

AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

TUESDAY, 27 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 **PETITION:** The Clerk announced that Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had lodged a petition for presentation from certain electors of the Division of Flinders praying that the House will take immediate steps to restore and improve the former rehabilitation centre "Maryport" to allow it to re-open as quickly as possible.
Petition received.
- 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Crean (Treasurer), Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security) was acting as Treasurer.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Distinguished visitors: Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the People's Assembly of the Arab Republic of Egypt, led by the Honourable Fuad Abu Hemeila, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.

Questions without notice continued.

- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australian Transport Advisory Council—Copies of joint statements by Ministers attending meeting in Hobart on 16 February 1973 concerning—
 - Increased controls on vehicle exhaust emissions.
 - Safer fuel systems for trucks.
 - Stricter tests for seat belts.
 - Commonwealth Assistance for Urban Transport—Copies of statements (2) by the Hon. C. K. Jones, M.P., Minister for Transport, dated 16 and 19 February 1973.
- 6 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
 - 16 March 1973—Message—
 - No. 5—Social Services 1973.
 - No. 6—
 - Repatriation 1973.
 - Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) 1973.
 - Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) 1973.
 - Interim Forces Benefits 1973.
 - Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1973.
 - Commonwealth Electoral 1973.
 - Australian Capital Territory Representation 1973.
 - Northern Territory (Administration) 1973.

7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: [Mr Enderby (Minister for the Capital Territory) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to—
 - (a) examine and report on all proposals for modifications or variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of November 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the committee by the Minister for the Capital Territory; and
 - (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the committee—
 - (i) by the Minister for the Capital Territory; or
 - (ii) by resolution of either House of the Parliament.
- (2) That the committee consist of three Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, one Member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, one Member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in the House of Representatives, two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (5) That the Prime Minister nominate one of the government members of the committee as Chairman.
- (6) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament.
- (9) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (10) That five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (11) That in matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (12) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory, appointed in previous Parliaments, relating to any matters which are again referred to the committee.
- (13) That the committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all members of the committee have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.

- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (15) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

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

8 NORTHERN TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Enderby (Minister for the Northern Territory) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to the Northern Territory as are referred to it—
 - (a) by the Minister for the Northern Territory; or
 - (b) by resolution of either House of the Parliament.
- (2) That the committee consist of three Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, one Member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, one Member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in the House of Representatives, two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (5) That the Prime Minister nominate one of the government members of the committee as Chairman.
- (6) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament.
- (9) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (10) That the committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all members of the committee have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.
- (11) That five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (12) That in matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (13) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (14) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

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

- 9 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) BILL 1973: 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 7, dated 15 March 1973, 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 Beazley (Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 ABORIGINES—BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—REPORT OF ADVISORY GROUP—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Daly (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 15 March*), viz.:
 Aborigines—Bilingual education in schools in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory—Report and recommendations of Advisory Group, dated March 1973—
 Debate resumed.
 Question—put and passed.
- 11 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1972-73: 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.
 Mr McVeigh 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.
- 12 CROATIAN TERRORISM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Croatian terrorism in Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Croatian terrorism—Ministerial statement, 27 March 1973.
 Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Snedden—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1972-73: 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1972-73: 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Morrison (Minister for Science) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.
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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 March 1973, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—M. B. Blackhall.

Customs Tariff—Orders—LDC Preferential Tariff—Nos. 1, 2 (1973).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for the development of Canberra and its environs—Australian Capital Territory.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance (No. 2) 1972 (No. 61 of 1972), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance.

Crown Lands Ordinance (No. 6) 1972 (No. 62 of 1972), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance.

Housing Ordinance 1972 (No. 60 of 1972), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance.

Ordinances—1973—

No. 1—Public Service.

No. 2—Criminal Law Consolidation.

No. 3—Holidays.

No. 4—Electric Light and Power Repeal.

No. 5—Maintenance.

No. 6—Place Names.

No. 7—Interpretation.

No. 8—Pharmacy.

No. 9—Encouragement of Primary Production.

No. 10—Local Government.

No. 11—Water Supplies Development.

Regulations—1973—No. 1 (Licensed Surveyors Ordinance).

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1973—No. 12—Retirement Benefits (Contract Officers) (Service) 1972.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1973—

No. 46—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†

No. 47—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.†

No. 48—Clothing and Allied Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 49—Amalgamated Postal Workers Union of Australia.†

No. 50—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.†

No. 51—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 52—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.†

No. 53—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginememen.†

No. 54—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.†

No. 55—Union of Postal Clerks and Telegraphists.†

No. 56—Australian Postmasters' Association.†

Nos. 57, 58 and 59—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.†

Nos. 60 and 61—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.†

No. 63—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.†

No. 64—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.†

No. 65—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

(† Determinations are accompanied by a statement of the Arbitrator regarding inconsistency with the law.)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1973—
No. 7—Milk Authority.
No. 8—Trespass on Commonwealth Lands.
No. 9—Companies.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except
Mr Bryant, Mr Corbett, Mr Crean and Mr Reynolds.

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