

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 196

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1972

1 The House met, at eleven 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 Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Armitage, Mr L. F. Bowen, Mr Everingham, Mr Garrick and Mr Gun—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the contract let to an American controlled company for the advertising rights for the Victorian Pink Pages Telephone Directories be revoked in the national interest.

Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), Mr Grassby, Mr Gun, Mr MacKellar, Mr Patterson and Mr Reid—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 Armitage 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 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 Enderby—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the strip of land on the whole western side of Melrose Drive, Canberra, be reserved for development as parkland.

Mr L. K. Johnson—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 Luchetti—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government reconsider its attitude towards accepting into Australia some of the displaced Ugandan Asians, send a mission to Uganda to assess the Ugandan Asians' attitude to coming to Australia and assist with the settlement of these people, wherever that may be.

Mr Whitlam—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.

Mr Whitlam—from certain citizens of the community of Canberra praying that this House will call on the Government to repeal the *Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1972*.

Petitions received.

- 3 **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.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Taxation Statistics, 1970–71 (Supplement to the Fiftieth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation).
 Ordered to be printed.
 The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 Taxation—Fifty-first Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1 September 1972.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Twentieth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.
 Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Fortieth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1971–72.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1971–72.
 Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Twenty-fourth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1971.
 Mr Berinson, by leave, presented the following paper:
 Letter, dated 4 September 1972, from Mr J. S. Samson, State President of the Western Australian Division of the Liberal Party of Australia, to a doctor, concerning the Government's health programme and other matters.
- 6 **MINISTERIAL HOUSING IN CANBERRA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 26 SEPTEMBER 1972:**
 Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the provision of housing for Ministers in Canberra.
 Mr Martin, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
 Mr L. R. Johnson asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 7 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS:** Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Report relating to the proposed construction of a primary and pre-school at Tennant Creek, N.T. (Twenty-fifth report of 1972).
 Report relating to the proposed construction of a power station at Tennant Creek, N.T. (Twenty-sixth report of 1972).
 Severally ordered to be printed.
- 8 **ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT 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 Hunt (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 **GIFT DUTY 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.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.

10 GIFT DUTY ASSESSMENT 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.

11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 4 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

12 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) 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 J. F. Cairns who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “while not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House condemns the Government for (a) its failure over a period of more than five years to exercise the full and direct responsibility in Aboriginal Affairs voted to it by more than 90 per cent of the Australian electorate in the referendum of May 1967, (b) neglecting to consult with the Aboriginal people, (c) refusing to restore land rights to Aborigines living on reserves or in significant communities, (d) failing to provide decent housing for Aboriginal families, (e) failing to provide employment opportunities particularly in rural areas, (f) making insufficient provision for education ranging from pre-school to technical training, adult education and education at university level, (g) its indifference to indefensible levels of neo-natal, infant and child mortality, malnutrition and disease, (h) its failure to assist the States in meeting these responsibilities beyond their own financial capacity and (i) its failure to provide the leadership which is a clear Commonwealth responsibility”.

Debate continued.

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

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr McLeay	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Sir W. Turnbull

NOES, 47

Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Jenkins	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hansen	Mr Klugman	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Hayden	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	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. 260, dated 14 September 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 Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 LOANS (QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED) 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 Jones who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of the opinion that the passage of this Bill should be delayed until (1) firm arrangements are made for substantial co-production procedures for imported aircraft, (2) a select committee is appointed to inquire into and report upon the effectiveness of Qantas management and (3) the terms of the loan agreement are set forth in a schedule to the Bill”.

Debate continued.

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

- 14 OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Government decisions on overseas investment in Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Overseas investment in Australia—Ministerial statement, 26 September 1972.

Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 15 OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA—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 26 September 1972*), viz.:

Overseas investment in Australia—Ministerial statement, 26 September 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

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

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

26 September 1972—Message—

No. 355—Social Services (No. 4) 1972.

No. 356—Repatriation (No. 2) 1972.

No. 357—Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) 1972.

No. 358—Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) 1972.

No. 359—Seamen’s War Pensions and Allowances (No. 2) 1972.

17 LOANS (QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Jones, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of the opinion that the passage of this Bill should be delayed until (1) firm arrangements are made for substantial co-production procedures for imported aircraft, (2) a select committee is appointed to inquire into and report upon the effectiveness of Qantas management and (3) the terms of the loan agreement are set forth in a schedule to the Bill”—

Debate resumed.

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

AYES, 53

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O’Keefe	Sir W. Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cass	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson	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. 261, dated 13 September 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys 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.

18 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS) 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 it should provide for the establishment of an Australian Schools Commission to examine and determine the needs of students in government and non-government primary, secondary and technical schools, and recommend grants which the Commonwealth

should make to the States to assist in meeting the requirements of all school age children on the basis of needs and priorities and that the application of this policy could not allow the continued acceptance of the provisions of the Bill and that therefore grants should not be made on the basis provided in the Bill in respect of any year after 1973”.

Debate continued.

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

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) 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 half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 September 1972, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for post office purposes—
Meadows, South Australia.
Woolloongabba, Queensland.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of part of Cobourg Peninsula Flora and Fauna Reserve.

Ordinances—1972—

No. 51—Traffic (No. 2).

No. 52—Alsatian Dogs.

No. 53—Legal Assistance.

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1972—

No. 43—Discriminatory Practices (Extension).

No. 44—Housing Commission (Associate Commissioners and Service).

No. 45—Legislative Drafting Service.

No. 46—Ministerial Personal Staff.

No. 47—Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (Name).

No. 48—Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (Commencement of 1970 Amendment).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Birrell*, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Calwell, Mr Cohen, Mr Daly, Mr Fitz-Patrick*, Mr A. D. Fraser*, Mr Hallett, Mr Hughes, Mr Jess, Mr Peacock, Mr Snedden and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives