

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 183

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 1972

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 the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), Sir John Cramer, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hamer, Mr Jarman, Mr Jones, Mr Morrison, Mr Reid, Mr Scholes and Mr Turner—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that Australia's official development assistance in 1972-73 be increased to at least \$240 million, and that Australia's aid and trade policies be reviewed to benefit developing countries.

Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr Hamer, Mr Jacobi and Mr Lloyd—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 Bennett—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that action be taken to move the Perth Airport from its present site.

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to honour the mandate given in the 1967 referendum to legislate in favour of Aborigines obtaining their full rights.

Petitions received.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Christmas Island—Report for year 1970-71.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1970-71.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1970-71.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Restrictive Trade Practices Act—Commissioner of Trade Practices—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1971-72.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOFTWOOD FORESTRY AGREEMENTS BILL 1972:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 334

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in connexion with Softwood Forestry*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MAGNUS CORMACK,

The Senate,

Canberra, 16 August 1972

President

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 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 VICTORIA GRANT (MILLEWA PIPELINES) 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. 245, dated 16 August 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.
 Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 8 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 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.
 On the motion of Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 NEW GUINEA TIMBER AGREEMENT ACT (REPEAL) 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 Beazley who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "the second reading be postponed pending a re-negotiation of the affairs of Commonwealth New Guinea Timbers Limited to provide for an indigenous equity of at least 50 per cent".
 Debate continued.
 Amendment negatived.
 Question—That the Bill be now read a second time —put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 10 COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME 1972-73—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's programme of education for 1972-73, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Commonwealth education programme 1972-73—Ministerial statement, 17 August 1972.
 Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Garland moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Beazley speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

- 11 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 14 (1972): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 14 (1972).

Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Reports—

Copper oxychloride (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Metal working machine tools and accessories.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 13 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave—That Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 3 to 7 (1972), constituting part of order of the day No. 87, government business, be discharged.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 DEFENCE—FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Chipp (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 16 August 1972*), viz.:

Defence—Five-year programme—Ministerial statement, 16 August 1972—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Chipp moved, by leave—

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Mackay—Minister for the Navy), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 15 PAPER: Mr Deputy Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1971–72.

- 16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

17 August 1972—Message No. 335—Industrial Research and Development Grants 1972.

- 17 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cope, by leave, made a statement with respect to the circumstances in which he had put forward a case for assistance to the wife and family of Mr John Kinsela, a person selected to represent Australia at the Olympic Games at Munich.

Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

- 18 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

The R.A.N. Looks Ahead—Survey of the Royal Australian Navy's future needs, August 1972.

- 19 DEFENCE—FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Chipp (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 16 August 1972*), viz.:

Defence—Five-year programme—Ministerial statement, 16 August 1972—

Debate resumed.

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

- 20 STATES GRANTS (PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS COLLEGES) 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 Beazley 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, while not refusing a second reading to the Bill, is of the opinion that there should be established an Australian Pre-school Commission to develop pre-school centres throughout Australia at standards comparable to those in the Australian Capital Territory, and to provide for training of professional staff for these centres”.

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order as it was not relevant to the Bill.

Debate continued.

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

- 21 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Grassby rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Hallett	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Hamer	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	Mr England
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson	Mr Fox

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Nicholls
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 August 1972, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1972—No. 44—Silicosis and Tuberculosis (Mine-workers and Prospectors).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1972—No. 6 (Milk Authority Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Giles and Mr Whittorn.

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