

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 22

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 1974

1 The House met, at twelve o'clock noon, 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 Jones (Minister for Transport) 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 McLeay and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Mathews and Mr Staley—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 Bennett—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Parliament (1) take any steps necessary either to direct the Commonwealth Banking Corporation to preserve and restore the Palace Hotel, St George's Terrace, Perth, or itself to acquire, preserve and restore the hotel on its present site and (2) make available any funds necessary to purchase the entire contents of the hotel from the owners:

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government cease the support of those organizations in southern Africa which are guilty of various acts of terrorism.

Mr Chipp—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with existing television program standards or to permit easier entry into Australia, or production in Australia, of pornographic material.

Mr Coates—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government (1) to grant at least \$10 million immediate emergency aid to the Sahelian region of Africa and continue to assist in the long term agricultural and social development of the region and (2) to take a leading part in initiatives to set up world food and fertilizer funds at the World Food Conference in November.

Mr Fulton—from certain residents of Weipa, Queensland, praying that the House take the necessary steps to construct an all-weather road between Weipa and Cairns.

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 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.

Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the law be amended to allow taxpayers to deduct from income, for income tax purposes, all rates and taxes paid by them in respect of their primary home or land bought for the purpose of building thereon.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration) answering a question—

Paper: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Cameron—

Mr Cameron laid upon the Table the following paper:

Tasmanian projects under the Regional Employment Development Scheme.

Mr Cameron continuing his answer to the question—

Closure of Member moved: Mr Luccock moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and negatived.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Foundation garments, dated 28 June 1974.

Polyamide and polyester yarns, dated 18 June 1974.

Tyre cord and tyre cord fabrics, dated 25 June 1974.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1973–74.

Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Twentieth Annual Statement concerning operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1973–74.

Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Kelly (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed construction of area school, Yirrkala, N.T. (Second report of 1974).

Report relating to the proposed construction of new telephone exchange, Haymarket, N.S.W. (Third report of 1974).

Report relating to the proposed construction of central health laboratory, Woden, A.C.T. (Fourth report of 1974).

Severally ordered to be printed.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIA'S URANIUM RESOURCES:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to publicly outline its policy on the development of Australia's uranium resources and the damaging effects of Government statements on industry confidence and international goodwill".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Anthony addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 AGED PERSONS HOSTELS BILL 1974: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hayden 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 DELIVERED MEALS SUBSIDY BILL 1974: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Delivered Meals Subsidy Act 1970-1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hayden 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 PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOANS GUARANTEE BILL 1974: Mr Hayden (Acting Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Giving of Guarantees by Australia with respect to Loans to be raised Overseas by Papua New Guinea, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hayden 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 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1974: Mr Hayden (Acting Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Expenditure of a Capital Nature and to Authorize the Borrowing of Certain Moneys by the Australian Government.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hayden 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 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) BILL 1974: Mr Hayden (Acting Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Act 1971-1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hayden 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.

- 12 ADELAIDE TO CRYSTAL BROOK RAILWAY BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Approve an Agreement between the Australian Government and the Government of South Australia relating to the Construction of a Railway from Adelaide to Crystal Brook, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones 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.

- 13 TARCOOLA TO ALICE SPRINGS RAILWAY BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Approve an Agreement between the Australian Government and the Government of South Australia relating to the Construction of a Railway from Tarcoola to Alice Springs, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones 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.

- 14 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL 1974: Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for and in relation to the Establishment of National Parks and other Parks and Reserves and the Protection and Conservation of Wildlife.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15 LIQUEFIED GAS (ROAD VEHICLE USE) TAX COLLECTION BILL 1974—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS:

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendments made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 4, clause 12, lines 30 to 36, leave out the clause.

No. 2—Page 4, clause 13, line 39, leave out paragraph (b).

No. 3—Page 5, clause 14, line 3, after "statement", insert "(whether in answer to a question or otherwise)".

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

16 AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION 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 Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), the Bill was read a third time.

17 COMMONWEALTH BANKS 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

2 October 1974—Message No. 60—States Grants (Beef Cattle Roads) 1974.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

1 October 1974—Message—

No. 43—

Wheat Industry Stabilization 1974.

Wheat Products Export Adjustment 1974.

Wheat Export Charge 1974.

No. 44—

Wool Industry 1974.

Wool Tax (Nos. 1 to 5) 1974.

20 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.

Mr Lusher addressing the House—

21 ADJOURNMENT: It being half-past ten o’clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o’clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o’clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bouchier, Mr Collard, Mr Corbett, Mr Crean, Mr England, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Keogh, Mr Morrison, Mr Sullivan, Mr Whitlam and Mr Wilson.

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