

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 1973

1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Hurford—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 Lloyd—a similar petition in respect of the year 1973-74.

Mr Hewson—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that Australia's official development assistance be raised initially to 1 per cent of the gross national product during 1972-73, and that Australia's trade policies be reviewed to provide more favourable conditions for developing countries.

Mr James—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Albury-Wodonga development—Ministerial Council—Communique and points of agreement of meeting in Albury on 9 March 1973.

Wildlife conservation—Joint statement by Ministers of the Australian and State Governments following meeting in Melbourne on 9 March 1973.

5 PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 15 March.

Mr Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honourable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

6 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock p.m. tomorrow, or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

Question—put and passed.

7 PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1973: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Recreation Leave in the Public Service of the Commonwealth.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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