

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 171

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 1972

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- 1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Acting Speaker informed the House that a delegation of five Ministers of the House of Assembly of Papua New Guinea, led by Mr M. T. Somare, Deputy Chairman of the Administrator's Executive Council and Chief Minister, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Acting Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
  - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy), Mr Garland (Minister for Supply), Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Calwell, Mr Gorton, Mr Bennett, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cass, Mr Collard, Mr Crean, Mr Cross, Mr Dobie, Mr Drury, Mr Everingham, Mr Foster, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Garrick, Mr Griffiths, Mr Gun, Mr Hansen, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr James, Mr Jarman, Mr Jenkins, Mr Jones, Mr Keogh, Mr Klugman, Mr Luchetti, Mr McIvor, Mr Nicholls, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Scholes, Mr Sherry, Mr Solomon, Mr Street, Sir Winton Turnbull, Mr Turner, Mr Uren, Mr Wallis and Mr Webb—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 Grassby and Mr Maisey—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 Armitage—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.
    - Mr Grassby—from certain electors of the Division of the Riverina praying that this House will take the necessary steps to ensure that considerably more Commonwealth finance is granted to the State Governments for public education.
    - Mr Keating—from certain employees of the aircraft industry of Australia and citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the policy statement by Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Defence) referring to aircraft production be rescinded and immediate contracts be placed with the Australian aircraft industry to design and construct aircraft to meet immediate and future needs of the armed services to provide effective defence for the nation.
    - Mr Kennedy—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Government will re-adjust its priorities so that a more equitable distribution of revenue is allocated specifically for education in all its facets.

Mr Bennett—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure provision of funds to provide for the all-weather sealing of the Eyre Highway.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POVERTY—PUBLIC INQUIRY: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House that Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for a national and independent public inquiry into poverty and all related areas of social need".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

*Suspension of standing orders moved—Motion without notice:* Mr Hayden moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Oxley moving that this House is of the opinion that the Government should establish a national and independent public inquiry into poverty and all related areas of social need.

Debate ensued on the motion to suspend the standing orders.

*Closure:* Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	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 Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turabull
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	

And so it was negatived.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

- 6 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS BILL 1972: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industrial Research and Development Grants Act 1967*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 TARIFF BOARD BILL 1972: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Membership of the Tariff Board.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1972 [No. 2]: Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Advertising of Cigarettes and Cigarette Tobacco by Commercial Broadcasting and Television Stations.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Sir Alan Hulme moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION) BILL 1972: Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize Australia to Subscribe for Shares of the Capital Stock of the Asian Development Bank.  
 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.
- 10 SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1972: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1972* in relation to the Australian Capital Territory.  
 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.
- 11 NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1972: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1972* in relation to the Northern Territory of Australia.  
 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.
- 12 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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.  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr C. R. Cameron speaking for a further period not exceeding 25 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

### THURSDAY, 11 MAY 1972

Debate continued.

Mr Foster rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Giles 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 four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 May 1972, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 54.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, Nos. 55, 56, 57, 58.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 60.

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 52.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, Nos. 53, 59.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir William Aston.

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