

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 169

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 1972

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- 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:** The Clerk announced that Mr Garland (Minister for Supply), Mr Buchanan, Mr Dobie, Mr England, Mr Gorton and Mr James had each lodged a petition for presentation 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.
Petitions received.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** Mr Foster asked leave to make a statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
 - 5 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9 May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
 - 6 **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 fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
 - 7 **ROAD SAFETY—SELECT COMMITTEE:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
 - (a) the main causes of the present high level of the road toll in Australia;
 - (b) the most effective means of achieving greater road safety in Australia;
 - (c) the particular aspects of the problem to which those concerned with road safety could most advantageously direct their efforts; and
 - (d) the economic cost to the community of road accidents in Australia in terms of—
 - (i) material damage;
 - (ii) loss of man hours and earning capacity; and
 - (iii) cost of treatment of accident victims.
 - (2) That the committee recognise the control in these matters exercised by the States and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
 - (3) That the committee consist of seven Members, four to be appointed by the Prime Minister and three to be appointed by the Leader of the Opposition.
 - (4) That every appointment of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.

- (5) That the Chairman be appointed by the Prime Minister.
- (6) That the Chairman shall at any time when he will not be present at any meeting of the committee or of a sub-committee, appoint another member of the committee to act as Chairman.
- (7) That the Chairman or the Acting Chairman presiding at a meeting of the committee or of a sub-committee, have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, also have a casting vote.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of not less than three of its members, and refer to any such sub-committees any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That three members of the committee, including the Chairman or Acting Chairman, constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee including the Chairman of the sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.
- (10) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess.
- (11) That recourse to technical and/or expert advice by the committee shall be subject to approval of the Speaker.
- (12) That the committee have leave to report to the House from time to time.
- (13) That the committee report to the House as soon as possible and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior) making a ministerial statement on the administration of the Commonwealth Electoral Act.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT—ADMINISTRATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior) made a ministerial statement relating to the administration of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Administration—Ministerial statement, 27 April 1972.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 10 **AIRLINE EQUIPMENT (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1972:** Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of certain Equipment for a Domestic Airline.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Swartz 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 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL 1972: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Advanced Education.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fraser 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 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1972: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 36 of the *Public Works Committee Act 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.

- 14 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1972: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

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 LOANS (AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES COMMISSION) BILL 1972: Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of a certain sum of Money and to authorize the Commonwealth to make certain Moneys available to the Australian National Airlines Commission, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Garland 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.

- 16 PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK) BILL 1972: Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Guarantee by the Commonwealth of the Discharge of the Obligations of the Administration of Papua New Guinea under a Loan Agreement made with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Garland 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.

- 17 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1972-73—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1972-73: Message No. 215, dated 27 April 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly. Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Garland 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.

- 18 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURE, 1972-73—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1972-73: Message No. 216, dated 27 April 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for certain expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Garland 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.
- 19 QUEENSLAND GRANT 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Katter—Minister for the Army), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 20 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—ADVISORY COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of new arrangements that the Government will make in relation to science and technology in Australia involving the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Science and Technology.
Mr Stewart, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 21 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL 1972: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 4 of the *Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act 1967-1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Lynch moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 QUEENSLAND GRANT 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 217, dated 12 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 Katter (Minister for the Army), the Bill was read a third time.
- 23 DAIRYING 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 218, 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

24 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—DAIRYING BILLS: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—

- (a) orders of the day Nos. 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Processed Milk Products Bounty, the Dairying Research, the Dairying Research Levy, the Dairy Produce Sales Promotion and the Butter Fat Levy Bills being called on together,
- (b) a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed, and
- (c) messages from the Governor-General recommending appropriations in respect of the Processed Milk Products Bounty Bill and the Dairying Research Bill being then announced together.

Question—put and passed.

25 PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS BOUNTY, DAIRYING RESEARCH, DAIRYING RESEARCH LEVY, DAIRY PRODUCE SALES PROMOTION AND BUTTER FAT LEVY BILLS 1972: The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—

Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the Bills be now passed.

Question—put and passed.

26 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUE: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced recommending appropriations of revenue for the purposes of the following Bills:

19 April 1972—Message No. 219—Processed Milk Products Bounty 1972.

12 April 1972—Message No. 220—Dairying Research 1972.

27 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 7, government business, being called on.

Question—put and passed.

28 DAIRYING RESEARCH LEVY COLLECTION 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—

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.

29 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 9 May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Beazley, Mr Brown, Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Mr Cohen, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Giles, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Kennedy, Mr Lloyd, Mr Pettitt and Mr Snedden.

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