

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 186

THURSDAY, 24 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 Armitage, Mr Bennett, Mr Cass, Mr Enderby, Mr Fulton, Mr Grassby, Mr Jenkins, Mr Keating, Mr Kennedy, Mr Klugman, Mr Martin, Mr Morrison and Mr Webb—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House provide the finance to enable State Education Departments and local government authorities to establish pre-school and after-school centres and facilities for training the staff for these centres.
  - Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), Mr Enderby, Mr Reid and Mr Staley—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 J. F. Cairns and Mr Garrick—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 Armitage, Mr Klugman and Mr Luchetti—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 Armitage—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will immediately introduce legislation to grant the vote to citizens of 18, 19 and 20 years of age.
  - Mr Bennett—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to grant taxation concessions to mothers who are forced to pay fees to have their children retained in day care and family care centres.
  - Mr Bennett—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the Government give urgent consideration to the return of land, compulsorily acquired from the Shire of Belmont for defence purposes, so that proper planning and development of the Shire can continue.
  - Mr Enderby—from certain employees in Parliament House, Canberra, praying that an early decision will be taken by the Government to build the new and permanent Parliament House which will, in the long run, be a more economical way to house the Parliament and which will at the same time be an impressive and proud symbol of Australia's progress and national unity.
  - Mr Fulton—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to have the Commonwealth Public Service Board alter its policy on the review of district allowances payable to officers stationed in remote localities and carry out reviews every two years.

Mr Morrison—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the curfew at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be rigidly enforced, noise limits be placed on aircraft operating there, the operating rights of companies persistently violating the limits be withdrawn and the site of a second airport for Sydney be selected without further delay.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Forty-ninth Annual Report, for year 1971–72.

States Grants (Pre-school Teachers Colleges) Act—Statement of payments for year 1971–72.

5 NATIONAL DEBT COMMISSION REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report on the operations of the National Debt Commission for the year ended 30 June 1972, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

National Debt Commission report—Ministerial statement, 24 August 1972.

Sir Reginald Swartz (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

6 TRAINING IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's programme to extend the scope and improve the quality of training in industry and commerce.

Mr C. R. Cameron and Mr Gun, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTING OF HOUSE: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1972*, leave be granted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to meet during the sitting of the House on Tuesday, 29 August 1972.

Question—put and passed.

8 EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1972: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 23 of the *Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act 1956–1971*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

9 ALTERATION OF HOURS OF MEETING: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That for the remainder of the session, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair, on each Wednesday at half-past ten o'clock a.m. and on each Thursday at ten o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1972-73—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House condemns the Budget because it fails to define adequate economic and social goals for Australia; and in particular because it provides no programme for restoring full employment, no means of checking the costs and prices of goods and land, no framework for improving the standards of education, health, welfare and public transport and no national plan for our capital cities and regional centres”—

Debate resumed.

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

- 11 PAPER: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Letter, dated 24 August 1972, from the Treasurer to Senator G. Georges concerning questions asked by Senator Georges regarding the taxation affairs of Patrick Partners.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1972-73—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House condemns the Budget because it fails to define adequate economic and social goals for Australia; and in particular because it provides no programme for restoring full employment, no means of checking the costs and prices of goods and land, no framework for improving the standards of education, health, welfare and public transport and no national plan for our capital cities and regional centres”—

Debate resumed.

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

- 13 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

24 August 1972—Message—

No. 348—Papua New Guinea 1972.

No. 349—New Guinea Timber Agreement Act (Repeal) 1972.

No. 350—States Grants (Pre-school Teachers Colleges) 1972.

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 August 1972, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariff—Orders—

Declared preference countries—No. 1 (1972).

Less developed countries—Nos. 3, 3A (1972).

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

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