

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 176

TUESDAY, 23 MAY 1972

- 1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Duthie, Mr Foster, Mr Hansen, Mr Jenkins, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr McIvor 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) and Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration)—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 Keating—from certain employees of the Australian aircraft industry and citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government will assist the Australian aircraft industry with respect to aircraft purchases, spares, military equipment exports, and participation in aero-space projects.
 Petitions received.
- 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Snedden (Treasurer), he was acting as Treasurer.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 - Life Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for 1971.
 - National Health Act—Operations of the Registered Medical and Hospital Benefits Organizations—Report for year 1970-71.
- 6 **TRADE RELATIONS AGREEMENT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 - Agreement on Trade Relations between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the Commonwealth of Australia—Signed at Canberra, 16 May 1972.
 Mr Anthony, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the Agreement, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 - Trade Relations Agreement with Czechoslovakia—Ministerial statement, 23 May 1972.
 Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
22 May 1972—Message No. 226—Queensland Grant 1972.

8 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—SEVENTEENTH REPORT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Seventeenth Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The Report is as follows:

SEVENTEENTH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Atomic Weapons Tests Safety Committee—Report, dated December 1971, on fallout over Australia from nuclear weapons tested by France in Polynesia from June to August 1971.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Special Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on application by the State of Queensland for financial assistance for the year 1971–72 from the Commonwealth under section 96 of the Constitution.

Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Twenty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.

General Practitioner Fees in New South Wales—Report of the Inquiry into the Fees to be adopted for General Practitioner Medical Services in New South Wales (Items 1 and 4) for the purpose of the National Health Act, dated 12 May 1972.

National Film and Television Training School—Interim Council—Third Report, February 1972.

National Health Act—First Annual Report on the operations of the Registered Medical Benefits and Hospital Benefits Organizations, for year 1970–71.

Overseas Investment in Australia—Treasury Economic Paper No. 1, May 1972.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1970–71.

States Grants (Secondary Schools Libraries) Act—Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for 1971.

Tariff Board—Report—Non cheddar cheese (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1971.

United Nations—General Assembly—Twenty-sixth Session, New York, 21 September to 22 December 1971—Report of the Australian Delegation.

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Chairman

Mr Erwin moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

9 PAPER: Mr Barnes, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to the South Pacific by delegation led by the Honourable C. E. Barnes, M.P., Minister for External Territories, 16 June to 10 July 1971—

and moved, by leave—That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 9 May 1972*), viz.:
- Australian foreign policy—
Ministerial statement, 9 May 1972.
Annex to ministerial statement—
- Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 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. 227, dated 27 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 Swartz (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK) 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. 228, dated 27 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 Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 15, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 15 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION 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

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), the following amendment was made: At the end of the clause add "18 May, 1972."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

- 16 **TARIFF BOARD 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.
 Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 17 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 23 May 1972—Message No. 311—Dairying Research Levy Collection 1972.
- 18 **STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) 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. 229, dated 27 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 **GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE 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. 230, dated 17 May 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 Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.
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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 May 1972, pursuant to statute:

- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for 1971.
- Dried Fruits Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 65.
- Jury Exemption Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 61.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—
 - Civil aviation purposes—Broken Hill, New South Wales.
 - Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation purposes—Urana, New South Wales.
 - Department of Shipping and Transport purposes—Tomakin, New South Wales.
 - Engineering complex site and staff accommodation purposes—Burnie, Tasmania.
 - Light station purposes—Triabunna, Tasmania.
- Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 66.

Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 63.

Pig Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 64.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1972—

No. 73—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.

No. 74—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 77—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.

No. 78—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

No. 79—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

No. 80—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 81—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 82—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 83—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 84—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 62.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bury, Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Calwell and Mr Snedden.

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