

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 9 JULY 1974

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the ninth day of July, in the twenty-third year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.

- 1 On which day, being the first day of the meeting of the Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Norman James Parkes, o.B.E., Clerk of the House of Representatives, John Athol Pettifer, Deputy Clerk, and Grahame John Horsfield, Acting Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk:

PROCLAMATION

Australia
PAUL HASLUCK
Governor-General

By His Excellency the
Governor-General of Australia

WHEREAS by the Constitution it is, amongst other things, provided that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck, the Governor-General of Australia, do by this my Proclamation appoint Tuesday, 9 July 1974, as the day for the Parliament to assemble for the despatch of business:

And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Parliament House, Canberra, at 10.30 o'clock in the morning, on Tuesday, 9 July 1974.

Given under my Hand on June 25th 1974.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. G. WHITLAM
Prime Minister

- 2 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTIES BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

HONOURABLE MEMBERS,

The Deputies of His Excellency the Governor-General for the opening of Parliament request the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Senior Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue constituting me his Deputy to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Commission was read as follows:

HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, Governor-General of Australia

To the Right Honourable SIR EDWARD ALOYSIUS MCTIERNAN, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Acting Chief Justice of Australia.

GREETING:

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated 29 October 1900 passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom constituting the office of Governor-General of Australia, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution, was pleased to authorise and empower the Governor-General, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of Australia, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary or expedient to assign to him or them:

AND WHEREAS, by Proclamation dated 25 June 1974 and published in the Australian Government Gazette on 25 June 1974, I appointed Tuesday, 9 July 1974, as the day for the Parliament to assemble for the despatch of business: and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Parliament House, Canberra, at 10.30 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, 9 July 1974:

KNOW YOU THAT, in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, SIR PAUL MEERNA CAEDWALLA HASLUCK, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputy for the purpose of declaring open the Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

GIVEN under my Hand on 5 July 1974

By His Excellency's Command,
E. G. WHITLAM
Prime Minister

PAUL HASLUCK
Governor-General

The Senior Deputy then said:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

We have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that after Members of the Senate and Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place; and it being necessary that a President of the Senate and a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be first chosen, you, Members of the Senate, will proceed to choose some proper person to be your President, and you, Members of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker; and later this day you will respectively present the persons whom you shall so choose to His Excellency at such time and place as he shall appoint.

Sir Douglas Menzies will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oath or affirmation of allegiance to honourable Members of that House.

And thereupon the Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

3 DEPUTY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO MEMBERS: The Right Honourable Sir Douglas Ian Menzies, K.B.E., a Justice of the High Court of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Acting Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows:

HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, Governor-General of Australia

To the Right Honourable SIR DOUGLAS IAN MENZIES, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, a Justice of the High Court of Australia

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution it is, amongst other things, enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorised by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR PAUL MEERNA CAEDWALLA HASLUCK, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents authorise you to attend at the Chamber of the House of Representatives at Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, 9 July 1974, immediately after the opening of the Parliament at 10.30 o'clock in the morning of that day, and there and then to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

GIVEN under my Hand on 5 July 1974

PAUL HASLUCK
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,
E. G. WHITLAM
Prime Minister

4 RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION: The Clerk laid on the Table returns to the 127 writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 18 May 1974 which showed that for the several Electoral Divisions the following had been elected:

Division	State or Territory	Name
Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. Christopher John Hurford
Angas ..	.. South Australia	.. Geoffrey O'Halloran Giles
Balaclava	.. Victoria ..	.. Ian Malcolm Macphee
Ballaarat	.. Victoria ..	.. George Dudley Erwin
Banks ..	.. New South Wales	.. Vincent Joseph Martin
Barker	.. South Australia	.. Alexander James Forbes
Barton..	.. New South Wales	.. Leonard James Reynolds
Bass ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Lance Herbert Barnard
Batman	.. Victoria ..	.. Horace James Garrick
Bendigo	.. Victoria ..	.. John William Bouchier
Bennelong	.. New South Wales	.. John Winston Howard
Berowra	.. New South Wales	.. Harold Raymond Edwards
Blaxland	.. New South Wales	.. Paul John Keating
Bonython	.. South Australia	.. Martin Henry Nicholls
Boothby	.. South Australia	.. John Elden McLeay
Bowman	.. Queensland	.. Leonard Joseph Keogh
Braddon	.. Tasmania ..	.. Ronald Davies

Division	State or Territory	Name
Bradfield	.. New South Wales	.. David Miles Connolly
Brisbane	.. Queensland	.. Manfred Douglas Cross
Bruce ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Billy Mackie Snedden
Burke ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Leonard Keith Johnson
Calare ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Armstrong England
Canberra	.. Australian Capital Territory	.. Keppel Earl Enderby
Canning	.. Western Australia	.. Melville Harold Bungey
Capricornia	.. Queensland	.. Douglas Nixon Everingham
Casey ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Charles Race Thorson Mathews
Chifley	.. New South Wales	.. John Lindsay Armitage
Chisholm	.. Victoria ..	.. Anthony Allan Staley
Cook ..	.. New South Wales	.. Ray William Thorburn
Corangamite	.. Victoria ..	.. Anthony Austin Street
Corio ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Gordon Glen Denton Scholes
Cowper	.. New South Wales	.. Ian Louis Robinson
Cunningham	.. New South Wales	.. Reginald Francis Xavier Connor
Curtin	.. Western Australia	.. Ransley Victor Garland
Darling	.. New South Wales	.. John FitzPatrick
Darling Downs	.. Queensland	.. Daniel Thomas McVeigh
Dawson	.. Queensland	.. Rex Alan Patterson
Deakin	.. Victoria ..	.. Alan William Jarman
Denison	.. Tasmania ..	.. John Coates
Diamond Valley	.. Victoria ..	.. David Charles McKenzie
Eden-Monaro	.. New South Wales	.. Robert Bruce Whan
Evans ..	.. New South Wales	.. Allan William Mulder
Farrer	.. New South Wales	.. David Eric Fairbairn
Fisher ..	.. Queensland	.. Albert Evan Adermann
Flinders	.. Victoria ..	.. Phillip Reginald Lynch
Forrest	.. Western Australia	.. Peter Hertford Drummond
Franklin	.. Tasmania ..	.. Raymond Henry Sherry
Fraser	.. Australian Capital Territory	.. Kenneth Lionel Fry
Fremantle	.. Western Australia	.. Kim Edward Beazley
Gellibrand	.. Victoria ..	.. Ralph Willis
Gippsland	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter James Nixon
Grayndler	.. New South Wales	.. Frederick Michael Daly
Grey ..	.. South Australia	.. Laurie George Wallis
Griffith	.. Queensland	.. Donald Milner Cameron
Gwydir	.. New South Wales	.. Ralph James Dunnet Hunt
Hawker	.. South Australia	.. Ralph Jacobi
Henty ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Gloria Joan Liles Child
Herbert	.. Queensland	.. Robert Noel Bonnett
Higgins	.. Victoria ..	.. John Grey Gorton
Hindmarsh	.. South Australia	.. Clyde Robert Cameron
Holt ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Maxwell Wilkinson Oldmeadow
Hotham	.. Victoria ..	.. Donald Leslie Chipp
Hughes	.. New South Wales	.. Leslie Royston Johnson
Hume ..	.. New South Wales	.. Stephen Augustus Lusher
Hunter	.. New South Wales	.. Albert William James
Indi ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Rendle McNeilage Holten
Isaacs ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Gareth Clayton
Kalgoorlie	.. Western Australia	.. Frederick Walter Collard
Kennedy	.. Queensland	.. Robert Cummin Katter
Kingsford-Smith	.. New South Wales	.. Lionel Frost Bowen
Kingston	.. South Australia	.. Richard Townsend Gun
Kooyong	.. Victoria ..	.. Andrew Sharp Peacock

Division	State or Territory	Name
La Trobe	.. Victoria ..	.. Antony Lamb
Lalor	.. Victoria ..	.. James Ford Cairns
Lang	.. New South Wales	.. Francis Eugene Stewart
Leichhardt	.. Queensland	.. William John Fulton
Lilley	.. Queensland	.. Kevin Michael Cairns
Lowe	.. New South Wales	.. William McMahon
Lyne	.. New South Wales	.. Philip Ernest Lucock
Macarthur	.. New South Wales	.. John Charles Kerin
Mackellar	.. New South Wales	.. William Charles Wentworth
Macquarie	.. New South Wales	.. Anthony Sylvester Luchetti
Mallee	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter Stanley Fisher
Maranoa	.. Queensland	.. James Corbett
Maribyrnong	.. Victoria ..	.. Moses Henry Cass
McMillan	.. Victoria ..	.. Henry Arthur Hewson
McPherson	.. Queensland	.. Eric Laidlaw Robinson
Melbourne	.. Victoria ..	.. Urquhart Edward Innes
Melbourne Ports	.. Victoria ..	.. Frank Crean
Mitchell	.. New South Wales	.. Alan Glyndwr Cadman
Moore	.. Western Australia	.. John Martin Hyde
Moreton	.. Queensland	.. Denis James Killen
Murray	.. Victoria ..	.. Bruce Lloyd
New England	.. New South Wales	.. Ian McCahon Sinclair
Newcastle	.. New South Wales	.. Charles Keith Jones
North Sydney	.. New South Wales	.. Bruce William Graham
Northern Territory	.. Northern Territory	.. Stephen Edward Calder
Oxley	.. Queensland	.. William George Hayden
Parramatta	.. New South Wales	.. Philip Maxwell Ruddock
Paterson	.. New South Wales	.. Frank Lionel O'Keefe
Perth	.. Western Australia	.. Joseph Max Berinson
Petrie	.. Queensland	.. John Charles Hodges
Phillip	.. New South Wales	.. Joseph Martin Riordan
Port Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. Michael Jerome Young
Prospect	.. New South Wales	.. Richard Emanuel Klugman
Reid	.. New South Wales	.. Thomas Uren
Richmond	.. New South Wales	.. John Douglas Anthony
Riverina	.. New South Wales	.. John William Sullivan
Robertson	.. New South Wales	.. Barry Cohen
Ryan	.. Queensland	.. Edward Nigel Drury
Scullin	.. Victoria ..	.. Henry Alfred Jenkins
Shortland	.. New South Wales	.. Peter Frederick Morris
St George	.. New South Wales	.. William Lawrence Morrison
Stirling	.. Western Australia	.. Robert Ian Viner
Sturt	.. South Australia	.. Ian Bonython Cameron Wilson
Swan	.. Western Australia	.. Adrian Frank Bennett
Sydney	.. New South Wales	.. James Francis Cope
Tangney	.. Western Australia	.. John Sydney Dawkins
Wakefield	.. South Australia	.. Charles Robert Kelly
Wannon	.. Victoria ..	.. John Malcolm Fraser
Warringah	.. New South Wales	.. Michael John Randal MacKellar
Wentworth	.. New South Wales	.. Robert James Ellicott
Werriwa	.. New South Wales	.. Edward Gough Whitlam
Wide Bay	.. Queensland	.. Percival Clarence Millar
Wills	.. Victoria ..	.. Gordon Munro Bryant
Wilmot	.. Tasmania ..	.. Gilbert William Arthur Duthie
Wimmera	.. Victoria ..	.. Robert Shannon King

- 5 OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS BY MEMBERS: The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the oath required by law, except Dr J. F. Cairns, Dr Cass, Mrs Child, Mr Clayton, Mr Coates, Mr Dawkins, Mr Enderby, Dr Everingham, Mr Fry, Dr Gun, Dr Klugman, Mr Lamb, Mr Mathews, Mr Uren, Mr Willis and Mr Young, who made and subscribed the affirmation according to law, and Mr Bennett, Mr Drummond, Mr Hewson, Mr Macphee, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Wallis who were not then present.

The Deputy retired.

- 6 ELECTION OF SPEAKER: Mr Riordan, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Cope, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Cross.

Mr Cope informed the House that he accepted nomination.

Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Giles, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party).

Mr Giles informed the House that he accepted nomination.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows:

Mr Cope	..	..	..	..	..	..	63 votes
Mr Giles	..	..	..	..	..	..	57 votes

Mr Cope was thereupon declared elected as Speaker, and Mr Riordan and Mr Cross conducted him to the Chair.

Mr Cope returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) congratulated Mr Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

- 7 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) stated that he had ascertained that it would be His Excellency the Governor-General's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament that day at eighteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.—

And the sitting of the House having been suspended at twenty-seven minutes to one o'clock p.m. until nineteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.—

Mr Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.

- 8 COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO MEMBERS: Mr Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:

HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, Governor-General of Australia

To the Honourable JAMES FRANCIS COPE, Member of Parliament, Speaker of the House of Representatives

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution it is, amongst other things, enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorised by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR PAUL MEERNA CAEDWALLA HASLUCK, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents authorise you from time to time, at Parliament House, Canberra, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already made and subscribed that oath or affirmation since their election or last election to the House of Representatives.

GIVEN under my Hand on 9 July 1974

By His Excellency's Command,
E. G. WHITLAM
Prime Minister

PAUL HASLUCK
Governor-General

9 OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY MEMBERS: Adrian Frank Bennett made and subscribed the oath, and Laurie George Wallis made and subscribed the affirmation, required by law.

10 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency: And having returned—

11 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHIPS:

Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Ministry was as follows:

Prime Minister	.. .. .	Hon. E. G. Whitlam, Q.C.
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Overseas Trade	.. .. .	Hon. J. F. Cairns
Minister for Minerals and Energy	.. .. .	Hon. R. F. X. Connor
Minister for Social Security	.. .. .	Hon. W. G. Hayden
Leader of the Government in the Senate, Attorney-General and Minister for Customs and Excise	.. .. .	Senator the Hon. L. K. Murphy, Q.C.
Minister for Foreign Affairs	.. .. .	Senator the Hon. D. R. Willesee
Treasurer	.. .. .	Hon. F. Crean
Minister for Services and Property and Leader of the House	.. .. .	Hon. F. M. Daly
Minister for the Media and Manager of Government Business in the Senate	.. .. .	Senator the Hon. D. McClelland
Minister for Defence	.. .. .	Hon. L. H. Barnard
Minister for Agriculture	.. .. .	Senator the Hon. K. S. Wriedt
Minister for Northern Development and Minister for the Northern Territory	.. .. .	Hon. R. A. Patterson
Minister for Labor and Immigration	.. .. .	Hon. C. R. Cameron
Minister for Education	.. .. .	Hon. K. E. Beazley

Special Minister of State and Minister assisting the Prime Minister in matters relating to the Public Service	Hon. L. F. Bowen
Minister for Repatriation and Compensation	Senator the Hon. J. M. Wheeldon
Minister for Urban and Regional Development	Hon. T. Uren
Postmaster-General	Senator the Hon. R. Bishop
Minister for Housing and Construction	Hon. L. R. Johnson
Minister for Transport	Hon. C. K. Jones
Minister for Health	Hon. D. N. Everingham
Minister for Manufacturing Industry	Hon. K. E. Enderby, Q.C.
Minister for the Capital Territory	Hon. G. M. Bryant, E.D.
Minister for the Environment and Conservation	Hon. M. H. Cass
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	Senator the Hon. J. L. Cavanagh
Minister for Science, Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to Papua New Guinea and Minister assisting the Minister for Defence	Hon. W. L. Morrison
Minister for Tourism and Recreation, Vice-President of the Executive Council and Minister assisting the Treasurer	Hon. F. E. Stewart

Mr Whitlam informed the House that representation of Ministers would be as follows:

In the Senate:

Prime Minister and Minister for Science ..	Senator Murphy
Minister for Services and Property, Special Minister of State and Minister for the Capital Territory	Senator Willesee
Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Recreation	Senator McClelland
Minister for Overseas Trade, Minister for Minerals and Energy, Treasurer, Minister for Northern Development, Minister for the Northern Territory and Minister for Manufacturing Industry	Senator Wriedt
Minister for Social Security, Minister for Health and Minister for the Environment and Conservation	Senator Wheeldon
Minister for Defence and Minister for Labor and Immigration	Senator Bishop
Minister for Urban and Regional Development, Minister for Housing and Construction and Minister for Transport ..	Senator Cavanagh

In the House of Representatives:

Minister for Foreign Affairs	Mr Whitlam
Minister for Customs and Excise	Dr J. F. Cairns
Minister for Agriculture	Dr Patterson
Minister for Repatriation and Compensation and Postmaster-General	Mr Bowen
Attorney-General	Mr Enderby
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	Mr Bryant
Minister for the Media	Mr Morrison

Mr Whitlam also stated that Mr Nicholls would be the Government Whip and that Mr James would be the Government Deputy Whip.

- 12 **LEADERSHIP AND WHIPS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY OF AUSTRALIA:** Mr Snedden, as Leader of the Opposition, informed the House that the Parliamentary Liberal Party had elected him as its Leader and Mr Lynch as its Deputy Leader. Mr Garland had been appointed the Opposition Whip and Mr D. M. Cameron the Liberal Party Deputy Whip.
- 13 **LEADERSHIP AND WHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY PARTY:** Mr Anthony informed the House that the Parliamentary Party of the Australian Country Party had elected him as its Leader, Mr Sinclair as its Deputy Leader and Mr England as its Whip.
- 14 **AUDIT BILL 1974:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal section 4 of the *Audit Act 1954*.
Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Mr Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, and that he had received a copy. (*Text of the Speech appears in Hansard*)
- 16 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved—That a committee, consisting of Mr Young, Mrs Child and the mover, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the committee do report at the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of sitting: At six minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At five o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

- 17 **DEATH OF THE PRINCE HENRY—ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) referred, with deep regret, to the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Henry, which occurred on 10 June 1974, and moved—That an Address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the following terms be agreed to:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of Australia in Parliament assembled, have received with profound sorrow the news of the death of Field Marshal His Royal Highness, The Prince Henry William Frederick Albert, former Governor-General of Australia. On behalf of Your people throughout Australia we express deep sympathy to Your Majesty and to Members of the Royal Family in the loss which you have sustained.

And Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and Mr Peacock having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 18 **DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR (THE HONOURABLE N. E. MCKENNA):** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable N. E. McKenna, and moved—That the House expresses its deep regret at the death on 22 April 1974 of Nicholas Edward McKenna, a former Senator for the State of Tasmania from 1944 to 1968, a Minister of the Crown from 1946 to 1949, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1949 to 1951 and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1951 to 1966, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

And Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and other honourable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 19 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR J. C. SEXTON): Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Mr J. C. Sexton, and moved—That the House expresses its deep regret at the death on 22 April 1974 of Joseph Clement Sexton, a Member of this House for the Division of Adelaide from 1958 to 1966, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

And Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and other honourable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 20 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Mr Luchetti moved—That Mr Scholes be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr L. K. Johnson.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) moved—That Mr Lucock be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition).

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, Mr Speaker reported the result, as follows:

Mr Lucock	54 votes
Mr Scholes	64 votes

Mr Scholes was thereupon declared elected as Chairman.

Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and Mr Lucock congratulated Mr Scholes, who made his acknowledgments to the House.

- 21 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 July 1974, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 76, 79.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 54, 96.

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 70.

Apple and Pear Stabilization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 66.

Atomic Energy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 48.

Australian Capital Territory Representation (House of Representatives) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 62.

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 60.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 56, 88, 89, 97.

- Beaches, Fishing Grounds and Sea Routes Protection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 84.
- Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificates—R. E. C. Allott, A. J. Atkin.
- Commonwealth Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 44.
- Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 69.
- Consular Privileges and Immunities Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 80.
- Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 46.
- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 49.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 75, 91.
- Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 71, 77, 90, 92, 93.
- Defence Service Homes Act and Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence service homes purposes—
Campbelltown, New South Wales.
Edensor Park, New South Wales.
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 72.
- Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 61.
- Life Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 68.
- Maternity Leave (Australian Government Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 82.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 52, 53.
- National Library Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 64.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 74, 78.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 65, 83.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Crown Lands Ordinance—
Statement of reasons by Minister for partial revocation of land at Adelaide River reserved for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
- Ordinances—1974—
No. 6—Criminal Law Consolidation (No. 2) 1973.
No. 8—Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents).
No. 9—Town Planning.
Public Service Ordinance (No. 2) 1973 (No. 7 of 1974), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance.
- Papua New Guinea (Application of Laws) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 94.
- Papua New Guinea (Transfer of Banking Business) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 55.
- Pollution of the Sea by Oil Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 85.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 45, 81.
- Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department—
Labour—R. Marsh, D. S. Price.
Media—R. J. Turner.
Northern Development—T. K. McGillivray.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 50, 51, 67, 73, 95.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1974—

- Nos. 120 and 121—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 - No. 122—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
 - No. 123—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
 - No. 124—Amalgamated Postal Workers Union of Australia and Postal Overseers Union.
 - No. 125—Amalgamated Postal Workers Union of Australia.
 - No. 126—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 - No. 127—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 128—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 - No. 129—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
 - No. 130—Amalgamated Postal Workers Union of Australia.
 - Nos. 131 and 132—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†
 - Nos. 133 to 136—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
 - No. 137—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†
 - Nos. 138 and 139—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†
 - No. 140—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 - No. 141—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- († Not accompanied by statement)

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 57.

Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 58.

Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 59.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1974—

- No. 9—Companies.
- No. 10—Film Classification.
- No. 11—Motor Omnibus Services.
- No. 12—Motor Traffic (No. 2).
- No. 13—City Area Leases.
- No. 14—Court of Petty Sessions.
- No. 15—Coroners.
- No. 16—Police.
- No. 17—Crimes.
- No. 18—Unclaimed Moneys.
- No. 19—City Area Leases (No. 2).
- No. 20—Canberra Theatre Trust.
- No. 21—Advisory Council.
- No. 22—Canberra Retail Market Trust.
- No. 23—Motor Traffic (No. 3).

Regulations—1974—

- Nos. 6 and 7 (Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).
- Nos. 8 and 9 (Companies Ordinance).

Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 14 June 1974.

Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 86.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974,
No. 47.
Social Welfare Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 63.
Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 43, 87.
Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 42.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except
Mr Drummond, Mr Hewson, Mr Macphee and Mr O'Keefe.

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