

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 38

TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST 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 Hamer, Mr Hurford, Mr Killen, Mr Lamb and Mr McLeay—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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security), Mr McLeay and Mr McMahon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the basic principles of the existing national health scheme.

Mr Bryant (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs)—from certain Torres Strait Islanders and Aborigines praying that the House urge the Government to take over all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands affairs.

Mr Bryant—from certain Aborigines praying that the House urge the Government to take full control of Aboriginal affairs in housing, education, employment, health, legal service and social welfare in Victoria.

Mr Bryant—from certain citizens of Coburg praying that the House urge the Government to increase the percentage of gross national product, up to and above the approved United Nations target, as aid for developing countries.

Mr Bryant—from certain citizens of the Division of Wills praying that the Government substantially increase the amount of official development assistance to at least 0.6 per cent of the gross national product for 1973-74.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:

Audit Act—Finance—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1972-73, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Designs Law Review Committee—Report relating to utility models (Second term of reference), 1973.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1971-72.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Restrictive Trade Practices Act—Commissioner of Trade Practices—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1972-73.

- 5 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—DELEGATION OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—That Dr the Honourable A. J. Forbes, M.C., being a member of the Liberal Party of Australia, be appointed a member of the Australian Parliament's Delegation to the Constitutional Convention in place of the Honourable N. H. Bowen, Q.C., the latter member having ceased to be a member of the Parliament.
Question—put and passed.
Mr Whitlam then moved—That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of the resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives.
Question—put and passed.
Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Opposition had nominated Mr R. I. Viner as an alternate member in place of Dr the Honourable A. J. Forbes, M.C., during that part of the Sydney meeting of the Constitutional Convention when Dr Forbes is unable to attend.
- 6 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian National University Act 1946–1971*, this House elects Dr Klugman and Mr MacKellar to be members of the Council of the Australian National University for a period of three years from this day.
Question—put and passed.
- 7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 8 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:
23 August 1973—Message No. 62—
Australian National Airlines 1973.
States Grants (Advanced Education) 1973.
- 9 FILM AND TELEVISION SCHOOL 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 Whitlam (Prime Minister), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 ATOMIC ENERGY 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.
Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 11 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING 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 representing the Minister for the Media), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 WINE OVERSEAS MARKETING 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 Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 WINE GRAPES CHARGES 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY 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 Beazley (Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 EXPORT INCENTIVE GRANTS 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. 63, dated 10 May 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 Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT 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 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.
- 17 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SYSTEM—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Daly (Leader of the House) relating to the proposed Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System (*moved 22 August, see pages 286-7*)—
Debate resumed.
Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.
- 18 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 10 to 16 and notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 19 CELLULOSE ACETATE FLAKE BOUNTY 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. 64, dated 22 August 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 Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

20 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Pre-Budget clearances of excisable products—Statement by Senator Murphy (Minister for Customs and Excise), dated 28 August 1973.

21 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 18 to 33, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

22 NEW CITIES PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: 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 23 August*), viz.:

New cities program—Ministerial statement, 23 August 1973—

Debate resumed.

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

23 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1973–74—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) 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 expresses disapproval of the Budget because it is economically irresponsible in that:

- (1) with inflationary pressures intense it fails to adopt any policy to bring inflation under control;
- (2) with resources already under strain it applies wrong economic principles by overloading resources further by expansionary public sector spending;
- (3) it permits the tax burden to accelerate to an unprecedented level;
- (4) it is a further step in the attack on the Federal system of government by Labor which aims to centralise all decisions in Canberra;
- (5) it jeopardises the future growth of living standards and economic development of the nation;
- (6) it unfairly discriminates against the rural community and discourages decentralisation;
- (7) it does not provide a framework of social equity, and
- (8) it fails to honour election promises”.

Debate continued.

24 ADJOURNMENT: It being fifteen minutes to eleven 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 tomorrow at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 August 1973, pursuant to statute:

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for year 1972–73.

Book Bounty Act—Return for year 1972–73.

Metal Working Machine Tools Bounty Act—Return for year 1972–73.

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1972–73.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1972–73.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Forbes, Mr Garland, Mr Giles, Dr Klugman, Mr Mulder, Mr Sherry and Mr Staley.

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