

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 27

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 1973

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- 1 The House met, at ten o'clock a.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 McMahon, Mr Corbett, Mr Fisher, Mr Fraser (2), Mr McVeigh, Mr Thorburn, Mr Wallis (2) 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 England—a similar petition from certain citizens of the Division of Calare.
 - Mr McMahon—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 Snedden (Leader of the Opposition)—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House should maintain the existing laws covering abortion.Petitions received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Biological Effects of Nuclear Explosion Fallout—Report of meeting between Australian and French scientists, Canberra, 7-9 May 1973.Ordered to be printed.
 - Academic Salaries—Report of inquiry by Mr Justice Campbell, dated 16 May 1973.
 - Commonwealth and State Ministers for Housing—Transcripts of the proceedings of conferences held at Canberra on 23 March 1973 and Adelaide on 5 April 1973.
 - Wildlife Conservation—Plenipotentiary Conference to Conclude an International Convention on Trade in Certain Species of Wildlife, Washington, D.C., 12 February-2 March 1973—
 - Report of Australian Delegation.
 - Statement by Minister for the Environment and Conservation.
 - 5 NATIONAL ESTATE—TASK FORCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's proposed task force on the national estate and the agreement of Mr Justice Hope to act as Chairman of the task force.

- 6 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
 Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
 Debate ensued.
 It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
 15 May 1973—Message No. 31—
 New South Wales Grant (Flood Mitigation) 1973.
 States Grants (Water Resources Measurement) 1973.
 Housing Assistance 1973.
 Defence Service Homes 1973.
- 8 **PRICES JUSTIFICATION 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.
 Ordered—That Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
Limitation of debate: At fifteen minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for all stages of the Bill had expired—
 Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed.
- 9 **GRANTS COMMISSION BILL 1973:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Grants Commission to make Recommendations concerning the Granting of Financial Assistance to the States in certain circumstances.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Whitlam moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr N. H. Bowen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 **CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1973:** Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Daly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr N. H. Bowen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT:** Mr McKenzie (Chairman) brought up the Third Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:
THIRD REPORT
 The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.
 The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:
 Atomic Weapons Tests Safety Committee—
 Report No. 4—Strontium 90 and Caesium 137 in the Australian Environment during 1970 and some results for 1971, dated September 1972.

- Report No. 5—Fallout over Australia from Nuclear Weapons Tested by France in Polynesia during June and July 1972, dated October 1972.
- Biological Effects of Nuclear Explosion Fallout—Australian Academy of Science Report to the Prime Minister on the Biological Effects of Nuclear Explosion Fallout, dated April 1973.
- Bureau of Transport Economics—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics on an assessment of Tasmania's Interstate Transport Problems, dated March 1973.
- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for 1972.
- Commonwealth Railways Act—Report by the Commissioner on the operation of the Commonwealth Railways, for year 1971–72, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.
- Constitutional and Legal Affairs—Standing Committee (Senate)—Report on Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Bill 1973.
- Dried Fruits Research Act—First Annual Report by the Dried Fruits Research Committee on the operation of the Act, for year 1971–72.
- Fishing Industry Act—Sixteenth Annual Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act, for year 1971–72.
- Fishing Industry Research Act—Third Annual Report by the Fishing Industry Research Committee on the operation of the Act, for year 1971–72.
- Health Insurance—Report of the Health Insurance Planning Committee to the Minister for Social Security, dated April 1973.
- Law of Privacy—Report on the Law of Privacy by Professor W. L. Morison, dated February 1973.
- Meat Prices—Report by the Australian Meat Board to the Minister for Primary Industry relating to the Stabilisation of Domestic Meat Prices, dated 26 April 1973.
- Migrant Education—Report on the survey of Child Migrant Education in Schools of High Migrant Density in Melbourne, dated March 1973.
- National Radiation Advisory Committee—Report on the Biological Aspects of Fallout in Australia from French Nuclear Weapons Explosions in the Pacific, June-July 1972, dated April 1973.
- Secondary Education for Canberra—Report of the Working Committee on College Proposals for the Australian Capital Territory, dated 20 December 1972.
- Small Business—Report of the Committee on Small Business, dated June 1971.
- Stevedoring Industry Act—Seventeenth Annual Report of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's report thereon, for year 1971–72.
- Superannuation—Report of the Treasury Committee on Superannuation, dated 2 April 1973.
- Tariff Board Reports—
 Digital clocks—By-law.
 Goods Wagons (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
 Grain driers—By-law.
- Teacher Education—Report of the Australian Commission on Advanced Education Special Committee on Teacher Education, dated 30 March 1973.
- Tertiary Education—Joint Report by the Australian Universities Commission and the Australian Commission on Advanced Education on the Location, Nature and Development of Institutions of Tertiary Education in Sydney, Melbourne and the Albury-Wodonga Region, dated 30 March 1973.

DAVID MCKENZIE,
 Chairman

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Mr McKenzie moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 SEAS AND SUBMERGED LANDS 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 by Mr N. H. Bowen who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House, while not declining to give the Bill a second reading and accepting that the question of Sovereignty should be determined, (a) deplors the method adopted by the Government, of proceeding without consultation with the States especially in relation to the code which is contained in Part III of the Bill, and (b) is of opinion that consultations with the States for a co-operative regime for controlling the exploitation of the resources and generous royalty distribution to the States should commence forthwith”.

Debate continued.

Amendment amended by Mr Bowen, by leave, by omitting “not declining to give the Bill a second reading and” from the words proposed to be inserted.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At ten o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for all stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

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Mr Armitage	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Beazley	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Mulder	Mr Hansen
Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

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Mr Bonnett	Mr Edwards	Mr Holten	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bury	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Dr Forbes	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Garland	Mr McMahan	Mr Viner
Mr Cooke	Mr Giles	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hallett	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Hamer	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Hewson	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That the second reading and the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed.

- 13 SEAS AND SUBMERGED LANDS (ROYALTY ON MINERALS) 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.

Limitation of debate: At fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for all stages of the Bill had expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and pas

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at ten o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 May 1973, pursuant to statute:

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 82.
Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 86.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 83.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 87.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 84.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 85.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Dr Cairns, Mr Cohen, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr Reynolds and Mr Whittorn.

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