adjourn—being proposed, a Minister requires the question to be put forthwith without debate, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question,
- (c) nothing in this order shall operate to prevent a motion for the adjournment of the House being moved by a Minister at an earlier hour,
- (d) any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting, and
- (e) if the question—That the House do now adjourn—is negatived, the House shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted.

Provided further that if, at twelve o’clock midnight, the question before the House is—That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Chipp (Deputy 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 amendment to the proposed amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Sir W. Turnbull
Mr Berinson	Mr Fulton	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	Mr Webb
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	Mr Whitlam
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cass	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Daly	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr James

NOES, 49

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Stewart
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Lloyd	Mr Swartz
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Collard	Mr Hamer	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Mr Crean	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cross	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid	Mr England
Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson	Mr Fox

The numbers for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" being equal, the Deputy Speaker, in order to retain the status quo and in view of the undertaking given by the Deputy Leader of the House that he would refer the matter to the Standing Orders Committee, gave his casting vote with the "Noes".

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

AYES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Robinson
Mr Beazley	Mr Foster	Mr Katter	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan	Mr Wallis
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hansen	Mr Klugman	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hayden	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr Maisey	
Mr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	
Mr Connor	Mr Jarman	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Nicholls	Mr Cope
Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson	Mr Duthie

NOES, 51

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bate	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Reid
Mr Berinson	Mr England	Mr James	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Stewart
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Collard	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Howson	Mr McMahon	Mr Fox
Mr Cross	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Sir W. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question proposed—That paragraph (c) be agreed to.

Mr Daly moved, as an amendment—That paragraph (c) be amended by omitting the words “from and including the next sitting” with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “when the constitutional position of Assistant Ministers has been determined”.

Debate continued.

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

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the paragraph—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 50

Mr C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
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Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Connor	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That paragraph (c) be agreed to—put and passed.

13 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.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Barnes, Mr Birrell, Mr Brown, Mr Bury*, Mr Cohen, Mr Davies, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Giles, Mr Gorton, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Peacock, Mr Pettitt and Mr Snedden.

* On leave

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