AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 64

THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 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 Adermann, Mr Bonnett, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Corbett, Mr Drury, Mr Gorton, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Mr Killen, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay, Mr McVeigh, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr Thorburn, Mr Turner and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
 - Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General), Mr Corbett, Sir John Cramer, Mr England, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Hunt, Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Keating, Mr MacKellar, Mr Martin, Mr Nixon, Mr Reynolds, Mr Thorburn and 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.
 - Mr Kerin and Mr Turner—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 proposed National Schools Commission.
 - 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 Fisher—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.

Petitions received.

3 Questions: Questions without notice being asked—

Distinguished visitor: Mr Speaker informed the House that His Excellency Dr Adam Malik, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the distinguished visitor a warm welcome and wished him and Mrs Malik a pleasant stay in Australia.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Australian Council for the Arts—Final report on the future workings of the Council and its Boards.

 Australian Health Insurance Program—Paper stating Government's intentions, dated 7 November 1973.

Australian Wool Board—Interim Report for period July to December 1972.

Australian Wool Commission—Interim Report for period July to December 1972. Defence Report 1973.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1973.

5 Australian Health Insurance Program—Paper—Statements: Mr Chipp, by leave, made a statement with respect to the procedure to be observed in connection with the consideration of the Government paper entitled Australian Health Insurance Program.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) and Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

Dr Forbes asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 6 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported—
 - (a) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate does not press its request for an amendment, which the House has not made, and has agreed to the Bill:

7 November 1973—Message No. 137—Meat Export Charge 1973.

(b) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist on its amendments disagreed to by the House, and has agreed to the amendments made by the House in place thereof:

7 November 1973—Message No. 138—Meat Export Charge Collection 1973.

7 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT: Mr Enderby (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Committee of Privileges:

Report relating to an article published in *The Sun*, 18 September 1973, together with minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 PRICES—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT AND STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hurford (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on Prices:

Import prices inquiry—Price effects of currency changes—Report No. 1 (Inward freight rates, tyres and tubes, timber and pharmaceutical products), together with minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hurford, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Gorton was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Jarman (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

One hundred and forty-fifth Report—Treasury Minutes on the One hundred and twenty-third and One hundred and thirty-third Reports together with a summary of those reports.

One hundred and forty-sixth Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1971-72.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Jarman, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

- 10 Health Insurance scheme—Proposed select committee: Mr McLeay moved, pursuant to notice—That a select committee of the House of Representatives be appointed to inquire into and report on the effects on the Australian community if the present voluntary health insurance scheme is replaced by a compulsory, tax financed health insurance scheme as recommended by the Health Insurance Planning Committee and, in particular, to determine:
 - (a) any likely inflationary effects;
 - (b) any over-utilisation of medical and hospital services;
 - (c) the cost to individuals, particularly in relation to hospitalisation;
 - (d) any discriminatory aspects for certain categories of taxpayers;
 - (e) any erosion of an individual's freedom of choice of doctor or hospital, and
 - (f) its effect on the national economy and the quality of health care for present and future generations of Australians.

Debate ensued.

Ouestion—put.

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

Ayes, 51				
Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	
Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	· Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair	
Mr Bourchier	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Staley	
Mr Bury	Mr Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street	
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Turner	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner	
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth	
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr McMahon	Mr Wilson	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Tellers:	
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Mr England	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox	
	Noes	s, 60		
Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley	
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds	
Mr Bennett	Mr Dovle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan	
Mr Berinson	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry	
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart	
Mr L. F. Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn	
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren	
Dr Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whan	
Dr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis	
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Martin		
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews		
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris		
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Tellers:	
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr Hansen	
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls	

And so it was negatived.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, government business was called on.

11 TRADE PRACTICES BILL 1973: 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

Clauses 2 to 28 together further debated and agreed to.

Clause 29—

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 13, after sub-clause (1) insert the following sub-clause:

"(1A) Any direction given to the Commission under sub-section (1) shall be in writing and the Attorney-General shall cause a copy of the direction to be published in the *Gazette* as soon as practicable after the direction is given.".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 44, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 45 to 51, by leave, taken together.

Mr Enderby (Minister for Secondary Industry) moved the following amendment Clause 49, page 20, omit sub-clause (4), substitute the following sub-clause:

"(4) A person shall not, in trade or commerce—

- (a) knowingly induce or attempt to induce a corporation to discriminate directly or indirectly between different purchasers of goods of like grade and quality in relation to a matter referred to in paragraph (1) (a), (b) or (c); or
- (b) enter into any transaction that to his knowledge would result in his receiving the benefit of such a discrimination,

if the discrimination is of a kind that is prohibited by this section.".

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At fifteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the committee stage had expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and passed.

Further question—That clauses 45 to 51, as amended, the remainder of the Bill and the amendments circulated by the Government be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put.

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

Ayes, 60

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

Noes, 46

Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson	Mr McMahon	Tellers:
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments circulated by the Government were accordingly made in the Bill, and are as follows:

Clause 88, page 37, line 25, before "having" insert "(other than a contract between, or a combination of, persons in connexion with the production, manufacture, mining, supply or acquisition of goods by those persons on a joint basis)".

Clause 88, page 37, line 26, omit "or services".

Clause 90, page 39, after sub-clause (5) insert the following sub-clause:

"(5A) Nothing in paragraph (5) (b) affects the question whether a contract or combination is in restraint of trade or commerce for the purposes of section 45.".

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Mr Enderby moved, by leave—That the report be adopted.

Mr Killen moved—That the Bill be now recommitted to a committee of the whole House.

Debate ensued.

Mr Daly addressing the House-

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

Question-That the question be now put-put and negatived.

Mr Daly continued his speech.

Closure: Mr Daly 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, 60

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

		Noes, 45		
Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards		Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Erwin		Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher		Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes		Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Giles		Mr Lloyd	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton		Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham		Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett		Mr MacKellar	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer		Mr McLeay	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson		Mr McVeigh	Tellers:
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten		Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt		Mr Peacock	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a committee of the whole House—being accordingly put—

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

	Ayes, 45					
Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson			
Mr Bonnett	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley			
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Street ·			
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Turner			
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Viner			
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth			
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson			
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar				
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay				
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Tellers:			
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England			
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox			
	Noes, 60					
Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds			
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan			
Mr Bennett	Mr Doyle	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes			
Mr Berinson	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry			
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart			
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Thorburn			
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren			
Dr Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wallis			
Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Whan			
Dr Cass	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	Mr Willis			
Mr Coates	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris				
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison				
Mr Collard	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder				
Mr Connor	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow	Tellers:			
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley	Mr Hansen			
Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson	Mr Nicholls			

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the report be adopted—put and passed.

Mr Enderby moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

12 Message from the Senate—Conciliation and Arbitration Bill 1973 [No. 2]: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker, Message No. 139

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1972'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

Magnus Cormack,

Canberra, 7 November 1973

President

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 2, clause 4, line 12, leave out "repealed", insert "amended—
 - (a) by omitting the words 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission' and substituting the words 'Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission';
 - (b) by omitting the words—
 - 'Part IV—The Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (Sections 89-97).'; and
 - (c) by omitting the words 'Commonwealth Industrial Court' and substituting the words 'Australian Industrial Court'".
- No. 2—Page 3, clause 6, lines 27–35, leave out paragraph (a), insert the following paragraph:
 - "(a) by inserting after paragraph (e) of sub-section (1) the following word and paragraph:—
 - '; or (f) being an officer, delegate or member of an organization, has done, or proposes to do, an act or thing which is lawful for the purpose of furthering or protecting the industrial interests of the organization or its members, being an act or thing done within the limits of authority expressly conferred on him by the organization in accordance with the rules of the organization.';".
- No. 3—Page 4, clause 6, lines 2-24, leave out proposed sub-sections (2A) and (2B).
- No. 4—Page 7, clause 19, lines 21-23, leave out paragraph (c) of proposed subsection (2), insert the following paragraph:
 - "(c) it is not in the public interest that he should certify the memorandum or make the award or order.".
- No. 5—Pages 7 and 8, clause 19, leave out proposed sub-sections (2A), (2B), (2C), (2D) and (2E), insert the following sub-section:
 - "'(2A) A member of the Commission shall not certify a memorandum in accordance with this section unless, in relation to each organization that is a party to the agreement to which the memorandum relates, there is produced to him a statutory declaration by an officer authorized by the committee of management of the organization declaring that the committee of management has approved the principal terms of the agreement.'".

Consequential amendments:

- Page 12, clause 33, line 20, leave out "under sub-section (2D) of section 28, and".
- Page 12, clause 34, line 35, leave out "under sub-section (2D) of section 28, and".
- Page 13, clause 35, line 9, leave out "under sub-section (2D) of section 28, and".
- Page 13, clause 36, lines 16 and 17, leave out "under sub-section (2D) of section 28, and".
- Page 13, clause 37, line 27, leave out ", sub-sections (2c), (2D) and (2E) of section 28,".
- No. 6—Page 9, clause 22, lines 19 and 20, leave out paragraph (a).
- No. 7—Page 10, clause 27, line 19, after "working hours", insert "but subject to any conditions provided by the relevant award".

No. 8—Page 10, clause 27, line 25, leave out "any employee on those premises", insert "any employee, being a member or a person eligible to be a member of his organization, on those premises, but an officer so authorized shall not hinder or obstruct an employee in the performance of his work during working time".

No. 9—Page 11, clause 30, lines 42–44, leave out paragraph (b).

No. 10—Page 14, clause 38, lines 7 and 8, leave out paragraph (b) of proposed sub-section (5), insert the following paragraph:

"(b) it is not in the public interest that the memorandum should be certified.".

- No. 11—Page 14, clause 41, lines 15–17, leave out paragraph (b), insert the following paragraph:
 - "(b) by omitting from paragraph (a) the words 'seven other Judges' and substituting the words 'nine other Judges'.".
- No. 12—Page 14, clause 44, line 37, leave out paragraph (d).
- No. 13—Page 15, clause 45, leave out the clause.
- No. 14—Page 15, clause 46, leave out the clause.
- No. 15—Page 15, clause 49, leave out the clause.
- No. 16—Page 15, clause 51, leave out the clause.
- No. 17—Page 20, clause 57, leave out the clause.
- No. 18—Page 20, clause 58, leave out the clause.
- No. 19—Page 21, clause 62, leave out the clause.
- No. 20—Page 21, clause 64, leave out the clause.
- No. 21-Pages 22 and 23, clause 65, leave out the clause.
- No. 22—Page 23, clause 66, leave out the clause.
- No. 23—Page 23, clause 67, leave out the clause.
- No. 24—Page 23, clause 68, leave out the clause.
- No. 25—Page 23, clause 69, leave out the clause.
- No. 26—Page 24, clause 70, lines 3 and 4, leave out "sub-section (5) of section 158κ", insert "this Part".
- No. 27—Page 24, clause 71, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

 "71. Section 159 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting Applications from sub-section (3) the words 'the next succeeding section' and respecting respecting

substituting the words 'sub-section (4)'.". No. 28—Page 24, clause 73, leave out the clause.

- No. 29—Page 24, clause 74, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:
 - "74. Section 168 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting Costs. sub-section (4).".

No. 30—Page 25, clause 77, leave out the clause.

On the motion of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

13 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS) BILL 1974 [1973]: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to ensure that Senate Elections are held at the same time as House of Representatives Elections.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Whitlam 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 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS) BILL 1974 [1973]: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to ensure that the Members of the House of Representatives and of the Parliaments of the States are chosen directly and democratically by the People.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Whitlam 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.

15 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES) BILL 1974 (1973): Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution to enable the Commonwealth to borrow Money for, and to grant Financial Assistance to, Local Government Bodies.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Whitlam 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.

16 HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION BILL 1973: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to constitute a Health Insurance Commission and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hayden 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 COMMISSION ON ADVANCED EDUCATION BILL 1973: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Commission on Advanced Education.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Daly 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.

18 AIRLINES AGREEMENT BILL 1973: Mr Jones (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Airlines Agreements Act* 1952-1972. Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones 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.

19 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1973: Mr Jones (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Charges in respect of certain Air Navigation Facilities and Services.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones 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.

20 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS BILL 1973: Mr Enderby (Minister for Secondary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Industrial Research and Development Grants Act 1967-1972.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Enderby 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.

21 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

8 November 1973—Message—

No. 140-States Grants (Home Care) 1973.

No. 141—Delivered Meals Subsidy 1973.

No. 142—Aged Persons Homes 1973.

No. 143—Sheltered Employment (Assistance) 1973.

No. 144—Handicapped Children (Assistance) 1973.

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No. 145—Superannuation (No. 3) 1973.

No. 146—Territory Authorities (Financial Provisions) 1973.

No. 147—Air Accidents (Australian Government Liability) 1973.

No. 148—Atomic Energy 1973.

No. 149-Aliens 1973.

No. 150-Air Navigation 1973.

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

In the committee

Second Schedule-

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 12 September be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Departments of Health, Repatriation and Social Security.

Proposed expenditures-

Department of Housing, \$9,149,000-

Department of Services and Property, \$60,284,000-

Department of Works, \$104,801,000-

together debated.

Mr Keating addressing the committee—

Point of order: Mr MacKellar raised a point of order that the matters referred to by Mr Keating did not come within the administration of the Minister for Services and Property.

Deputy Chairman's ruling: The Deputy Chairman (Mr Armitage) ruled that the honourable Member was dealing with matters associated with the Department of Services and Property.

Dissent from ruling moved: Mr MacKellar moved—That the ruling be dissented from. Question—put.

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

Ayes, 42				
Mr Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr E. L. Robinson	
Mr Bonnett	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley	
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Street	
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Turner	
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Viner	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth	
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson	
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar		
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Tellers:	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr England	
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox	
	Noes	s, 59		
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Olley	
Mr Bennett	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Dr Patterson	
Mr Berinson	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Reynolds	
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Riordan	
Mr L. F. Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes	
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Sherry	
Dr Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Stewart	
Dr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Thorburn	
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Uren	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Wallis	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	Mr Whan	
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Willis	
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Tellers:	
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Mulder	Mr Hansen	
Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls	

And so it was negatived.

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

The House resumed; Mr Armitage reported accordingly.

23 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 Monday next at two o'clock p.m.

Papers: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 November 1973, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for television transmission purposes—Ceduna, South Australia.

Mungindi, New South Wales.

Members present: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnard, Mr Beazley, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Garland*, Dr Klugman*, Mr Maisey, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr Ruddock.

* On leave

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