

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

THURSDAY, 4 APRIL 1974

- 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 **DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE (M. GEORGES POMPIDOU):** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) referred to the death of President Georges Pompidou of France and informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General would represent Australia at the State memorial service for the late President. A message of sympathy had been sent to the Prime Minister of France extending the condolences of the Government and the people of Australia.
Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and Mr Wentworth joined in the expressions of condolence.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members stood, in silence.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Adermann, Mr Armitage, Mr Katter and Mr Keogh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.
 - Mr Drury, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay and Mr Staley—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
 - Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that sub-clause 10 (3) of the Human Rights Bill 1973 be amended by adding the following words: "and no revenue derived in any way from any Australian citizen shall be appropriated by the Australian Government, or by a State Government, or by a Municipal Government, for the propagation or support of any religion".
 - Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government legislate to protect the whale from commercial exploitation.
 - Mr Staley—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.
- Petitions received.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Industries Assistance Commission—Woven man-made fibre fabrics—Report, dated 17 January 1974, together with related correspondence dated 14, 15 and 27 March 1974 between Mr G. A. Rattigan, C.B.E., Chairman of the Commission, and the Standing Interdepartmental Committee on Assistance to Industries.

- 6 CITIZEN MILITARY FORCES—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Citizen Military Forces—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated March 1974.

Mr Barnard, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Citizen Military Forces—Report—Ministerial statement, 4 April 1974.

Mr Enderby (Minister for Secondary Industry) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Dr Forbes 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.

- 7 FREEWAY PLANS IN STATE CAPITAL CITIES—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Freeway plans in State capital cities—Report by Commonwealth Bureau of Roads, 1974.

Mr Uren, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Freeway plans in State capital cities—Report—Ministerial statement, 4 April 1974.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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.

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

Report relating to a letter fraudulently written in the name of the honourable Member for Casey, published in *The Sun News-Pictorial* on 6 December 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.

- 9 ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 STATES GRANTS (URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT) BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States for the purpose of Urban Public Transport.

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.

- 11 URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT (RESEARCH AND PLANNING) BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Provision with respect to Research and Planning in connexion with Urban Public Transport.

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.

- 12 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 **FISHERIES (PAPUA NEW GUINEA BOATS) BILL 1974:** 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **SUPERANNUATION (DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS) BILL 1974:** 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendment made by the House in the following Bill:
4 April 1974—Message No. 14—Legislative Drafting Institute 1973.
- 16 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1973–74:** 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.
Ordered—That Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Ordered—That Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Daly—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 17 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—HEALTH INSURANCE BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE:**
Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—
(1) a Health Insurance Bill 1973 and a Health Insurance Commission Bill 1973
(a) being presented forthwith and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of the Bills together, and
(b) being considered in one committee of the whole.
(2) the Leader of the House making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of a Health Insurance Bill 1973 and a Health Insurance Commission Bill 1973.
Debate ensued.
The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
- 18 **DECLARATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE:**
Mr Daly (Leader of the House) declared that the Health Insurance Bill 1973 and the Health Insurance Commission Bill 1973 were urgent Bills.
Question—That the Bills be considered urgent Bills—put and passed.

Allotment of time: Mr Daly then moved—That, notwithstanding the order of the House of 7 March 1974, the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:

- (1) For the second readings of the Bills, until 9.45 p.m. this day.
- (2) For the committee stage of the Bills, until 10 p.m. this day.
- (3) For the remaining stages of the Bills, until 10.15 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 92 for debate on the motion having expired—
Question—put and passed.

19 HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION BILLS 1973: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security) presented the following Bills:

A Bill for an Act providing for Payments by way of Medical Benefits and Payments for Hospital Services and for other purposes, and

A Bill for an Act to constitute a Health Insurance Commission and for purposes connected therewith.

Bills together read a first time.

Mr Hayden moved—That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: At fifteen minutes to ten o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second readings of the Bills had expired—

Question—That the Bills be now read a second time—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole together, and debated.

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

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

Further question—That the Bills be reported without amendment—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

Mr Hayden moved—That the Bills be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: At fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bills had expired—

Question—That the Bills be now read a third time—put.

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Doyle	Mr Jones	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Riordan
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Sherry
Mr Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	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	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr Hansen
			Mr Nicholls

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Giles

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bills together read a third time.

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—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 eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 April 1974, pursuant to statute:

- Atomic Energy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 39.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
- Ordinances—1974—
- No. 7—Building.
- No. 8—Prices Regulation.
- Regulations—1974—No. 5 (Building Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bury, Mr Davies, Mr England, Mr Fisher, Mr Fox, Dr Jenkins, Mr King and Mr Stewart.

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