

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 89

WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 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.:

Mr Crean (Minister for Overseas Trade), Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr K. M. Cairns, Mr Connolly, Mr Katter, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Ruddock and Mr Snedden—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either decrease or reject proposed increases in postal and telephone charges.

Mr Drury and Mr Kelly—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.

Mr Connolly and Mr Macphee—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs)—from certain members of the National Aboriginal Congress praying that the House ensure that the Government involve Aborigines in the decision-making processes with regard to aboriginal affairs and the eventual implementation of those policies.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain members of the National Aboriginal Congress praying that the House ask the Government to make the second Friday in July each year National Aborigines Day and to proclaim it a public holiday.

Mr Drury—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government reduce the cost of the subscription to *Hansard*.

Mr Fulton—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House increase to \$3,000 the income tax zone allowance for the Weipa area, Queensland.

Mr Lamb—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House ensure that the Government (1) prohibit the export of mineral sands from Fraser Island and (2) assist the Queensland Government and other bodies to conserve the natural environment of Fraser Island for the benefit of the people of Australia.

Mr Nixon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House grant \$200,000 to the Shire of South Gippsland, Victoria, for maintenance of services at the 1972 level and that it increase this grant annually in line with the inflation rate.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens and foreign students in Australia praying that the House agree to the changes proposed by the Australian Union of Students to the tertiary education scheme.

Mr Ruddock—from certain students of Macquarie University, New South Wales and certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to provide radio station 2JJ with facilities to service the whole Sydney region.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Hayden (Treasurer), Mr Crean (Minister for Overseas Trade) would act as Treasurer.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Garland, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister)—

Mr Whitlam laid upon the Table the following paper:

Opposition Budgetary proposals—Costing—Press statement by Mr Hayden (Treasurer).

Questions without notice continued.

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

Elections 1974—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1974, viz.:

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Television equipment in Australian schools 1974—Report by the Departments of Education and the Media.

Tertiary places—Why students reject tertiary places—Report of survey conducted in 1973 by the Department of Education and the Australian Union of Students.

6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr L. K. Johnson (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed construction of a telephone exchange building, Deakin, A.C.T. (Seventh report of 1975).

Ordered to be printed.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TASMANIA'S SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Nixon had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to honour its long-standing commitment to solve the shipping and transport problems of Tasmania and other isolated ports".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Nixon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 LOAN 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 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: "while not declining to give the Bill a second reading, this House is of the opinion that the Treasurer has failed to provide an adequate explanation of how the record deficit for 1975-76 is to be financed and that this failure amounts to the further suppression of economic information and policy guidelines by the present Government".

Debate continued.

Mr Crean (Acting Treasurer), who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 189, dated 20 August 1975, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

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

- 9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1975-76—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 Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House condemns the Budget because it does not provide an adequate program to defeat inflation and relieve unemployment nor does it restore confidence in the private sector of the economy”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 10 TASMAN BRIDGE RESTORATION BILL (NO. 2) 1975: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an agreement between Australia and Tasmania relating to a Modification of the Tasman Bridge on the Derwent River at Hobart to be carried out concurrently with the Restoration of that Bridge. Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Anthony—Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

27 August 1975—Message No. 260—National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits Charges) 1975.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1975-76—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 Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House condemns the Budget because it does not provide an adequate program to defeat inflation and relieve unemployment nor does it restore confidence in the private sector of the economy”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sullivan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 14 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) BILL 1975: Mr Riordan (Minister for Housing and Construction), for Mr Hayden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize Advances to the States of Financial Assistance in connexion with Housing and to Authorize the Borrowing of Certain Moneys by the Treasurer. Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 WOOL MARKETING (LOAN) BILL 1975: Mr Crean (Acting Treasurer), for Mr Hayden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Marketing (Loan) Acts 1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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Debate resumed.

Mr Corbett addressing the House—

17 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 27 August 1975, pursuant to statute:

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 156.

Wool Tax Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 157.

Wool Tax Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 158.

Wool Tax Act (No. 3)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 159.

Wool Tax Act (No. 4)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 160.

Wool Tax Act (No. 5)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 161.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Collard, Mr Connor, Mr England, Mr Erwin, Dr Forbes, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hayden, Mr Hurford, Mr Luchetti and Mr Stewart.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives