

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 179

TUESDAY, 30 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 **DEATH OF DUKE OF WINDSOR—ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) referred, with deep regret, to the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor, which occurred on 28 May, and moved—That an Address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the following terms be agreed to:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, have received with profound sorrow the news of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor. On behalf of Your people throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, we express deep sympathy to Your Majesty and to Members of the Royal Family in the loss which you have sustained.

And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Robinson, Mr Scholes 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 Lucock—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 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.

Mr Robinson—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government will take cognisance of the serious financial difficulty facing the Australian tourist industry and give the industry financial aid in the forthcoming Budget.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.

Mr Bennett—from certain employees of Ansett Airlines of Australia at Perth Airport praying that this House will take all necessary steps to prevent any takeover of Ansett Transport Industries.

Petitions received.

- 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Papua New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on administration of Papua New Guinea for year 1970–71.
 Tariff Board—Report—Fabrics for use in the manufacture of bed mattresses, pillows, etc.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** 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 Bills:
 26 May 1972—Message No. 233—
 Dairying Research 1972.
 Dairying Research Levy 1972.
 Dairying Research Levy Collection 1972.
 Dairy Produce Sales Promotion 1972.
 Butter Fat Levy 1972.
 Dairying Industry 1972.
 Processed Milk Products Bounty 1972.
- 8 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—EIGHTEENTH REPORT:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Eighteenth Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The Report is as follows:

EIGHTEENTH 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, and other Papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for 1971.
- Company Law Advisory Committee—Sixth Interim Report to the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General on share hawking.
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—Twenty-third Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
- Environment—Commonwealth policy and achievements—Ministerial statement, 24 May 1972.
- International Labour Conference—Fifty-third Session, Geneva, June 1969—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
- Inter-Parliamentary Union—Fifty-ninth Conference—Paris—1971—Report of the Australian Delegation.
- Life Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for 1971.
- National Film and Television Training School—Interim Council—
 First Report, November 1970.
 Second Report, March 1971.
- Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year ended 29 February 1972.
- Situation of Aborigines on pastoral properties in the Northern Territory—
 Report of Committee of Review, dated December 1971.
- Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—
 Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's
 Report, for year 1970–71.

Tariff Board—Reports—

- Caustic soda (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
- Dimethylamine (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
- Toilet units (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

G. D. ERWIN,
Chairman

25 May 1972

Mr Erwin moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL CLOSURES AND UNEMPLOYMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Beazley had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The continuing closure of industries with consequent aggravation of unemployment”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Beazley addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 10 SOFTWOOD FORESTRY AGREEMENTS 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 by Mr Patterson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill this House deplores the Government’s failure to prepare and publish, in consultation with the States, a national plan for (a) the full use and development of Australia’s forest resources and (b) the conservation of existing hardwood forests and associated flora and fauna in relation to softwood plantings”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Garland	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Fox
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turnbull

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Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	Mr Uren
Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Nicholls	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. 234, dated 19 April 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 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 Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 12 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—NINETEENTH REPORT:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Nineteenth Report from the Publications Committee. The Report is as follows:

NINETEENTH REPORT

The Publications Committee, having considered a Paper presented to the House of Representatives and which had not been considered previously by the Joint Committee, recommends that the following Paper be printed:

Pharmaceutical Benefits—Select Committee—Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee.

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Chairman

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

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT 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 by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House is of opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with until the Public Service Arbitrator has determined the applications by unions and associations for a 9 per cent increase in salaries throughout the Commonwealth Service”.
 Debate continued.
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49

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

NOES, 43

Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Nicholls
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Stewart
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Uren
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan	Mr Wallis
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	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. 235, dated 24 May 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 1972

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Swartz 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 twenty-six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 May 1972, pursuant to statute:

Banking Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 72.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Nowra, N.S.W.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1972—

No. 5 (Local Government Ordinance).

No. 7 (Petroleum Products Subsidy Ordinance).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 71.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 73.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Armitage, Mr Barnard, Mr L. F. Bowen, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Brown, Mr Calwell, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Enderby, Mr Fulton, Mr Gorton, Mr Hamer, Mr Hughes, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Hunt, Mr Jarman, Mr Killen and Mr McIvor.

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