

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 35

THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Erwin and Mr Jarman—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Family Law Bill be debated and passed as soon as possible.

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 Fraser—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House ask the Australian Commission on Advanced Education to consider in its 1976-78 Triennium Report an allocation of funds for the provision of Union Facilities at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Mr Gorton—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and distress are occurring.

Mr Jarman—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 Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to restore education benefits to parents, at least to the 1973-74 level, either by increasing taxation deductions or through taxation rebates.

Mr Lucock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government forthwith return to the States all moneys raised by way of taxes and excise on petroleum products.

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 House press for an inquiry into public libraries.

Mr Wilson—from certain members of the academic staff of Murray Park College of Advanced Education praying that the House grant an immediate interim salary award to academic staff of Colleges of Advanced Education to restore lost wage relativity and account for inflation.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 10, general business, being called on forthwith.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

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

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

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

- 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1974.

- 5 PRIVILEGE: Mr Wentworth raising a matter of privilege with respect to the veracity of a statement made in the House yesterday by the Prime Minister—

Mr Speaker stated that under standing order 96 the matter should have been raised at the first opportunity and as this had not been done it was not in order to proceed with the matter now.

- 6 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 7 INCOME TAX BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Therapeutic goods—Proposed advertising requirements recommended by the National Therapeutic Goods Committee, together with a news release from the Australian Health Ministers' Conference held at Canberra on 17 August 1974.
- 9 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 INCOME TAX (BEARER DEBENTURES) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (Bearer Debentures) Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1974 [No. 2]: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953–1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law Relating to Estate Duty.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 BANKING BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Banking Act 1959–1973*, and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 TAXATION ADMINISTRATION BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Taxation Administration Act 1953–1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1974: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide Financial Assistance to the States for Purposes connected with Urban and Regional Development.
Bill read a first time.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Urban and Regional Development, when moving the second reading of the Bill, speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Uren 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.

- 16 AUSTRALIAN RADIATION LABORATORY, YALLAMBIE, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1974*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of an Australian Radiation Laboratory at Yallambie, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 17 ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY, GEELONG, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1974*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of an animal health laboratory at Geelong, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

- 18 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 16 (1974): Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 16 (1974).

Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Food processing machinery, etc., dated 12 June 1974.

Thermoplastic moulding compounds (Dumping and Subsidies Act), dated 2 August 1974.

- 20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS 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. 67, dated 25 October 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 (Special Minister of State), the Bill was read a third time.

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

14 November 1974—Message—

No. 82—Appropriation (No. 1) 1974–75 (*without requests*).

No. 83—Appropriation (No. 2) 1974–75.

- 22 SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES—SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Select Committee on Specific Learning Difficulties:

Mr Innes, Mr Mathews and Mr Oldmeadow had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Cadman and Mr Wilson had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr McVeigh had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.

- 23 AGED PERSONS HOSTELS 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Garland moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“6A. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting ‘three years’ and substituting ‘5 years.’” Period of operation.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 DELIVERED MEALS 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 68, dated 2 October 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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

- 25 AGED OR DISABLED PERSONS HOMES 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. 69, 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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

- 26 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security) 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 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 Dr J. F. Cairns, Dr Cass, Mr Kelly, Mr McVeigh, Mr Morrison and Mr Whan.

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