

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 40

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1974

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- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR T. W. ANDREWS):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 21 November 1974, of Mr Thomas William Andrews, a Member of this House for the Division of Darebin from 1949 to 1955.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
 - 3 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Bryant (Minister for the Capital Territory) and Mr Lamb—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.
 - Mrs Child—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.
 - Dr Gun—from certain residents of Hallett Cove, South Australia, praying that the Government provide an adequate buffer zone to ensure the preservation of the scientific features at Hallett Cove and an area for community recreation.
 - Mr Kelly—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a capital gains tax be not levied in addition to death duties.
 - Mr Lamb—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to withdraw immediately the two Trade Commissioners now operating in South Africa.
 - 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.
 Petitions received.
 - 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), Senator Bishop (Postmaster-General) was acting as Minister for Labor and Immigration and Mr Jones (Minister for Transport) would represent the Acting Minister for Labor and Immigration in this House.
 - 5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—
Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that he accepted the notice of motion as a motion of want of confidence in the Government for the purposes of standing order 110.

Mr Whitlam moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Snedden moving forthwith the motion of want of confidence in the Government of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

6 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of the House for creating the worst economic recession since the Depression of the 1930's through its economic and administrative incompetence and mismanagement, resulting in: mass unemployment and social hardship; social division and inequality through the highest inflation for a generation; a fall in the living standards of all Australians; the greatest industrial unrest for a generation; destruction of the housing construction industry causing a massive shortage of homes; decline in investment in the manufacturing industry with a consequent fall in productivity; destruction in the rural sector, both socially and economically; the alienation of foreign investment; uncertainty in the Australian community through ministerial confusion of roles as exemplified in the replacement of Mr Crean; disruption of the transport industry, especially air and sea, with particularly harsh socio-economic consequences to Tasmania; unnecessary confrontation with State governments thereby making a mockery of our system of federalism, and the declining investment and widespread uncertainty of the resource-based industries.

Ordered—That Mr Snedden be granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Killen rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Nicholls 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, 63

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

NOES, 57

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58

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

NOES, 63

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

And so it was negatived.

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

Maritime Industry—Commission of Inquiry—Report on navigational aid systems, dated November 1974.

Social Welfare Commission—Australian Assistance Plan—Discussion Paper No. 2.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Citizenship Act—Return for year 1973–74.

Compensation (Australian Government Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—Third Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

Mr McMahan, during a personal explanation, by leave, presented the following papers:

Department of Labour—Wage Indexation for Australia—Discussion paper dated January 1974.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development—Industrial Relations Division—Conference on Wage Determination, Paris, 3–6 July 1973—Project No. 4—Wage Indexation (Provisional text).

8 NORTHERN TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr James (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Northern Territory:

Report on constitutional development in the Northern Territory, incorporating a dissenting report together with minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr James and Mr Calder, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

25 November 1974—Message No. 81—

States Grants (Housing Assistance) 1974.

Housing Agreement 1974.

- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOUSING: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr McLeay had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The inadequacies of the recent measures announced by the Government to solve the housing crisis".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McLeay 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.

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 INCOME TAX 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 Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the provisions of the Bill which impose a surcharge on unearned income are inequitable, anti-social, damaging to community incentive and economically incorrect in a period of cost-inflation and that the Bill specifically:

- (a) imposes additional burdens on Australian pensioners by decreasing the special rebate for aged persons, and
- (b) provides a seriously incomplete response to the downturn in private investment by reducing public company tax rates to 45 per cent".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 56

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

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

- 13 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the provisions of the Bill which reduce the limit on deductions for education expenses from \$400 to \$150 seriously restrict the freedom of choice which now exists in the Australian education system, are a contravention of the Government’s election undertakings and will impose unwarranted burdens on parents with children attending both public and private schools and, further, that the Bill specifically:

- (a) inadequately compensates home buyers for the massive rise in housing loan interest rates and takes no account of those persons unable to purchase a home;
- (b) jeopardises the bonuses of thousands of small investors by increasing the tax liabilities of Australian life assurance companies, and
- (c) further erodes the confidence of the Australian mineral industry by reducing vital incentives to investment”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Clauses 1 to 16, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 17—

Mr K. M. Cairns moved the following amendment: Page 25, proposed subsection 82 kc (1), omit “\$4,000” (twice occurring), substitute “\$6,000”.

Debate continued.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the symbol and figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—was put accordingly, and passed.

Mr Cairns moved the following amendment: Page 25, after proposed sub-section 82 KC (1) insert the following sub-section:

“(1A) The net income referred to in sub-section (1) shall be deemed in each income year subsequent to the income year ending on 30 June 1975 to be multiplied by a fraction whereof the numerator is the Consumer Price Index points of the June quarter of the year in respect of which the interest payments for the Housing Loan is to be a tax deduction and the denominator is the Consumer Price Index points for the June quarter 1974.”.

Debate continued.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Crean (Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 INCOME TAX (BEARER DEBENTURES) 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 Crean (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1974 [No. 2]: 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 Crean (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT 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 Garland who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the provisions of the Bill do not provide adequate relief to the taxation of deceased estates in a period of unprecedented inflation”.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 52

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

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

17 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

18 BANKS (HOUSING LOANS) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Provide Funds to enable Banks to make additional Loans for Housing, 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 Ellicott), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 COMPANIES (FOREIGN TAKE-OVERS) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 2 of the *Companies (Foreign Take-overs) Act 1972-1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

20 LOAN BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for Defence Purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

21 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (IMPACT OF PROPOSALS) BILL 1974: Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for Protection of the Environment in relation to Projects and Decisions of, or under the control of, the Australian Government, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

22 APPROPRIATION (URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT) 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 Ruddock rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Nicholls 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, 60

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

NOES, 52

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 82, dated 17 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.

Mr Jones (Minister for Transport) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

23 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 7, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

24 STATES GRANTS (WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT) 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. 83, dated 14 November 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 Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.

25 RIVER MURRAY WATERS 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 Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), the Bill was read a third time.

26 ADJOURNMENT: Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation) 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 tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr C. R. Cameron, Dr Everingham, Mr Hewson and Mr Katter.

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