

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 70

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 1975

1 The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable G. G. D. Scholes) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Dr Everingham (Minister for Health), Mr Ellicott, Mr Erwin, Mr Keogh, Mr King, Mr Lamb, Mr Mathews, Mr Nixon, Mr Peacock and Mr Street—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 D. M. Cameron, Mr Garland, Mr McMahon and Mr Mathews—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.

Mr Drury and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill.

Mr Lamb—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either amend or reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator:

ANZUS Council—Twenty-fourth meeting, Washington, D.C., 24-25 April 1975—Communique dated 25 April 1975.

Statement by Senator Willesee (Minister for Foreign Affairs).

National Parks and Reserves—South Pacific Conference, Wellington, 24-27 February 1975—Report of Australian Delegation.

Northern Territory Police—Report for year 1973-74.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Wheat Research Act—Seventeenth Annual Report, for 1974.

5 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to a personal explanation made earlier this day by Dr J. F. Cairns (Deputy Prime Minister).

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

13 May 1975—Message—

No. 187—Appropriation (No. 5) 1974-75 (*without requests*).

No. 188—Appropriation (No. 6) 1974-75.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WAGES POLICY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to understand that lack of a responsible wages policy will lead to higher prices, more unemployment and personal hardship”. The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Lynch addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Paper: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), during his speech, by leave, presented the following paper:
Metal Trades Case—Australian Government’s submission to the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, dated 13 May 1975.
Discussion concluded.
- 8 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 9 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1975: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Universities) Act 1972–1974*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Wilson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 11 URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1975: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act 1974*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Uren moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Wilson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 NATIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BILL 1975: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Capital Development Commission Act 1957–1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Uren moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Wilson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 NORTHERN TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1975: Mr Enderby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory Supreme Court Act 1961–1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Enderby moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Howard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (IMPACT OF PROPOSALS) BILL 1975: Dr Cass (Minister for Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974*.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Cass moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Dr Cass, the Bill was read a third time.

15 CHILDREN'S COMMISSION BILL 1975: 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

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr K. M. Cairns moved the following amendment: Page 2, line 24, omit “when”, substitute “whether or not”.

Debate continued.

Mr Wentworth addressing 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 word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—was put accordingly, and passed.

Debate continued.

Mr Cairns rising to address the committee—

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

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

On the motion of Mr Wilson, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 2, line 31, after “physical” insert “, social”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr Cairns, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 3, lines 27 and 28, omit “the needs of the Australian community for services for children”, substitute “the needs of children, parents and guardians of children for assistance in the home and for organized community services”.

Page 3, paragraph (a), before sub-paragraph (i) insert the following sub-paragraph: “(ai) means of assistance to parents and guardians for assistance to children in their homes;”.

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

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

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

On the motion of Mr Wilson, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 4, line 1, omit “to investigate means of securing, and,”.

Mr Wilson moved the following further amendment: Page 4, lines 15–18, omit paragraph (d).

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 62

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

NOES, 57

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Wilson, by leave, moved the following further amendment: Page 4, line 38, after "Australia" insert "or of any State or Territory".

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 57

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
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Mr Chipp	Mr Hodges	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McMahon	Mr Wentworth
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Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whan
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

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

- 16 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL 1975: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1972-1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION BILL 1975: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Heritage Commission.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

14 May 1975—Message—

No. 189—Social Services 1975.

No. 190—Repatriation Acts Amendment 1975.

- 19 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1975: 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.

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

AYES, 62

Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bowen	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
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Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr Peacock	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 152, dated 21 April 1975, 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 L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL BILL 1975: 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

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Howard moved the following amendment: Page 2, at the end of proposed section 3 add the following sub-section:

“(2) In discharging the functions of the office a section of not less than 2 of the professional staff shall be seconded to draft proposed laws, amendments and instruments at the request of Members of the Parliament in priority to services for Ministers.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

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 Berinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Enderby (Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL BILL 1975: 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

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 22 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 Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 May 1975, pursuant to statute:

Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 69.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Urban and Regional Development—N. L. McCrae.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Everingham, Mr McKenzie and Mr Snedden.

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