

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 1973

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 MEMBER SWORN: Manfred Douglas Cross made and subscribed the oath required by law.
 - 3 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR P. JONES): Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 27 December 1972, of Mr Paul Jones, a Member of this House for the Division of Indi from 1928 to 1931.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members stood, in silence.
 - 4 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Mr Martin moved—That Mr Scholes be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Hansen.
There being no further motion Mr Scholes was declared appointed as Chairman of Committees.
Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) congratulated Mr Scholes, who made his acknowledgments to the House.
 - 5 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), Mr Enderby (Minister for the Capital Territory), Mr Drury and Mr Reynolds—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 Fox—from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House urge the Government to take certain action to ensure the survival of kangaroos and implement the recommendations made by the House of Representatives Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation in its interim report on kangaroos.
 - Mr Erwin—from certain residents of Daylesford and district in terms similar to the petition lodged by Mr Fox.
 - Mr King and Mr Whittorn—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 Crean (Treasurer)—from certain adherents and worshippers within the Mount Gambier Methodist Circuit praying that all donations of \$2 and over given for overseas development aid to the voluntary organisations forming the Australian Council for Overseas Aid be allowable income tax deductions and action be taken by the Federal Government to increase significantly Australia's aid to developing countries.

Mr Beazley—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 Davies—from certain residents of King Island praying that the Government grant to the residents of King Island a reliable, regular and economic shipping service in recognition of the disadvantages to which they are subject.

Mr Erwin—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House will at once take steps to dedicate as a National Park an area of 1,436 square miles adjoining Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory as recommended in 1970 by the planning committee appointed by the Commonwealth.

Mr Garland—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.

Petitions received.

6 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Steel prices increases proposed by The Broken Hill Pty Co. Ltd and Australian Iron and Steel Pty Ltd—Report of Inquiry by Mr Justice Moore, 8 February 1973.

8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SALES TAX BILLS: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in relation to the proceedings on any Sales Tax Bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—

(a) the presentation and the first readings of the Bills together;

(b) one motion being moved and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and

(c) the consideration of all the Bills as a whole together in a committee of the whole.

Question—put and passed.

9 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1973: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to lower to Eighteen Years the Age Qualification for Enrolment, Voting and Candidature for Parliamentary Elections.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Snedden—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1973: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Representation Act 1948–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

11 NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1973: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910–1972* so as to lower to Eighteen Years the Age Qualification for a Candidate for election as a member of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia, and to make certain Formal Amendments of that Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1973: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Social Services.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hayden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 REPATRIATION BILL 1973: Mr Barnard (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920–1972* so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions payable to certain persons, and for other Repatriation purposes, and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of certain payments resulting from those amendments.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Barnard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 REPATRIATION (SPECIAL OVERSEAS SERVICE) BILL 1973: Mr Barnard (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act 1962–1972* to make provision with respect to Benefits for certain Dependants.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Barnard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 REPATRIATION (FAR EAST STRATEGIC RESERVE) BILL 1973: Mr Barnard (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act 1956–1972* to make provision with respect to Benefits for certain Dependants.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Barnard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 INTERIM FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1973: Mr Barnard (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interim Forces Benefits Act 1947–1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Barnard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1973: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1972*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1973: Dr Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend Section 28 of the *Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act 1956–1972*.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Anthony—Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 19 **EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1973:** Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise on Wine.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Chipp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1973:** Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Exemption from Sales Tax of Contraceptives, and of Parts and Accessories for the Metric Conversion of Equipment.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Chipp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 **MIGRATION BILL 1973:** Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958–1966* for the purpose of removing Restrictions on the Departure of Aborigines from Australia.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Grassby moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—RE-REFERRAL OF WORK—PALMERSTON ARTERIAL ROAD, DARWIN:** Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1972*, the following proposed work upon which the Public Works Committee has duly reported to Parliament should be again referred to the committee for further consideration and report having regard to the strong public reactions to various aspects of this project some of which were not voiced at the time of the public hearing in Darwin last year: Proposed construction of the Palmerston arterial road at Darwin.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 23 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Mr Mathews brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed at the previous sitting, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:
We, the House of Representatives of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.
Mr Mathews moved—That the Address be agreed to.
Mr Whan seconded the motion.
Debate continued.
Mr Keating was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 24 **UNITED STATES DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS IN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to decisions taken in respect of certain United States defence installations in Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
United States defence installations in Australia—Ministerial statement, 28 February 1973.
Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Dr Forbes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

25 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

26 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Turner rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) 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 two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 February 1973, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 39.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 38.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, Nos. 36, 37.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Giles.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives