AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 90

THURSDAY, 28 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 Connolly, Mr McKenzie and Mr Macphee—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.
 - Mr Drury and Mr Hyde—from certain citizens of Australia in terms similar to the preceding petition.
 - Mr McKenzie, Mr Mathews and Mr Ruddock—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 Hunt and Mr Nixon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either decrease or reject proposed increases in postal and telephone charges.
 - Mr McKenzie and 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 Drury—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government reduce the cost of the subscription to *Hansard*.
 - Mr Fry—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government seek information from the Soviet Government concerning Leonid Plyushch.
 - Mr McKenzie—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Newman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Australian Broadcasting Commission to maintain proper standards of decency and good taste in television programming and news broadcasting.
 - 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 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 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Peacock, 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:

Portuguese Timor—Statement of Australian action.

Questions without notice continuing-

Paper: Mr Peacock, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Whitlam—

Mr Whitlam laid upon the Table the following paper:

Portuguese Timor—Briefing note on evacuation of Australian citizens.

Questions without notice continued.

4 STATEMENTS: Mr Riordan (Minister representing the Minister for Labor and Immigration) having given a supplementary answer to a question asked by Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) yesterday relating to the employment situation in Geelong, Victoria—Mr Fraser, by leave, made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Riordan, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.

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

Poverty—Commission of Inquiry—

First Main Report—Poverty in Australia—

Outline.

Volume 1, dated April 1975.

Statement by Senator Wheeldon (Minister for Social Security), dated August 1975

- 6 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received advice from Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) that Senator M. G. Everett, Q.C., had been nominated as a delegate of the Australian Parliament to the Australian Constitutional Convention in the place of Senator the Honourable J. R. McClelland, resigned.
- 7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had nominated Senator Primmer to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in place of Senator Milliner, deceased.
- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN AUSTRALIA—FREE SPEECH: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr MacKellar had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The immorality of the Government's decision to deny the right of free speech and expression to specific Vietnamese refugees in Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr MacKellar rising to address the House-

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved-That the business of the day be called on.

Question-put.

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

| Ayes, 57 | | | | |
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| Mr Armitage | Mr Cross | Mr L. K. Johnson | Dr Patterson | |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Daly | Mr L. R. Johnson | Mr Reynolds | |
| Mr Bennett | Mr Davies | Mr Jones | Mr Riordan | |
| Mr Berinson | Mr Dawkins | Mr Keating | Mr Sherry | |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Duthie | Mr Keogh | Mr Thorburn | |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Enderby | Mr Kerin | Mr Uren | |
| Dr J. F. Cairns | Dr Everingham | Dr Klugman | Mr Wallis | |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Lamb | Mr Whan | |
| Dr Cass | Mr Fry | Mr McKenzie | Mr Willis | |
| Mrs Child | Mr Fulton | Mr Martin | Mr Young | |
| Mr Clayton | Mr Garrick | Mr Mathews | | |
| Mr Coates | Dr Gun | Mr Morris | | |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Innes | Mr Morrison | Tellers: | |
| Mr Cope | Mr Jacobi | Mr Mulder | Mr James | |
| Mr Crean | Dr Jenkins | Mr Oldmeadow | Mr Nicholls | |

| | Noes, | 52 | |
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| Mr Adermann | Mr Fisher | Mr Lusher | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Garland | Mr Lynch | Mr Snedden |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Hewson | Mr MacKellar | Mr Staley |
| Mr Bourchier | Mr Hodges | Mr McLeay | Mr Street |
| Mr Bungey | Mr Holten | Mr McMahon | Mr Sullivan |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Howard | Mr Macphee | Mr Viner |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hunt | Mr Millar | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Calder | Mr Hyde | Mr Newman | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Jarman | Mr Nixon | |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Katter | Mr O'Keefe | |
| Mr Drummond | Mr Kelly | Mr Peacock | |
| Mr Drury | Mr Killen | Mr E. L. Robinson | Tellers: |
| Dr Edwards | Mr Lloyd | Mr I. L. Robinson | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr Fairbairn | Mr Lucock | Mr Ruddock | Mr Corbett |

And so it was resolved in the affimative.

- 9 OPPOSITION ECONOMIC PROGRAM—STATEMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER: Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice—That this House condemns the Prime Minister for misleading the Parliament and the people on the Opposition economic program.
 - Mr Crean (Acting Treasurer) moved, as an amendment—That all words after "House" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "commends the Prime Minister for his concise and explicit outlining of the fallacies contained in the poorly constructed Opposition economic program and condemns the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the National Country Party for their failure to approach the economic problems of this country in a responsible manner".

Debate continued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Ayes, 56

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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| Mr Armitage | 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 Sherry |
| Mr Berinson | Mr Dawkins | Mr Keating | Mr Thorburn |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Duthie | Mr Keogh | Mr Uren |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Enderby | Mr Kerin | Mr Wallis |
| Dr J. F. Cairns | Dr Everingham | Dr Klugman | Mr Whan |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Lamb | Mr Willis |
| Dr Cass | Mr Fry | Mr Martin | Mr Young |
| Mrs Child | Mr Fulton | Mr Mathews | |
| Mr Clayton | Mr Garrick | Mr Morris | |
| Mr Coates | Dr Gun | Mr Morrison | |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Innes | Mr Mulder | Tellers: |
| Mr Cope | Mr Jacobi | Mr Oldmeadow | Mr James |
| Mr Crean | Dr Jenkins | Dr Patterson | Mr Nicholls |
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| Mr Adermann | Mr Fisher | Mr Lucock | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Garland | Mr Lusher | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Hewson | Mr Lynch | Mr Snedden |
| Mr Bourchier | Mr Hodges | Mr MacKellar | Mr Staley |
| Mr Bungey | Mr Holten | Mr McLeay | Mr Street |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Howard | Mr McMahon | Mr Sullivan |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hunt | Mr Macphee | Mr Viner |
| Mr Calder | Mr Hyde | Mr Millar | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Jarman | Mr Newman | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Katter | Mr Nixon | |
| Mr Drummond | Mr Kelly | Mr O'Keefe | |
| Mr Drury | Mr Killen | Mr Peacock | Tellers: |
| Dr Edwards | Mr King | Mr E. L. Robinson | Mr D. M. Cameron |
| Mr Fairbairn | Mr Lloyd | Mr I. L. Robinson | Mr Corbett |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

| Ayes, 53 | | | | | |
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| | Mr Adermann | Mr Fisher | Mr Lucock | Mr Ruddock | |
| | Mr Anthony | Mr Garland | Mr Lusher | Mr Sinclair | |
| | Mr Bonnett | Mr Hewson | Mr Lynch | Mr Snedden | |
| | Mr Bourchier | Mr Hodges | Mr MacKellar | Mr Staley | |
| | Mr Bungey | Mr Holten | Mr McLeay | Mr Street | |
| | Mr Cadman | Mr Howard | Mr McMahon | Mr Sullivan | |
| | Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hunt | Mr Macphee | Mr Viner | |
| | Mr Calder | Mr Hyde | Mr Millar | Mr Wentworth | |
| | Mr Chipp | Mr Jarman | Mr Newman | Mr Wilson | |
| | Mr Connolly | Mr Katter | Mr Nixon | | |
| | Mr Drummond | Mr Kelly | Mr O'Keefe | | |
| | Mr Drury | Mr Killen | Mr Peacock | Tellers: | |
| | Dr Edwards | Mr King | Mr E. L. Robinson | Mr D. M. Cameron | |
| | Mr Fairbairn | Mr Lloyd | Mr I. L. Robinson | Mr Corbett | |
| | | Noes, 57 | | | |
| | Mr Armitage | Mr Cross | Mr L. K. Johnson | Dr Patterson | |
| | Mr Beazley | Mr Daly | Mr L. R. Johnson | Mr Reynolds | |
| | Mr Bennett | Mr Davies | Mr Jones | Mr Riordan | |
| | Mr Berinson | Mr Dawkins | Mr Keating | Mr Sherry | |
| | Mr Bowen | Mr Duthie | Mr Keogh | Mr Thorburn | |
| | Mr Bryant | Mr Enderby | Mr Kerin | Mr Uren | |
| | Dr J. F. Cairns | Dr Everingham | Dr Klugman | Mr Wallis | |
| | Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Lamb | Mr Whan | |
| | Dr Cass | Mr Fry | Mr McKenzie | Mr Willis | |
| | Mrs Child | Mr Fulton | Mr Martin | Mr Young | |
| | Mr Clayton | Mr Garrick | Mr Mathews | | |
| | Mr Coates | Dr Gun | Mr Morris | | |
| | Mr Cohen | Mr Innes | Mr Morrison | Tellers: | |
| | Mr Cope | Mr Jacobi | Mr Mulder | Mr James | |
| | Mr Crean | Dr Jenkins | Mr Oldmeadow | Mr Nicholls | |
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And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted (Mr Crean's amendment) be so inserted—put and passed.

Motion, as amended, viz.—That this House commends the Prime Minister for his concise and explicit outlining of the fallacies contained in the poorly constructed Opposition economic program and condemns the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the National Country Party for their failure to approach the economic problems of this country in a responsible manner—agreed to.

10 NORTHERN TERRITORY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS—DELAYS: Mr Calder moved, pursuant to notice—That this House views with concern the delays caused in the past year by bad weather conditions in the Northern Territory to necessary construction programs of road work, home building, school building and hospital building and calls on the Government to ensure that there are adequate funds available to allow these delays to be overcome as soon as possible.

- The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Calder was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1975: Mr Crean (Acting Treasurer), for Mr Hayden (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 Crean 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 Message from the Governor-General—Assent to Bill: 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 Bill:
 - 28 August 1975—Message No. 190—Administrative Appeals Tribunal 1975.
- 13 ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2) 1975: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to the Method of Voting at Senate Elections.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Daly 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.

14 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 28 AUGUST 1975—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Morrison (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Australian defence, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian defence—Ministerial statement, 28 August 1975.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate ensued.

Mr Keating moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

| Ayes, 55 | | | | |
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| Mr Armitage | Mr Crean | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Oldmeadow | |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Cross | Mr L. R. Johnson | Dr Patterson | |
| Mr Bennett | Mr Daly | Mr Jones | Mr Reynolds | |
| Mr Berinson | Mr Davies | Mr Keating | Mr Riordan | |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Dawkins | Mr Keogh | Mr Sherry | |
| Mr Bryant | Dr Everingham | Mr Kerin | Mr Thorburn | |
| Dr J. F. Cairns | Mr FitzPatrick | Dr Klugman | Mr Uren | |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Fry | Mr Lamb | Mr Wallis | |
| Dr Cass | Mr Fulton | Mr McKenzie | Mr Whan | |
| Mrs Child | Mr Garrick | Mr Martin | Mr Willis | |
| Mr Clayton | Dr Gun | Mr Mathews | Mr Young | |
| Mr Coates | Mr Innes | Mr Morris | Tellers: | |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Jacobi | Mr Morrison | Mr James | |
| Mr Cope | Dr Jenkins | Mr Mulder | Mr Nicholls | |

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 ELECTORAL BILL (No. 3) 1975: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to the Method of Voting at House of Representatives Elections.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

16 ELECTORAL BILL (No. 4) 1975: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Political Affiliation of Candidates at Parliamentary Elections to be Printed on Ballot-papers.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Daly 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.

17 ELECTORAL BILL (No. 5) 1975: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections with respect to the Position on Ballot-papers of the Names of Candidates, the Deposits of Candidates, the Hours for Polling and the Penalties for Offences.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

18 ELECTORAL BILL (No. 6) 1975: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Polling at Parliamentary Elections in Hospitals and like Institutions and to the Retention of Voting Rights by certain Persons living outside Australia, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

19 ELECTORAL BILL (No. 7) 1975: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Voting by Post at Parliamentary Elections, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

20 TEACHING SERVICE BILL 1975: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Teaching Service Act 1972–1973.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

21 Excise Tariff Bill 1975: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Minister for Police and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

22 CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) BILL 1975: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Minister for Police and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Export Duty on Coal.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Enderby moved-That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

23 Customs Bill (No. 2) 1975: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Minister for Police and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to Duties of Customs.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

24 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to the Islands of the Pacific), the Bill was read a third time.

25 PAPUA NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to the Islands of the Pacific), the Bill was read a third time.

26 PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOANS GUARANTEE 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 191, dated 20 August 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 Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to the Islands of the Pacific), the Bill was read a third time.

27 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (STAFFING ASSISTANCE) 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to the Islands of the Pacific), the Bill was read a third time.

28 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (No. 2) 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—Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 192, dated 20 August 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 Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to the Islands of the Pacific), the Bill was read a third time.

29 PAPUA NEW GUINEA—TRANSFER OF POWER OVER FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Daly (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (presented on 4 March 1975), viz.:

Papua New Guinea—Transfer of power over foreign affairs—Statement by Mr Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to Papua New Guinea), together with an exchange of letters dated 28 February 1975 between the Australian and Papua New Guinea Governments—

Question-put and passed.

30 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

28 August 1975-Message-

No. 261—Australian National University 1975.

No. 262—Canberra College of Advanced Education 1975.

31 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 O'Keefe), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

32 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Riordan (Minister for Housing and Construction) 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 fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

Papers: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 August 1975, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 163.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.

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

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives