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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 32

TUESDAY, 29 MAY 1973

- 1 The House met, at eleven 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 Bryant (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House move to make available to the Tasmanian Government a special grant for the purpose of securing Lake Pedder in its natural state.

Mr Killen—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.

Petitions received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), Senator Bishop (Minister for Repatriation) would act as Minister for Labour and Mr Jones (Minister for Transport) would represent the Acting Minister for Labour in this House.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 Press Gallery Pass—Statement by Mr Speaker: Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to a decision made by Mr President and himself not to issue Mr B. Everingham with a Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery Pass for 1973.
- 6 Papers: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Freight Transport to North West Australia, 1975 to 1990—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated May 1973.

International Labour Conference-

Fifty-sixth Session, 1971—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.

Fifty-seventh Session, 1972—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Commonwealth Teaching Service Commissioner—Report for period 12 October to 31 December 1972.

7 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:

27 May 1973—Message—

No. 36-

Crimes 1973.

Crimes (Protection of Aircraft) 1973.

Marriage 1973.

No. 37—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) 1973.

8 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs:

Mr Ashley-Brown, Mr Collard, Mr Cross, Mr FitzPatrick and Mr Thorburn had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Jarman, Mr Peacock and Mr Wentworth had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Hunt had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.

9 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 5) 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.

Ordered—That Mr Staley be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.

10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 6) 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 Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.

11 SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1973-74: 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—

Ouestion—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.

12 SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1973-74: 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 Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 Postponement of orders of the day: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 Public Service Bill (No. 2) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Morrison (Minister for Science), the Bill was read a third time.

15 MATERNITY LEAVE (AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Morrison (Minister for Science), the Bill was read a third time.

16 Public Service Bill (No. 3) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Morrison (Minister for Science), the Bill was read a third time.

17 PARLIAMENTARY AND JUDICIAL RETIRING ALLOWANCES 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.

Messages from the Governor-General: The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 38, dated 23 May 1973, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill, and

No. 39, dated 29 May 1973, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of an amendment to be moved to the Bill by a Minister.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole,

On the motion of Mr Crean (Treasurer), the following amendment was made: Clause 22, pages 17 and 18, omit sub-clause (13), substitute the following sub-clause:

"(13) If a person has qualified, subject only to his ceasing to be entitled to a parliamentary allowance and his ministerial salary (if any) otherwise than by reason of his death, to be paid a retiring allowance under section 22н of the Principal Act and—

(a) within three months after the commencement of this Act, the person elects, by writing under his hand addressed to the Trust, that this sub-section should apply to him; or

(b) the person qualifies, subject only to his ceasing to be entitled to a parliamentary allowance otherwise than by reason of his death, to be paid a retiring allowance under section 19A of the Principal Act by reason of having held the office of Prime Minister,

he is thereupon entitled to a refund of his contributions, and no other benefit is payable under Part VA of the Principal Act to or in respect of him.".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Crean, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 Australian Capital Territory Representation (House of Representatives) 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr N. H. Bowen, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 3, sub-clause (2), omit paragraph (a), substitute the following paragraph:

"(a) community of interests within the Division, including economic, social and regional interests;".

Mr Bowen moved the following further amendment: Page 3, line 19, omit "one-tenth more or one-tenth less", substitute "one-fifth more or one-fifth less".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

. 19 Papers: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Committee on Administrative Discretions—Interim Report, dated 19 January 1973. Prerogative Writ Procedures—Report of Committee of Review.

20 Senate (Representation of Territories) 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—

Question—put.

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

	Ayes,	78	
Mr Adermann	Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Mulder
Mr Anthony	Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Armitage	Mr Doyle	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Barnard	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr England	Mr Keating	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Berinson	Mr Fisher	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr King	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Dr Klugman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Stewart
Mr Calder	Mr Grassby	Mr Lloyd	Mr Thorburn
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr Coates	Mr Hallett	Mr Lucock	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Collard	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr Willis
Mr Connor	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	•
Mr Corbett	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Tellers:
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Mathews	Mr Hansen
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls
Noes, 35			
Mr Bonnett	Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr Street
Mr Bourchier	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Turner
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Viner
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Gorton	Mr McMahon	Tellers:
Mr Drummond	Mr Graham	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr Hamer	Mr Staley	Mr Giles

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

It being fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly,

21 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—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 eleven o'clock a.m.

Papers: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 May 1973: By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties-Text of-

- (1) Agreement between Australia and Malaysia relating to Air Services, signed at Sydney on 4 October 1972.
- (2) Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between Australia and the United Kingdom concerning the establishment of a station to monitor compliance with the Treaty banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, signed at Canberra on 31 October 1972.
- (3) Agreement between Australia and the Netherlands concerning old Dutch shipwrecks, signed at The Hague on 6 November 1972.
- (4) Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation Financial Agreement 1973, signed for Australia at London on 30 March 1973.
- (5) Agreement Terminating the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation Financial Agreement 1969, signed for Australia at London on 30 March 1973.
- (6) Trade Agreement between Australia and Indonesia, signed at Canberra on 14 November 1972.
- (7) Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, signed by Australia on 27 February 1970—Instruments of ratification deposited for Australia on 23 January 1973.
- (8) Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof, signed for Australia on 11 February 1971—Instruments of ratification deposited for Australia on 23 January 1973.
- (9) Amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations concerning Enlargement of the Economic and Social Council—Instrument of ratification deposited by Australia on 13 November 1972.
- (10) Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, drawn up at Geneva on 25 March 1972 and signed by Australia on 22 November 1972.
- (11) Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948, adopted at San Francisco on 17 June 1948 (International Labour Organisation Convention No. 87)—Instrument of ratification deposited by Australia on 28 February 1973.
- (12) Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949, adopted at Geneva on 8 June 1949 (International Labour Organisation Convention No. 98)—Instrument of ratification deposited by Australia on 28 February 1973.
- (13) Statute of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, drawn up at Rome on 15 March 1940—acceded to by Australia on 21 March 1973.
- (14) Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, signed for Australia on 10 April 1972.
- (15) Treaty between Australia and Austria concerning Extradition, signed at Canberra on 29 March 1973.
- (16) Treaty between Australia and Sweden concerning Extradition, signed at Stockholm on 20 March 1973.

(17) Agreement between Australia and Indonesia concerning Certain Boundaries between Papua New Guinea and Indonesia, signed at Djakarta on 12 February 1973.

Pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 93. Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 88. Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—Defence purposes—Williamtown, New South Wales. Post office purposes—Tumut, New South Wales.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cairns, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Katter, Mr Nixon, Mr Peacock and Mr Reynolds.

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