

AUSTRALIA

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 65

MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 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 Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Dr Everingham (Minister for Health), Mr Adermann, Mr Bonnett, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Corbett, Mr Drury, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Mr Killen, Mr McLeay, Mr McVeigh, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr Turner, Mr Viner, Mr Wentworth, Mr Willis and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development), Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), Mr Cohen, Mr England, Mr Fairbairn, Mr MacKellar, Mr Reynolds 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 Jarman, Mr Whittorn 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 King—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to include "God Save The Queen" in any referendum or poll to decide a national anthem.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Senator Wriedt (Minister for Primary Industry), Senator Cavanagh (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) would act as Minister for Primary Industry.

Mr Whitlam also informed the House that, during the absence of Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), owing to illness, Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General) would act as Minister for Education.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

South Pacific Labour Ministers—First Conference, Sydney, 30 October–1 November 1973—Joint communique.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.

Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Tenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.

6 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—TRIPARTITE INDUSTRIAL PEACE CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), by leave, made a ministerial statement referring to a request by the Premier of Victoria for a conference on industrial relations and informed the House of the Government's intention to convene a tripartite industrial peace conference.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matters.

Mr Hewson asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matters.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr Hewson moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for McMillan discussing the statement by the Minister for Labour and the State Electricity Commission strike in the Latrobe Valley.

Question—put and negatived.

7 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1 (Committee of Privileges—Report relating to an article published in *The Sun*, 18 September 1973: Consideration of report) be postponed until the next sitting.

8 STATES GRANTS (RURAL RECONSTRUCTION) BILL 1973: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between Australia and the States with respect to the Provision of further Assistance to Persons engaged in Rural Industry.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Patterson 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.

9 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.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Housing, \$9,149,000—

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

Department of Works, \$104,801,000—

together further debated.

Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—

*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 proposed expenditures be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Health, \$65,797,000—

Repatriation Department, \$507,387,000—

Department of Social Security, \$86,084,000—

together debated.

Mr Morris addressing the committee—

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

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The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

10 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 November 1973, pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1973—No. 44—Medical Practitioners Registration.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States, dated 8 November 1973.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Fraser, Mr Garland\*, Mr Hansen, Mr Kelly, Dr Klugman\* and Mr O'Keefe.

\* On leave

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