

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 200

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), Mr Brown, Mr Garrick, Mr Giles, Mr Hansen, Mr Jarman, Mr Jenkins and Mr Kennedy—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.

Sir John Cramer, Mr Crean, Mr Grassby and Mr Pettitt—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 Forbes (Minister for Immigration) and Mr Hurford—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House urge the Government to bring in legislation to give land and other rights to Aborigines, expand Aboriginal reserves and press all State Governments to take similar action.

Mr Jenkins 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 Cope—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will take immediate steps to allocate the order to construct the auxiliary oiler escort vessel to Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard.

Mr Enderby—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will take immediate steps to have the Commonwealth Public Service Board take certain action regarding an increase in wage rates and the promotion structure of the Manipulative Group in the Public Service.

Mr Enderby—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the sales tax and customs duties on all forms of contraceptive devices be removed, and that all contraceptive devices be placed on the National Health Scheme Pharmaceutical Benefits list.

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 G. D. Erwin—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate action to provide sufficient funds for the States to finance the setting up and maintenance of services and facilities for the remedial education of children with learning disabilities.

Mr Jarman—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 other action be taken in relation to aid concerning trade policies, employment and tax concessions.

Mr Jenkins—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make a Commonwealth grant to local authorities to enable these bodies to remit 50 per cent of the heavy burden of rates payable by persons living on social service pensions.

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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Hansard—Its Establishment and Development, 1901–1972 (Second edition).

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Air Navigation Act—Minister for Civil Aviation—Twelfth Annual Report, for year 1971–72.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirty-ninth Report (1972) together with a Special Report on an application by the State of Queensland for financial assistance for the year 1971–72 from the Commonwealth under section 96 of the Constitution.

Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1971–72, together with Summary of Recommendations and statement of action taken in respect of the Recommendations.

5 NATIONAL URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL 1972: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a National Urban and Regional Development Authority.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

6 RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES BILL 1972: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Restrictive Trade Practices Act* 1971 in relation to Overseas Cargo Shipping.

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.

7 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 4) 1972: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Chipp 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.

8 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (NO. 2) 1972: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Chipp 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 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—Department of the Interior, \$142,036,000—debated.

Several Members rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr England moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Labour and National Service, \$26,004,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Housing, \$7,989,000—

Mr Uren moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$1. Debate continued.

Mr L. R. Johnson rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Giles moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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Mr Barnard	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Nicholls	Mr Cope
Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson	Mr Duthie

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Sir C. Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Reid
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox

And so it was negatived.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Question proposed—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 COMMONWEALTH CENTRE (PHASE 1), MELBOURNE—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 a Commonwealth centre (phase 1) at Melbourne.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11 COMMUNICATIONS TOWER, BLACK MOUNTAIN, A.C.T.—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 communications tower at Black Mountain, A.C.T.

Debate ensued.

Mr L. R. Johnson rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Giles moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

Mr Johnson and Mr Fulton, by leave, addressed the House.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—NOTICES CONCERNING APPROVAL OF WORKS: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent (a) notices Nos. 5, 6 and 7, government business, being called on and moved together and one question being put in relation to the three motions, and (b) notices Nos. 8 and 9, government business, being called on and moved together and one question being put in relation to the two motions.

Question—put and passed.

13 PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL, AND POWER STATION AT TENNANT CREEK, N.T. AND HOSPITAL AT CASUARINA, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORKS: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved the following motions together:

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 a primary and pre-school at Tennant Creek, N.T.

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 a power station at Tennant Creek, N.T.

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 Casuarina Hospital, Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 11 October 1972, were reported—

(a) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist on its amendment disagreed to by the House, and has agreed to the amendment made by the House in place thereof:

Message No. 365—Softwood Forestry Agreements 1972.

(b) returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 366—States Grants (No. 2) 1972.

No. 367—Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1972.

No. 368—Australian Capital Territory Tax (Sales of Marketable Securities) 1972 (*without requests*).

No. 369—Australian Capital Territory Tax (Purchases of Marketable Securities) 1972 (*without requests*).

No. 370—Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty (No. 2) 1972 (*without requests*).

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) 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 six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 October 1972, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1972—No. 5—Norfolk Island Public Hospital (Temporary Provisions).

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1972—

No. 52—Customs (Amendment) Tariff.

No. 53—Excise (Amendment) Tariff.

No. 54—Loan (Works, Services and Government Instrumentalities).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell*, Mr Buchanan, Mr Daly, Mr A. D. Fraser*, Mr J. M. Fraser, Mr Graham, Mr Hughes, Mr James, Mr Jess and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave

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