

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 1973

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 Morrison (Minister for Science), Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), Sir John Cramer, Mr Duthie, Mr Edwards, Mr Luchetti, Mr Nixon, Mr Turner and Mr Wentworth—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 Bonnett, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Drury, Mr Giles, Mr Killen, Mr McLeay, Mr McVeigh and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Gorton, Mr Mathews, Mr Peacock and Mr Street—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 Cooke—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to give moral support to the Jewish cause in the Middle East crisis.

Mr Edwards—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take steps to ensure that the Government does not site a second international airport for Sydney in the Galston area or surrounding suburbs.

Mr Edwards—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House will at once take steps to dedicate as a National Park an area of at least 1,436 square miles as recommended by the Northern Territory Reserves Board.

Mr FitzPatrick—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House move to make available to the New South Wales and Victorian Governments a special grant for the construction of a bridge over the Murray River linking Buronga, New South Wales, and Mildura, Victoria.

Mr Viner—from certain residents of Perth praying that the Army and the Government do not release land at Swanbourne, Western Australia, or make any decision concerning the proposed road along the coast until an environmental impact study has been taken.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Snowy Mountains Council—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Twenty-first Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.

- 5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 6 November at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair, unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

- 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.

Papers: Mr Jones (Minister for Civil Aviation), during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

Department of Civil Aviation—

Draft land and building acquisitions program, 1973–74—Schedule submitted to the Department of the Treasury.

Minute, dated 15 March 1973, from the Director-General of the Department to Mr Jones (Minister for Civil Aviation) relating to the Department's land and building acquisitions and rental program, 1973–74 to 1975–76.

Department of Services and Property—Notes for the 1973 Budget debate.

Debate continued.

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 PAPER: Mr Fraser, by leave, presented the following paper:

Copy of an advertisement in the *Griffith Times* of 17 November 1972 headed "Go forward with Grassby".

- 8 LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1973: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Lands Acquisition Act 1955–1966*. Bill read a first time.

Mr Daly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PAPUA NEW GUINEA BILL (No. 2) 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 132

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Internal Self-Government of Papua New Guinea*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 24 October 1973

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 9, after clause 32, insert the following new clause:

“32A. The Seventh Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words ‘that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors according to law, that I will well and truly serve Her’ (wherever occurring) and substituting the words ‘that I will well and truly serve.’”

Seventh
Schedule.

On the motion of Mr Morrison (Minister for External Territories), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Morrison, the House adopted the report.

- 10 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 INCOME TAX BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Holten), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 INCOME TAX (NON-RESIDENT DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST) BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (Non-resident Dividends and Interest) Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Holten), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Daly (Minister representing the Special Minister of State) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3 omitted, after debate.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

- 15 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 17 (1973): Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 17 (1973).
Debate adjourned (Mr Peacock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Tariff Board—Reports—
ABS copolymers, etc.
Lightning arresters.
Prepared additives for mineral oils, etc.
Severally ordered to be printed.
- 17 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1973-74: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

- Department of Customs and Excise, \$43,128,000—
 - Department of Primary Industry, \$50,391,000—
 - Department of Overseas Trade, \$27,411,000—
 - Department of Secondary Industry, \$19,293,000—
- together further debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Armitage reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 18 INTERNATIONAL SUGAR CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the International Sugar Conference held at Geneva from 10 September to 13 October 1973, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
International Sugar Conference—Ministerial statement, 25 October 1973.
Mr Enderby (Minister for Secondary Industry) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 TRADE PRACTICES BILL 1973: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain Trade Practices.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Enderby moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr King), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Interim Committee for the Schools Commission—Report on appeals by non-systemic non-government schools against categorisation for recurrent grants, dated 25 October 1973.
Department of Urban and Regional Development—Report on a suggested delimitation of regions for the purposes of section 17 of the *Grants Commission Act* 1973.

- 21 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1973-74: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Customs and Excise, \$43,128,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$50,391,000—

Department of Overseas Trade, \$27,411,000—

Department of Secondary Industry, \$19,293,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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

Adoption of overseas children by Australian residents—

Australian immigration requirements—Statement by the Department of Immigration, dated September 1973.

Statement by Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration).

- 23 WHEAT TAX 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 Giles rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Giles rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

- 24 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—SEVENTH REPORT: Mr McKenzie (Chairman) brought up the Seventh Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

SEVENTH 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:

Air Navigation Act—Thirteenth Annual Report by the Minister on the administration of the Act and Regulations and other matters relating to civil air operations, for year 1972-73.

- Apple and Pear Organization Act—Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for year 1972–73.
- Assistance to Industries—Report on a Commission to advise on assistance to Industries, dated 19 June 1973.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Sixth Annual Report of the Australian Tourist Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1972–73.
- Cities Commission Act—First Annual Report of the Cities Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1972–73.
- Cities Commission Act—Recommended New Cities Programme—Report by the Cities Commission, dated 13 June 1973.
- Commonwealth Police Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police on the operation of the Commonwealth Police Force, for year 1972–73.
- Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Second Annual Report of the Commissioner for Employees' Compensation, for year 1972–73.
- Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1972–73.
- Department of the Media—Report of activities for period ended 30 June 1973.
- Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Seventeenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.
- Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Nineteenth Annual Statement by the Minister on the operation of the Act and the payment of subsidy, for year 1972–73.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Ninth Annual Report of the Housing Loans Insurance Corporation, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1972–73.
- Immigration Advisory Council—Committee on Social Patterns—Final Report on the Inquiry into the Departure of Settlers from Australia, dated July 1973.
- Interpreting and Translating Needs in the Community—Report on the Survey by the Department of Immigration, dated October 1973.
- Meat Industry Act—Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1972–73.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the National Capital Development Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1972–73.
- National Library Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Council of the National Library of Australia, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1972–73.
- National Urban Framework—Report to the Cities Commission by John Paterson Urban Systems Pty Ltd, dated March 1973.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Annual Report of the Postmaster-General's Department, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1972–73.
- Postmaster-General's Department—Financial and Statistical Supplement, for year 1972–73.
- Prices Justification Act—Report by the Prices Justification Tribunal on the Price Increases of certain Iron and Steel Products proposed by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited and Australian Iron and Steel Proprietary Limited, dated 10 October 1973.

Prices Justification Tribunal—Notification, dated 19 October 1973, specifying price increases of certain iron and steel products proposed by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited and Australian Iron and Steel Proprietary Limited.

Public Transport Investment Proposals for Australian Capital Cities, 1973–74—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics, dated August 1973.

Qantas Airways Limited—Thirty-ninth Annual Report of Qantas Airways Limited, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year ended 31 March 1973.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1972–73.

Science and Industry Research Act—Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1972–73.

Tariff Board—Report—Expandable polystyrene beads and coated paperboard for use in the manufacture of disposable hot drink cups.

Tariff Board—Report—Plasticizers of the polyester type (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Tariff Board Act—Annual Report of the Tariff Board, for year 1972–73, together with a Summary of Recommendations.

Water Resources Management—Copy of a statement of Government policy relating to a National Approach to Water Resources Management, dated 10 October 1973.

25 October 1973

DAVID MCKENZIE,
Chairman

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 6 November at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair, unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Collard, Mr Cooke, Mr Fox*, Mr Garland*, Mr Hansen, Dr Klugman* and Mr McVeigh.

* On leave

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