

AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 20

THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1974

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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 Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr McMahon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government increase child endowment in the September Budget.

Mr Erwin—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.

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

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 Wilson—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.

Petitions received.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1973-74, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908-1974*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General for the year 1973-74, and

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Albury-Wodonga development—Ministerial Council—Communiqués of meetings held on 23 April and 29 June 1974.

Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Interim financial statements for year 1973-74.

Distribution of States into electoral divisions and appointment of Distribution Commissioners—Statement by Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property).

- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYEES AND BUILDERS LABOURERS FEDERATION: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Fraser had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The attitude of the Government to the activities of the Australian Building Construction Employees and Builders Labourers Federation”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Fraser addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Ellicott rising to address the House—

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 PARLIAMENT BILL 1974: Mr L. K. Johnson, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to determine the site of the New and Permanent Parliament House, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Johnson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

Mr King addressing the House—

*Closure:* Mr D. M. Cameron 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, 56

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Keogh	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Armitage	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bennett	Mr Fisher	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr Bonnett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Staley
Mr Bourchier	Mr Garrick	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr Luchetti	Mr Thorburn
Mr K. M. Cairns	Dr Gun	Mr Lusher	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hewson	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Whan
Mr Clayton	Mr Holten	Mr Macphee	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Millar	
Mr Cross	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	
Mr Drummond	Dr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Duthie	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Reynolds	Mr I. L. Robinson

NOES, 50

Mr Anthony	Mr Davies	Mr Jarman	Mr Riordan
Mr Barnard	Mr Dawkins	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Beazley	Mr Drury	Mr Keating	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bowen	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr Cadman	Dr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Viner
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Willis
Mrs Child	Mr Fry	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Mathews	
Mr Connor	Mr Hunt	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Hyde	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Peacock	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 72

Mr Adermann	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Beazley	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Keating	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keogh	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fry	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Graham	Mr Lamb	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Dr Gun	Mr Luchetti	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bungey	Mr Hayden	Mr Lusher	Mr Uren
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Whan
Mrs Child	Mr Holten	Mr Macphee	Mr Willis
Mr Chipp	Mr Howard	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Millar	
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Mulder	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Drummond	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 33

Mr Anthony	Dr Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart
Mr Barnard	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Erwin	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Fisher	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Clayton	Dr Forbes	Mr McMahon	
Mr Coates	Mr Fraser	Mr Morris	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair	Mr Hunt
Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley	Mr Viner

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development) moved the following amendment: Page 1, line 6, after "House" insert "and buildings and works associated therewith".

Debate continued.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) addressing the committee—*Closure moved:* Mr Martin moved—That the question be now put.

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

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 64

Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Keogh	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Armitage	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Stewart
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fry	Mr Luchetti	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garrick	Mr Lusher	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Graham	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Dr Gun	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hayden	Mr Macphee	Mr Whan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hewson	Mr Martin	Mr Whitlam
Mr Chipp	Mr Hodges	Mr Mathews	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Young
Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	
Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr James
Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Nicholls

## NOES, 34

Mr Anthony	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnard	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Staley
Mr Beazley	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wilson
Mr Coates	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan	Mr Erwin
Mr Drury	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry	Mr Jarman

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 65

Mr Adermann	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Armitage	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kerin	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr Graham	Mr Luchetti	Mr Viner
Mr Bryant	Dr Gun	Mr Lusher	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hewson	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Whan
Mr Chipp	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr Whitlam
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Millar	
Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Drummond	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls
Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe	

## NOES, 27

Mr Anthony	Dr Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Barnard	Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr K. M. Cairns	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Thorburn
Mr Coates	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Daly	Mr Hunt	Mr McLeay	Mr Erwin
Mr Drury	Mr Hyde	Mr Riordan	Mr Jarman

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the Chairman stated that he would report progress.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

The Deputy Speaker (Dr Jenkins) stated that further consideration of the Bill in committee would be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 REFRIGERATION COMPRESSORS BOUNTY BILL 1974: Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of certain Refrigeration Compressors.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 8 BOOK BOUNTY BILL 1974: Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Book Bounty Act* 1969–1973.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 9 LOANS (AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES COMMISSION) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of a certain sum of Money and to authorize Australia to make certain Moneys available to the Australian National Airlines Commission, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 10 LOANS (QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of a certain sum of Money and to authorize Australia to make certain Moneys available to Qantas Airways Limited, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act 1956–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

- 13 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY 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.

*Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 35, dated 19 September 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Compensation and rehabilitation in Australia—Report of the National Committee of Inquiry—Volume 2 (Rehabilitation and Safety)—

Statement by Senator Wheeldon (Minister for Repatriation and Compensation).  
Volume 2.

- 15 ELECTION CANDIDATES (PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEFENCE FORCE) 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 Bowen (Special Minister of State), the Bill was read a third time.

16 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 36, 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 Beazley (Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.

17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

18 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

26 September 1974—Message—

No. 46—Post and Telegraph Rates 1974.

No. 47—Post and Telegraph 1974.

19 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 Armitage be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Bennett addressing the House—

20 ADJOURNMENT: It being half-past ten o’clock p.m.—The question was proposed—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 Tuesday next at half-past ten o’clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

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

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