

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY 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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security), Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), Mr Adermann (2), Mr Armitage, Mr Bouchier, Mr Bury, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke (2), Mr Corbett, Mr Cross, Mr Doyle, Mr Drummond, Mr England (2), Mr Fairbairn, Mr Fisher, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Giles (3), Mr Hewson (2), Mr Hunt (2), Mr Jarman (2), Mr Kelly, Mr Keogh, Mr Kerin, Mr Luchetti, Mr Lucock (2), Mr McLeay, Mr Martin, Mr Morris, Mr Olley (2), Mr Turner (2), Mr Wallis and Mr Whan (2)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House should not admit into the law of this land a principle which violates the fundamental right to life.

Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration)—a similar petition from certain residents of the Division of Riverina.

Mr Edwards, Mr Thorburn and Mr Turner—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will not extend the laws governing abortion and will uphold the right to life of the unborn child.

Mr Olley and Mr Whan—from certain electors of the Divisions of Hume and Eden-Monaro, respectively, in terms similar to the petition lodged by Mr Edwards.

Mr FitzPatrick—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 Jarman—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House should maintain the existing laws covering abortion.

Mr Wallis—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 only exist when Church and State are legally separated both in form and substance.

Mr Wallis—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.

Petitions received.

## 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

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*Distinguished visitors:* Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation of Members from the House of Representatives of New Zealand, led by Mr J. H. Williams, M.P., was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.

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Questions without notice continued.

4 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBER—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to a question asked by the honourable Member for Swan (Mr Bennett) on 12 April 1973 regarding the installation of an electronic voting system in the House of Representatives Chamber.

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

Australian Meat Board—Report to the Minister for Primary Industry relating to the stabilisation of meat prices, dated 26 April 1973.

Health Insurance Planning Committee—Report to the Minister for Social Security, dated April 1973.

6 RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Atomic Weapons Tests Safety Committee—

Strontium 90 and Caesium 137 in the Australian environment during 1970 and some results for 1971—Report No. 4, dated September 1972.

Fallout over Australia from nuclear weapons tested by France in Polynesia during June and July 1972—Report No. 5, dated October 1972.

Australian Academy of Science—Biological effects of nuclear explosion fallout—Report to the Prime Minister, dated April 1973.

National Radiation Advisory Committee—Biological aspects of fallout in Australia from French nuclear weapons explosions in the Pacific, June-July 1972—Report dated April 1973.

Mr Whitlam, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the reports and associated matters, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Radioactive fallout—Ministerial statement, 2 May 1973.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

7 PRICES—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on Prices:

Senators Gietzelt and O'Byrne had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator Guilfoyle had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senator Prowse had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in that House.

Mr Hurford, Mr Riordan, Mr Whan and Mr Willis had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Garland and Mr Gorton had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in this House and Mr Nixon had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in this House.

Mr Hurford had been nominated by the Prime Minister to be Chairman of the committee.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—REFERENCE—TELEVISION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 31

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate, having considered Message No. 24 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following Resolution in connection therewith, viz.: That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 24 of the House of Representatives, viz.:

- “(1) That the following matter be referred to the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings for inquiry and report:
- (a) whether the televising of portion of the Parliamentary debates and proceedings is desirable, and
  - (b) if so, to what extent and in what manner the telecasts should be undertaken.
- (2) That the Committee, for any purposes related to this inquiry, have power to send for persons, papers and records.”

MAGNUS CORMACK,  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 1 May 1973

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—YUGOSLAVIA—RIGHTS OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Killen had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The shameful subordination of the Australian Government’s obligations (i) to assert and protect the rights of Australian citizens in Yugoslavia; (ii) to obtain full information as to the Yugoslav Government’s gaoling, trial and execution of three Australians; and (iii) to condemn the conduct of the Yugoslav Government, to the pursuit of undisclosed and secret policy objectives with the Yugoslav Government”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Killen addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 10 SUPERANNUATION BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Annual Increases in certain Superannuation Pensions.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOAN GUARANTEE BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Giving of a Guarantee by the Commonwealth with respect to a Loan to be raised Overseas by the Administration of Papua New Guinea, and for purposes connected therewith.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 WOOL INDUSTRY BILL 1973: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Industry Act 1972*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—WOOL TAX BILLS: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent five Wool Tax Bills—
- (a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay 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
  - (b) the consideration of the Bills in one committee of the whole.
- Question—put and passed.
- 14 WOOL TAX BILLS (Nos. 1 TO 5) 1973: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following Bills:
- A Bill for an Act to amend section 5 of the *Wool Tax Act (No. 1) 1964*;
  - A Bill for an Act to amend section 5 of the *Wool Tax Act (No. 2) 1964*;
  - A Bill for an Act to amend section 5 of the *Wool Tax Act (No. 3) 1964*;
  - A Bill for an Act to amend section 5 of the *Wool Tax Act (No. 4) 1964*; and
  - A Bill for an Act to amend section 5 of the *Wool Tax Act (No. 5) 1964*.
- Bills together read a first time.
- Dr Patterson moved—That the Bills be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL 1973: Mr C.R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act 1967–1972*.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Cameron moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) BILL 1973: Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967–1968*, and for other purposes.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Connor moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 32

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate, having considered Message No. 25 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following Resolutions in connection therewith, viz.:

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 25 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to examine and report on certain matters relating to foreign affairs and defence, subject to the following modification—

Paragraph (5), leave out the paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

“(5) That the Committee elect as Chairman of the Committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister.”

- (2) That the provisions of the Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the Senate's modification of the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by the House.

MAGNUS CORMACK,  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 1 May 1973

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—

- (1) That the modification of the Senate be disagreed to and the following modification be made in place thereof:

Paragraph (5), omit the paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

“(5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the Committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.”.

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting the reconsideration by the Senate of the resolution in respect of the modification made by the House in place of the Senate modification.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 33

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate, having considered Message No. 29 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following Resolutions in connection therewith, viz.:

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 29 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to examine and report on certain matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory, subject to the following modification—

Paragraph (5), leave out the paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

“(5) That the Committee elect as Chairman of the Committee one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.”.

- (2) That the provisions of the Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the Senate's modification of the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by the House.

The Senate,

Canberra, 1 May 1973

MAGNUS CORMACK,

President

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—

- (1) That the modification of the Senate be disagreed to and the following modification be made in place thereof:

Paragraph (5), omit the paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

“(5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the Committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.”.

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting the reconsideration by the Senate of the resolution in respect of the modification made by the House in place of the Senate modification.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

19 DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bonnett, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading the House is of opinion that provision should have been made (a) for the effective period of service to be six years, (b) for the concessions granted to single or widowed female members of the Forces without dependants to be granted also to single or widowed male members of the Forces without dependants and (c) for amendments to be made to the Principal Act in respect of the title to the dwelling-house, unit or lot to enable the serviceman to borrow on second mortgage and give valid security to the lender”*—

Debate resumed.

Mr Erwin moved—That Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing) be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negated.

Amendment negated.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

*New clause—*

On the motion of Mr Bonnett, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

“7A. Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the <sup>Advances to</sup> end thereof the following sub-section: <sup>acquire land,</sup> &c.

“(4) Subject to this Act, upon receipt of an application in writing from an eligible person, who is a person entitled to the special rate of pension payable under the first paragraph of the Second Schedule of the *Repatriation Act* 1920–1973, the Director shall make an advance to that person, for the purposes specified in paragraph (f) of sub-section (1), of section 20 of this Act.”.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Johnson, by leave, the House adopted the report.

Mr Johnson moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 20 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) 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.

Dr Jenkins addressing the House—

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- 21 ADJOURNMENT: It being fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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*Road Safety—Select Committee:* Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Select Committee on Road Safety:

Mr Cohen, Mr Innes, Dr Klugman and Mr McKenzie had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Drummond and Mr Fox had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Katter had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.

Mr Cohen had been nominated by the Prime Minister to be Chairman of the committee.

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Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cohen, Mr Collard, Mr Drury, Mr Fraser, Mr King and Mr Reynolds\*.

\* On leave

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