

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 194

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), Mr Brown, Sir John Cramer, Mr Drury, Mr England, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Gun, Mr Reid 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 McMahan (Prime Minister), Mr Daly and Mr Dobie—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that this House will immediately make a substantial Federal emergency grant to all State Governments for education services and carry out a public national survey to determine needs of the States after 1975.

Mr Brown—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to ensure that State education is given a higher priority in the allocation of Federal funds and that emergency action be taken to solve the present acute shortage of teachers in the secondary teaching service.

Mr Brown—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will shun any attempt to restrict the already limited independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science)—from certain residents of Hamilton and surrounding district, Victoria, praying that Australia embark on a programme to raise official overseas development assistance to one per cent of the gross national product by 1975 and that the Government take certain other steps to benefit developing countries.

Mr Klugman—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 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.

Mr Sherry—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will, in regard to the use of Commonwealth funds to aid church schools, restore to the Australian people true religious freedom which can exist only when Church and State are legally separated both in form and substance.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will (1) take immediate steps to make emergency finance available to the States for State school education and (2) divert the large sums of public money being spent on private schools to the government school system for which the Government is truly responsible.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs) was acting as Minister for External Territories.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Wool Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1971-72.

Department of National Development—Report for year 1971-72.

Home Savings Grant Scheme—Interim Statement of the Secretary, Department of Housing, for year 1971-72.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Immigration (Education) Act—Migrant Education Programme—Report for year 1971-72.

States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act—Third Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1971-72.

6 STATES GRANTS (FRUIT-GROWING RECONSTRUCTION) BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and one or more of the States in respect of a Scheme to provide Assistance to Persons engaged in Fruit-growing.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

7 CENTRAL ZONE SEWERAGE SCHEME, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969-1972*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of central zone sewerage scheme, Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8 SOFTWOOD FORESTRY AGREEMENTS BILL 1972—SENATE'S AMENDMENT: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the amendment made by the Senate.

In the committee

Debate resumed on the Senate's amendment (*see* page 1200) and on the motion moved by Sir Reginald Swartz (Minister for National Development), viz.: That the Senate's amendment be disagreed to, but that, in place thereof, the following amendment be made:

The Schedule, page 5, at the end of clause 9, add "and shall ensure that environmental factors relating to the planting have been considered".

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister assisting the Minister for National Development), the House adopted the report.

- 9 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT 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. 257, dated 23 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.
On the motion of Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 16 (1972): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 16 (1972).
Debate adjourned (Mr Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Tariff Board—Reports—
Ceramic tableware, etc.
Fittings and mountings, hat-racks, etc., of base metal.
Insulators; porcelain or glass insulators (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
Severally ordered to be printed.
- 12 VISIT BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the acceptance by Her Majesty The Queen of the Government's invitation to visit Australia in 1973 to open the Sydney Opera House.
- 13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1972–73: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$26,711,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Customs and Excise, \$38,877,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$57,510,000—

Department of Trade and Industry, \$45,137,000—
together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
20 September 1972—Message No. 353—States Grants (Capital Assistance) (No. 3) 1972.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell*, Mr FitzPatrick*, Mr A. D. Fraser*, Mr Hallett, Mr Jess, Mr King, Mr Peacock, Mr Snedden and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave

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