

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 94

TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1975

1 The House met, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.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 Cohen, Mr Garland, Mr McLeay, Mr Snedden, Mr Staley and Mr Wentworth—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either decrease or reject proposed increases in postal and telephone charges.

Mr Bungey, Mr Connolly, Mr Corbett, Mr McLeay and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.

Mr Berinson (Minister for Environment) and Mr Cadman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) cease the mining and export of uranium until safe disposal methods have been guaranteed, (2) increase expenditure on research into clean and inexhaustible sources of energy and (3) aid underdeveloped countries in their plea for a share of world energy resources.

Mr Cohen—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government finance the establishment of a fauna and flora sanctuary at Black Neds Bay, New South Wales.

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 Young—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Commonwealth Bureau of Roads—National highways linking Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra—First Report, dated 28 February 1975.

Department of Education—Report for 1974.

Industries Assistance Commission—Temporary Assistance Authority—Reports—Non-adjustable spanners, dated 20 August 1975.

Plywood, dated 27 August 1975.

National Training Council—First Annual Report, for 1974.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1974.

## Remuneration Tribunals Act—

Academic Salaries Tribunal—Determination and report relating to academic staff of institutions of tertiary education, dated 4 August 1975.

## Remuneration Tribunal—

Determinations relating to the holders of offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and to holders of public offices, dated—

7 June 1975—Aboriginal Land Fund Commission, and others.

17 June 1975—Interim A.C.T. Technical and Further Education Authority, and others.

24 June 1975—Inquiry for Radio Australia.

1 July 1975—

Australian National Railways Commission.

Australian Telecommunications Commission, and others.

Capital Territory Health Commission, and others.

Health Insurance Commission.

18 July 1975—Australian Telecommunications Commission Promotion Appeal Boards, and others.

1 August 1975—

Commonwealth Secondary Schools Libraries Committee.

Secretary to the Department of Northern Australia.

6 August 1975—Administrator, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and others.

25 August 1975—

Australian National Railways Commission, and others.

Secretary to the Postmaster-General's Department.

Reports (2) and determinations (3), dated 6 August 1975—Ministers of State, Members of Parliament, Judges, holders of offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and holders of public offices.

- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Street had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's demonstrated inability to deal with the problems of industrial relations".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Street addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Viner 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.

- 6 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That notice No. 1 and order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 7 AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS TRADING CORPORATION BILL 1975: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clause 7 further considered and agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Crean (Minister for Overseas Trade), the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Page 4, line 13, omit "a particular importer in".

Page 4, lines 15 and 16, omit "that importer", substitute "an importer".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr Crean, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 5, omit paragraph (c).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 14 and 15, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr Crean, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 6, after sub-clause (2) insert the following sub-clause:

“(2A) A person shall not be appointed as a Director unless he appears to the Governor-General to be qualified for appointment by virtue of his knowledge of, or experience in, industry, commerce, public administration, finance or industrial matters.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 36, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 37—

On the motion of Mr Crean, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 13, line 36, after “ the Corporation ” insert “ shall act in accordance with sound commercial principles and ”.

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; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Crean, by leave, the House adopted the report.

Mr Crean moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

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

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

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

- 8 TASMAN BRIDGE RESTORATION 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—  
 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 Jones (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 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:  
 9 September 1975—Message No. 195—  
 Defence Force Re-organization 1975.  
 Papua New Guinea 1975.  
 Papua New Guinea Independence 1975.  
 Papua New Guinea Loans Guarantee 1975.  
 Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) 1975.  
 Social Services (No. 2) 1975.
- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 4 to 6, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1975-76: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$11,499,000—debated.  
 Mr Wentworth addressing the committee—  
 It being half-past ten o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

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The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

- 12 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly 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.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 September 1975, pursuant to statute:

- Australian National University Act—Statute—No. 111—Enrolment, Courses and Degrees Amendment No. 7.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 172, 173.
- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 170.
- Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 169.
- Dried Fruits Levy Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 168.
- Dried Fruits Levy Collection Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 167.
- Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act—Order, dated 20 June 1975.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc. acquired for—
  - Airport extension purposes—Brisbane, Queensland.
  - Broadcasting and telecommunication purposes—Wilcannia, New South Wales.
  - Television translator purposes—
    - Airlie Beach, Queensland.
    - Menindee, New South Wales.

National Health Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 165.  
Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 166.  
Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 174.  
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances—1975—  
    No. 23—Milk Authority.  
    No. 25—Seat of Government Railway.  
    Regulations—1975—Nos. 15 and 16 (Public Health Ordinance).  
States Grants (Schools) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 171.  
Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—  
    Telecommunications (Staff) By-laws—Amendments Nos. 2, 3.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Collard, Mr Enderby, Mr England, Dr Forbes, Mr Garrick, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hayden, Mr Hurford, Mr Hyde, Mr Kerin, Mr Luchetti, Mr Ruddock and Mr Thorburn.

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