

AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1973

- 1 The House met, at half-past 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 D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Drury, Mr Giles, Mr Jarman, Mr McLeay, Mr Wallis and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
 - Mr Morrison (Minister for Science), Sir John Cramer, Mr Graham, Mr Kerin, Mr Lucock, Mr Reynolds and Mr Ruddock—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.
 - Mr Jarman and Dr Jenkins—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 and so instruct the National Schools Commission.Petitions received.

- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 4 **STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** Mr Fraser asked leave to make a statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Interpreting and translating needs in the community—Report on survey undertaken by the Department of Immigration, dated October 1973.
 - Migrant Task Force Committee—Western Australia—Report and recommendations to the Minister for Immigration.
 - Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1973.

- 6 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for two months be given to the honourable Member for Henty (Mr Fox) owing to his absence from Australia.
Question—put and passed.

- 7 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for two months be given to the honourable Member for Prospect (Dr Klugman) on the ground of public business overseas.
Question—put and passed.

- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Fulton (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed construction of engineering services, Malak and Karama neighbourhoods, Sanderson District, Darwin (Sixth report of 1973).
Ordered to be printed.
- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
9 October 1973—Message No. 120—Immigration (Education) 1973.
- 10 BANKING BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Banking Act 1959-1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean 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.
- 11 COMMONWEALTH BANKS BILL (NO. 2) 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Banks Act 1959-1968*, as amended by the *Commonwealth Banks Act 1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean 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.
- 12 RESERVE BANK BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Reserve Bank Act 1959-1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean 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.
- 13 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (TRANSFER OF BANKING BUSINESS) BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to transfer certain Business of the Reserve Bank of Australia, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia and the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia to certain Banks in Papua New Guinea.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean 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.
- 14 WHEAT TAX BILL 1973: Mr Grassby (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Tax Act 1957-1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Grassby 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.
- 15 WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1973: Mr Grassby (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1968-1970*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Grassby 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.

- 16 WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1973: Mr Grassby (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Export Charge Act 1968*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Grassby 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.

- 17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DRIPSTONE HIGH SCHOOL, DARWIN: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1972*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of Dripstone high school, Darwin.

Mr Johnson presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 18 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1973–74: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$89,326,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$37,851,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Capital Territory, \$22,880,000—

Department of the Northern Territory, \$25,734,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Civil Aviation, \$115,643,000—

Department of Transport, \$131,172,000—

together debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

- 19 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 Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 October 1973, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificates—B. W. Faulks, G. R. Morrison.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Cooper Pedy, South Australia.

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1973—

- No. 53—Administrative Re-organization.
- No. 54—National Fitness Ordinance (Repeal).
- No. 55—Passenger Transport Control Board (Membership and Appeal).
- No. 56—Public Holidays (Amended List).
- No. 57—Salvation Army (Papua New Guinea) Property Trust.
- No. 58—Airports (Departure) Tax.
- No. 59—Appropriation 1973–74.
- No. 60—Industrial Organizations (Definition of Industrial Disputes).
- No. 61—Wills, Probate and Administration (Amendment of Section 126).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fox*, Mr Garland*, Dr Klugman*, Mr Nixon and Dr Patterson.

* On leave

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