

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 44

MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1973

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- 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 Acting Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr McLeay and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
 - Mr Jarman and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House acknowledge the right of every Australian child to equal grants of Government money spent on education.
 - Mr Jarman—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 Turner—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House see that television is used to build into the nation integrity, teamwork and a sense of purpose by serving, and to bring faith in God to the heart of the family and national life.
 Petitions received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence) laid upon the Table the following paper: Soviet naval activities in the Indian Ocean—Note for Minister.

 Questions without notice continued.
 - 4 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to exercise proper management in the handling of the economy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Lynch addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 5 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PRICES) BILL 1973: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to enable the Australian Parliament to Control Prices.

Bill read a first time.
Mr Whitlam moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Snedden—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXTRADITION (FOREIGN STATES) BILL 1973: Message No. 108, dated 12 September 1973, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Extradition (Foreign States) Act 1966–1972’*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Street), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXTRADITION (COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES) BILL 1973: Message No. 107, dated 12 September 1973, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act 1966–1972’*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Street), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: 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 Bill:
14 September 1973—Message No. 70—Commonwealth Teaching Service 1973.
- 9 REPATRIATION 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—
- Debate resumed.
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
- Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 71, dated 11 September 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 Barnard (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 COMPENSATION (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—
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
- Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
- On the motion of Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 SEAMEN’S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES 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—
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
- Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
- On the motion of Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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.
- Mr Corbett rising to address the House—
- Closure:* Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.
- Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Bouchier	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr McMahan	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Cooke	Mr Hunt	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Drummond	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Giles

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) moved—That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be substituted:

“5. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Schedule substituted:—

SCHEDULE 1

Sections 6, 6A and 6B

PART I—ORDINARY RATES

1. Letters, lettercards and postcards—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents
Not more than 20 grams	7
More than 20 grams but not more than 50 grams	15
More than 50 grams but not more than 100 grams	20
More than 100 grams but not more than 250 grams	30
More than 250 grams but not more than 500 grams	40

2. Category A publications and Category B publications, where the articles are posted—

- (a) by the proprietors, printers or publishers of the publications to *bona fide* subscribers, and to newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale; and
- (b) by newsvendors and agents to *bona fide* subscribers, and to other newsvendors and agents for the purpose of sale,

subject to such conditions, if any, not being conditions that are inconsistent with the regulations, as are determined by the Postmaster-General, relating to—

- (c) the manner of packing and marking the articles; and
- (d) the arrangement of the articles so as to facilitate their sorting,

and to compliance with the regulations—

- (e) in the case of Category A publications—an amount calculated, in respect of the articles posted by any one person at any one time, at the rate of—

- (i) One and one-half cents for each article; or
- (ii) Seven cents for each twelve ounces or part of twelve ounces of the aggregate weight of the articles,

whichever is the greater, but, where the amount so calculated includes a fraction of a cent, the amount to be paid is the next higher amount that does not include a fraction of a cent;

- (f) in the case of Category B publications that are posted for local delivery—an amount calculated, in respect of each article, at the rate of—

- (i) Two cents for the first two ounces or part of two ounces; and

but, where the amount so calculated in respect of the articles posted by any one person at any one time includes a fraction of a cent, the amount to be paid is the next higher amount that does not include a fraction of a cent; and

- (g) in the case of Category B publications that are posted otherwise than for local delivery—an amount calculated, in respect of each article, at the following rates:—

- (i) where the weight of the article does not exceed two ounces—Two and one-half cents;
- (ii) where the weight of the article exceeds two ounces but does not exceed eight ounces—Two and one-half cents, together with One cent for each ounce or part of an ounce in excess of Two ounces;
- (iii) where the weight of the article exceeds eight ounces—Eight and one-half cents, together with One-half of a cent for each ounce or part of an ounce in excess of eight ounces,

but, where the amount so calculated in respect of the articles posted by any one person at any one time includes a fraction of a cent, the amount to be paid is the next higher amount that does not include a fraction of a cent.

3. Category C publications, where the articles are posted by the proprietors, printers or publishers of the publications or by a news vendor or agent, subject to such conditions, if any, not being conditions that are inconsistent with the regulations, as are determined by the Postmaster-General, relating to—

- (a) the manner of packing and marking the articles; and
- (b) the arrangement of the articles so as to facilitate their sorting,

and to compliance with the regulations—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents
Not more than 2 ounces	5
More than 2 ounces but not more than 4 ounces	9
More than 4 ounces but not more than 6 ounces	11
More than 6 ounces but not more than 8 ounces	13
More than 8 ounces but not more than 10 ounces	15
More than 10 ounces but not more than 12 ounces	16
More than 12 ounces but not more than 14 ounces	17
More than 14 ounces but not more than 16 ounces	18

4. Registered books, and Category A publications and Category B publications posted otherwise than as specified in item 2 in this Part, subject to compliance with the regulations—Seven cents for the first six ounces and Six cents for each additional six ounces or part of six ounces.

5. Articles that are not articles to which item 1, 2 or 3 applies—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents
Not more than 50 grams	7
More than 50 grams but not more than 100 grams	15
More than 100 grams but not more than 250 grams	20
More than 250 grams but not more than 500 grams	30

PART II—AIR MAIL RATES

Articles posted by air mail—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents
Not more than 20 grams	10
More than 20 grams but not more than 50 grams	20
More than 50 grams but not more than 100 grams	30
More than 100 grams but not more than 250 grams	50
More than 250 grams but not more than 500 grams	90

PART III—PRIORITY PAID MAIL RATES

Articles posted by priority paid mail—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage
Not more than 20 grams	20c
More than 20 grams but not more than 50 grams	40c
More than 50 grams but not more than 100 grams	60c
More than 100 grams but not more than 250 grams	80c
More than 250 grams but not more than 500 grams	\$1.20

PART IV—BULK POSTAGE RATES

1. Letters, lettercards and postcards—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents, where the number of articles, irrespective of the weights of individual articles is—		
	More than 2,500 but not more 25,000	More than 25,000 but not more 100,000	More than 100,000
Not more than 20 grams	6	5½	5
More than 20 grams but not more than 50 grams	12½	11½	11
More than 50 grams but not more than 100 grams	16	14½	13½
More than 100 grams but not more than 150 grams	19	17½	16
More than 150 grams but not more than 200 grams	22	20	18
More than 200 grams but not more than 250 grams	25	22½	20
More than 250 grams but not more than 300 grams	27	24½	22
More than 300 grams but not more than 350 grams	29	26½	24
More than 350 grams but not more than 400 grams	30½	28	25
More than 400 grams but not more than 450 grams	32	29	26
More than 450 grams but not more than 500 grams	33½	30	27

2. Articles that are not articles to which item 1 applies—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents, where the number of articles, irrespective of the weights of individual articles is—		
	More than 2,500 but not more 25,000	More than 25,000 but not more 100,000	More than 100,000
Not more than 50 grams	6	5½	5
More than 50 grams but not more than 100 grams ..	12½	11½	11
More than 100 grams but not more than 150 grams	15	13½	13
More than 150 grams but not more than 200 grams	17	15½	15
More than 200 grams but not more than 250 grams	19	17	16½
More than 250 grams but not more than 300 grams	21	18½	18
More than 300 grams but not more than 350 grams	23	20	19½
More than 350 grams but not more than 400 grams	24	21	20½
More than 400 grams but not more than 450 grams	25	22	21½
More than 450 grams but not more than 500 grams	26	23	22½

PART V—MINIMUM AGREED BULK POSTAGE RATES

1. Letters, lettercards and postcards—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents
Not more than 20 grams	4½
More than 20 grams but not more than 50 grams ..	10
More than 50 grams but not more than 100 grams ..	12
More than 100 grams but not more than 150 grams	14
More than 150 grams but not more than 200 grams	16
More than 200 grams but not more than 250 grams	18
More than 250 grams but not more than 300 grams	20
More than 300 grams but not more than 350 grams	21½
More than 350 grams but not more than 400 grams	22½
More than 400 grams but not more than 450 grams	23½
More than 450 grams but not more than 500 grams	24

2. Other articles to which sub-section (3) of section 6B applies—the rate ascertained in accordance with the following table:—

Weight of article	Rate of postage, in cents
Not more than 50 grams	4½
More than 50 grams but not more than 100 grams ..	10
More than 100 grams but not more than 150 grams	12
More than 150 grams but not more than 200 grams	13½
More than 200 grams but not more than 250 grams	15
More than 250 grams but not more than 300 grams	16½
More than 300 grams but not more than 350 grams	17½
More than 350 grams but not more than 400 grams	18½
More than 400 grams but not more than 450 grams	19½
More than 450 grams but not more than 500 grams	20½

Debate continued.

Mr Nixon addressing the committee—

Closure: Mr Keating moved —That the question be now put.

*Question—*That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Bourchier	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr McMahan	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Cooke	Mr Hunt	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Giles
Mr Erwin	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

NOES, 44

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Bourchier	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr McMahan	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Cooke	Mr Hunt	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Giles
Mr Erwin	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Nixon addressing the committee—

Closure: Mr Hansen moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hewson	Mr McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Cooke	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	Mr Giles

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hewson	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Cooke	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Giles
Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Adjournment negated: The question was accordingly proposed —That the House do now adjourn.

Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Mr Bowen moved—That the report be adopted.

Mr Nixon addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 58

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Lynch	Mr J. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Bouchier	Mr Hamer	Mr McMahan	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Drummond	Mr King	Mr Peacock	Mr Giles
Mr Drury	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the report be adopted—was put accordingly, and passed.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Nixon moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Gippsland speaking on the third reading of the Post and Telegraph Rates Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 57

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Bouchier	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Cooke	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Giles

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.
On the motion of Mr Bowen, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr L. F. Bowen (Acting Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

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

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1973—

No. 51—Darwin Town Area Leases.

No. 52—Crown Lands (No. 3).

No. 53—Interpretation (No. 2).

No. 54—Crown Lands (No. 4).

No. 55—Valuation of Land.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cairns, Mr Daly, Mr Fisher, Dr Forbes, Mr Fox, Mr Fraser, Mr Garland, Mr Lucock, Mr Morris, Dr Patterson, Mr Sherry, Mr Staley and Mr Wentworth.

J. A. PETTIFER,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives