

AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 19

WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1974

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1 The House met at five minutes past three o'clock p.m. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mrs Child, Mr Fulton, Mr Scholes, Mr Staley and Mr Street—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government increase child endowment in the September Budget.

Mr Hewson and Mr Mulder—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) grant a cash loading to pensioners, (2) increase within a reasonable period the weekly pension to 25 per cent of average weekly earnings, (3) freeze the tapered means test ceilings of income and assets and (4) give an assurance that the proposed national superannuation Bill will provide pensioners with a guaranteed minimum income of 30 per cent of quarterly adjusted average weekly earnings.

Dr Klugman and Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government hasten to introduce a universal health scheme so that health care services in Australia can function efficiently and economically.

Mr Oldmeadow and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take action against the Government's decision to recognise the sovereignty of the Soviet Union over the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Mr Chipp and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government immediately increase, as an interim measure, current grants made to children in non-government schools to at least 50 per cent of the cost of educating children in government schools.

Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take urgent steps to ensure that further mining and export from Australia of uranium, except for bio-medical purposes, be banned and that the Australian Atomic Energy Commission be transformed into an Australian Energy Commission.

Dr J. F. Cairns—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Government examine closely the depressed state of the Australian textile industry and restrict the importation of low labour cost textiles, particularly of Asian origin, to effect full employment and economic growth in the industry.

Mr K. M. Cairns—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House not admit into the law of this land the principle that marriage is only temporary and the family no longer the fundamental unit of society.

Mr K. M. Cairns—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Family Law Bill.

Mr Hodges—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to amend the Family Law Bill in certain respects and provide funds for family life education, programs preparing people for marriage, the decentralisation of approved guidance facilities and education in marriage courses for young married couples.

Mr Kerin—from certain citizens of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory praying that the House reject the Armco proposals or any other proposals for heavy industry at Jervis Bay.

Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Oldmeadow—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take immediate steps to implement a pension scheme for males bringing up and supporting their children and to make tax deductible the total wage of a house-keeper employed by any parent working full time.

Petitions received.

**3 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to present a paper.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Questions without notice continued.

*Paper:* Mr Snedden, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Crean (Treasurer)—

Mr Crean laid upon the Table the following paper:

Devaluation of the Australian dollar—Cablegram messages.

Questions without notice continued.

**4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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

Defence Service Homes—Interim report of Director on insurance operations for year 1973–74.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twenty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1973–74, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1973.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Twenty-seventh Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July to 31 December 1973.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Twenty-sixth Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July to 31 December 1973.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July to 31 December 1973.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Twenty-fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1973–74.

**6 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 13 (1974):** Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 13 (1974).

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

7 WOOL MARKETING (LOAN) 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 by Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not refusing the Bill a second reading, this House—

- (1) expresses its concern at the Government’s failure to maintain a national economic climate in which the Australian Wool Corporation would be able to borrow, commercially, funds necessary for its functions, and
- (2) is of the opinion that the Australian Wool Corporation should at the earliest opportunity repay any borrowings under this Bill from Australia and revert to normal commercial sources for rural borrowings for such borrowings as it may need for its marketing operations”.

Debate continued.

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.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ELECTION CANDIDATES (PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEFENCE FORCE) BILL 1974: Message No. 45, dated 25 September 1974, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act relating to Members of the Public Service and the Defence Force who become Candidates for election to the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory and similar Bodies for other Territories, and for related Purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 WOOL MARKETING (LOAN) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not refusing the Bill a second reading, this House—

- (1) expresses its concern at the Government’s failure to maintain a national economic climate in which the Australian Wool Corporation would be able to borrow, commercially, funds necessary for its functions, and
- (2) is of the opinion that the Australian Wool Corporation should at the earliest opportunity repay any borrowings under this Bill from Australia and revert to normal commercial sources for rural borrowings for such borrowings as it may need for its marketing operations”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55

Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Stewart
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Thorburn
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

## NOES, 52

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bungey	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lusher	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr McMahan	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Drury	Mr Hyde	Mr Macphee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr Millar	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 31, dated 19 September 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), the Bill was read a third time.

10 WOOL TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 5) 1974: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole together, and agreed to, after debate.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), the House adopted the report, and the Bills were together read a third time.

11 WOOL INDUSTRY 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 by Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, this House is of the opinion that—

(1) the funds available for research and promotion provided in this Bill is much less than the 50 per cent of total funds promised for 1974–75 in the second reading speech on the original Bill introduced in March this year, and

(2) the Government should review its total commitment to research and promotion for the course of the current triennium”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 32, dated 17 July 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr Sinclair moved—That the following new clause be added to the Bill:

“15. After section 84A of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted:

‘84B. (1) An account is hereby established to be known as the Australian Wool Corporation (Woolgrowers Marketing) Trust Account.

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(2) The Australian Wool Corporation (Woolgrowers Marketing) Trust Account is a Trust Account for the purposes of section 62A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1973.

‘84C. (1) There shall be paid into the Australian Wool Corporation (Woolgrowers Marketing) Trust Account—

Moneys to be paid into Trust Account.

(a) all moneys received in respect of *Wool Tax Acts (Nos. 1 to 5)* 1974; and

(b) interest from the investment of moneys standing to the credit of the Trust Account.

(2) Amounts payable into the Australian Wool Corporation (Woolgrowers Marketing) Trust Account by virtue of paragraph 1 (a) are payable out of moneys to be appropriated by the Parliament for that purpose.

‘84D. The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after 30 June 1975, cause a report of the operation of the Australian Wool Corporation (Woolgrowers Marketing) Trust Account during the year ended on that date to be laid before each House of the Parliament.

Report of Australian Wool Corporation (Woolgrowers Marketing) Trust Account.

‘84E. Moneys standing to the credit of the Australian Wool Corporation (Woolgrowers Marketing) Trust Account may, with the approval of the Minister, be expended—

Expending of moneys in the Trust Account.

(a) in the payment of expenses incurred by Australia in connection with the provision of funds directly or via loans guaranteed by the Government under the provisions of the Act to authorize certain advances to the Australian Wool Corporation and to authorize the borrowing of certain moneys by the Treasurer; and

(b) to finance the operations of the Australian Wool Corporation in relation to wool marketing as set out in sections 38 to 42 (inclusive) of the Principal Act.’”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

AYES, 51

Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Millar
Mr Bonnett	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Peacock
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Cadman	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr Lusher	Mr Staley
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
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Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	Mr James
Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negated.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1974-75—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House is of the opinion that the Budget fails to tackle Australia’s economic crisis, in that:*

- (1) unemployment is permitted to grow and the prospect for school leavers is prejudiced,
- (2) inflation is accelerated,
- (3) existing poverty is ignored and new poverty is created,
- (4) personal income tax is increased 45 per cent,
- (5) living standards will be lowered,
- (6) private enterprise is stifled,
- (7) Government power is further centralised,
- (8) individual incentive and thrift is penalised, and
- (9) a double tax is levied on estates;

and because the Government:

- (a) has made the Budget a socialist vehicle to intensify the attack on the States and break down the free enterprise system,
- (b) believes the absurdity that the Government can spend without people paying or can build without people producing, and
- (c) has preached private restraint but has threatened its achievement by its own Government extravagance”—

Debate resumed.

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 the next sitting.

13 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after orders of the day Nos. 13 and 14, government business.

14 QUEENSLAND GRANT (ROSS RIVER DAM) 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.

Mr Fairbairn addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived*; It being half-past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

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

*Message from the Governor-General*: Message No. 33, dated 15 July 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Acting Minister for Northern Development), the Bill was read a third time.

15 JULIUS DAM AGREEMENT 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—Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General*: Message No. 34, dated 15 July 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Acting Minister for Northern Development), the Bill was read a third time.

16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 25 September 1974, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1974—No. 35—Land and Business Agents.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Berinson, Mr Collard, Mr Corbett, Mr Enderby, Mr England, Mr Garland, Mr Giles, Mr Nixon and Dr Patterson.

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