

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 203

WEDNESDAY, 18 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 Armitage, Mr Cope, Mr Keating and Mr Uren—from certain employees of the Australian aircraft industry in New South Wales and citizens of Australia praying that the Federal Government take immediate action to ensure the re-equipment of the armed forces with Australian designed and produced aircraft and accessories.

Mr Bryant, Mr Everingham, Mr Reynolds and Mr Uren—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House will at once take steps to dedicate as a National Park an area of at least 1,436 square miles as recommended by the Northern Territory Reserves Board.

Mr Bonnett and Mr Brown—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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—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 Cass—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the House will (1) immediately take action to see that State governments prohibit the commercial shooting of kangaroos and (2) enact legislation to give the Commonwealth Government responsibility throughout Australia for all native wildlife and habitat upon which it is dependent for survival.

Mr Cohen—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 Cohen—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that immediate action be taken to grant war service homes rights to all wartime ex-service-women, whether married or single and without restriction as to dependants.

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 Hamer—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will take immediate and effective action through education, publicity and legislation to counter the potential harm that could occur as a result of the release of the Little Red School Book.

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 Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that all manner of pressure, including economic sanctions, be applied to the Republic of France, to effect cancellation of the exploding of atomic devices in the southern Pacific Ocean.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Sheltered Employment (Assistance) Act—Details of approved sheltered workshops at 31 August 1972.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

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

Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—First Annual Report, for year 1971–72.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—Twenty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1971–72.

Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Eighteenth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1971–72.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1972.

5 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 new 14L/32R runway and associated airport works at Port Moresby (Twenty-ninth report of 1972).

Report relating to the proposed development of Nadzab Airport, Papua New Guinea (Thirtieth report of 1972).

Severally ordered to be printed.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TELEPHONE INSTALLATIONS—UNDERGROUND WIRING: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Bate had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for underground wiring for telephone installations in Australia to be made mandatory, and in particular in the fast developing city of Campbelltown".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bate addressed the House.

*Papers:* Mr Bate, by leave, presented the following papers:

Letters between Campbelltown City Council, the Postmaster-General's Department and Mr H. J. Bate, M.P. relating to telephone installations in new subdivisions.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL (No. 3) 1972: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Advanced Education.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 COMPENSATION (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES) BILL 1972: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Acts 1971*, and to make certain Transitional Provisions.

Bill read a first time.

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

Mr C. R. Cameron, by leave, made a statement relating to future action on the Bill.

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

- 9 UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES) BILL 1972: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make further modifications of the *Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1971–1972* for the purposes of the *United States Naval Communication Station (Civilian Employees) Act 1971* in consequence of the enactment of the *Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1972*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1972: Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to increase certain Amounts of Compensation payable to, and in respect of, Seamen.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTINENTAL SHELF BILL 1970: 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—

*Suspension of standing orders:* Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Members who have already spoken in this debate speaking a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

*Closure moved:* Mr Gorton 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)—

AYES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Nicholls
Mr Beazley	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Gorton	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Griffiths	Mr Killen	Mr Whitlam
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hansen	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr McIvor	

*Tellers:*

Mr Cope

Mr Reynolds

## NOES, 51

Sir C. Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	Sir W. Turnbull
Mr D. M. Cameron	Sir A. Hulme	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox

And so it was negated.

Mr Giles moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 51

Sir C. Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	Sir W. Turnbull
Mr D. M. Cameron	Sir A. Hulme	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox

## NOES, 50

Mr Armitage	Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr McIvor
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Nicholls
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Gorton	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Griffiths	Mr Killen	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cass	Mr Hansen	Mr Klugman	Mr Cope
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Luchetti	Mr Reynolds
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 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.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of National Development, \$43,549,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Postmaster-General's Department, \$81,059,000—debated.

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

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The House resumed; Mr Cope reported accordingly.

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

13 PAPERS: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Jetair Australia Limited—Copies of letters (3) written by Senator the Hon. R. C. Wright, Mr Alexander Barton, and Hungerford, Spooner and Kirkhope respectively, relating to the costs to the Jetair group of DC3 aircraft.

14 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1972—73: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Postmaster-General's Department, \$81,059,000—further debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 31 August be varied by next considering the proposed expenditure for the Department of Shipping and Transport.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Shipping and Transport, \$129,275,000—

Mr Jones moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$10. Debate continued.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr D. M. Cameron addressing 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 Deputy Chairman, Mr Corbett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 39

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Martin
Mr Barnard	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Gun	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hansen	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Klugman	Mr Cope
Mr Collard	Mr Jacobi	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie

NOES, 46

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Sir R. Swartz
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Pettitt	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 Corbett reported accordingly.

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

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

18 October 1972—Message—

No. 371—Estate Duty Assessment 1972.

No. 372—Gift Duty 1972 (*without requests*).

No. 373—Gift Duty Assessment 1972.

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

Debate ensued.

Several Members 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.

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

And then the House, at ten minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 October 1972:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Exchange of Notes of 13 June 1972 amending the Foreign Exchange Operations Fund Agreement for Laos entered into on 24 December 1963.
- (2) Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between Australia and the United States of America on the importation of meat into the United States of America, signed 17 May 1972.
- (3) Agreement between Australia and Switzerland concerning the exchange of money orders, signed at Berne on 6 June 1972.
- (4) Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency, Japan and Australia for the application of Agency safeguards in respect of the Agreement between those governments for co-operation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy, signed at Vienna on 28 July 1972.
- (5) Agreement between Australia and Yugoslavia concerning the exchange of money orders, signed at Belgrade on 31 May 1972.
- (6) Berne Convention of 9 September 1886 for the protection of literary and artistic works as last revised at Stockholm on 14 July 1967—Instrument of Accession deposited by Australia on 10 May 1972.
- (7) Nice Agreement of 15 June 1957 concerning the international classification of goods and services for the purposes of the Registration of Marks as revised at Stockholm on 14 July 1967—Instrument of Accession deposited by Australia on 10 May 1972.
- (8) Paris Convention of 20 March 1883 for the protection of industrial property as last revised at Stockholm on 14 July 1967—Instrument of Accession deposited by Australia on 10 May 1972.
- (9) Convention of 14 July 1967 establishing the World Intellectual Property Organisation—Instrument of Accession deposited by Australia on 10 May 1972.
- (10) Agreement on the privileges and immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency, drawn up at Vienna on 1 July 1959—Instrument of Acceptance deposited by Australia on 26 July 1972.
- (11) Amendment of Article VI of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency drawn up at Vienna on 28 September 1970—Instrument of Acceptance deposited by Australia on 24 July 1972.

Pursuant to statute:

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1972—

- No. 234—Postal Telecommunication Technicians Association (Australia) and others.
- No. 253—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
- No. 263—Professional Para-Medical Officers Association (Commonwealth Public Service).
- No. 264—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia.
- No. 265—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 266—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 267—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.
- No. 268—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 269—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 270—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.
- No. 271—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 272—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 273—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 274—Non-Official Postmasters Association of Australia.
- Nos. 275 and 276—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell, Mr Daly, Mr Drury, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Graham, Mr James, Mr Reid, Mr Turner, Mr Uren and Mr Whittorn.

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