

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 96

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 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 Bungey, Mr Connolly, Mr Fisher and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.

Mr Cadman, Mr Connolly, Mr Dawkins and Mr Newman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either decrease or reject proposed increases in postal and telephone charges.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government remove or substantially increase the \$300 limit on income tax deductibility on personal residential land and water rates.

Mr McMahon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the subsidy on postal charges to the religious, charitable and trade union press be increased.

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Mr Snedden—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Distinguished visitors:* Mr Speaker informed the House that a Parliamentary delegation from Canada, led by the Honourable Louise Lapointe, Speaker of the Canadian Senate, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute: Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1974-75, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of receipts and expenditure.

Mr Hayden (Treasurer) moved, by leave—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908-1974*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General for the year 1974-75, and

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Priorities Review Staff—Reports—

Assistance for structural adjustment, income maintenance, etc., dated August 1975.

Housing, dated August 1975.

Public transport investment proposals for Australian capital cities, 1974-75—Review—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated April 1975.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1974-75.

Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreements relating to financial assistance for 1974-75 to—

New South Wales for sewerage (Support activities).

South Australia for sewerage (Support activities).

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the modifications made by the House to the requested amendment of the Senate, had agreed to the amendments made by the House to clause 3, and had agreed to the Bill: 10 September 1975—Message No. 269—Stevedoring Industry Charge 1975.

6 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 30 September, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

7 MINERALS AND ENERGY POLICIES: Mr Katter moved, pursuant to notice—That this House condemns the failure of the Government to provide a white paper on minerals and energy policies while destroying confidence in the industries' future.

Debate ensued.

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.

Mr Fairbairn rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	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 Uren
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Clayton	Dr Gun	Mr Morris	
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negatived.

8 DECENTRALISATION INCENTIVES: Mr I. L. Robinson moved, pursuant to notice—That this House condemns the wholesale removal of general decentralisation incentives in the absence of a detailed and publicly stated decentralisation policy.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development) 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.

9 PAPUA NEW GUINEA—INDEPENDENCE: Mr Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to the Islands of the Pacific) moved, by leave—That we, the Members of the Australian House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, offer our warm congratulations to the National Parliament and people of Papua New Guinea on the achievement of independence and extend our best wishes for Papua New Guinea's future progress and prosperity.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Morrison moved—That this resolution be conveyed to the Speaker of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea.

Question—put and passed.

10 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 BOOK BOUNTY BILL (NO. 2) 1975: Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Police and Customs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty in respect of the Production of Law Reports.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

12 CITIES COMMISSION (REPEAL) BILL 1975: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Cities Commission Act 1972–1973*, and for related purposes.

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 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 8, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 14 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, GREENSLOPES, QLD—MULTI-STORY WARD BLOCK: Mr Riordan (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1974*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of a proposed multi-storey ward block, Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes, Qld.  
Mr Riordan presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 15 ELECTORAL RE-DISTRIBUTION (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) BILL 1975 [No. 2]: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Distribution of South Australia into Electoral Divisions for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Daly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Nixon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 ELECTORAL RE-DISTRIBUTION (TASMANIA) BILL 1975 [No. 2]: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Distribution of Tasmania into Electoral Divisions for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Daly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Nixon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 ELECTORAL RE-DISTRIBUTION (QUEENSLAND) BILL 1975 [No. 2]: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Distribution of Queensland into Electoral Divisions for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Daly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Nixon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 ELECTORAL RE-DISTRIBUTION (VICTORIA) BILL 1975 [No. 2]: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Distribution of Victoria into Electoral Divisions for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Daly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Nixon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 ELECTORAL RE-DISTRIBUTION (NEW SOUTH WALES) BILL 1975 [No. 2]: Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Distribution of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions for the Election of Members of the House of Representatives.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Daly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Nixon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 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—Department of Transport, \$311,160,000—debated.

Mr Newman rising to address the committee—

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

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

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Agriculture, \$45,288,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Minerals and Energy, \$51,245,000—debated.

Mr O'Keefe 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 proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 21 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—NINTH REPORT: Mr McKenzie (Chairman) brought up the Ninth Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

## NINTH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Advance to the Treasurer for year 1974–75.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1974.

Australian Postal Commission—Service and business outlook for year 1975–76.

Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and business outlook for year 1975–76.

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.

Cattle tick in Australia—Report of inquiry by Cattle Tick Control Commission, dated November 1973.

Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Fifth Annual Report, for 1973–74.

Commission on Advanced Education—Fourth Report, for the triennium 1976–78.

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

Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Commonwealth Teaching Service Commissioner—Report for 1974.

Dairying Research Act—Dairying Research Committee—Report for year 1974–75.

Department of Education—Report for 1974.

Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1974–75.

- Elections 1974—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Sub-division in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1974, viz: N.S.W., Qld., S.A., Tas., Vic., W.A.
- Grants Commission Act—Grants Commission—Second Report (1975) on financial assistance for local government.
- Industries Assistance Commission—  
Reports—  
Almonds (By-law), dated 7 February 1975.  
Bags and sacks of man-made fibre, dated 29 March 1975.  
Cosmetics and toilet preparations, dated 30 May 1975.  
Gas fired instantaneous water heaters (By-law), dated 2 June 1975.  
Heat transfer printing paper (By-law), dated 13 February 1975.  
Leather and leather substitute products, dated 10 June 1975.  
New land farms—Assistance to new land farms in Western Australia, dated 21 May 1975.  
Production of gold, dated 6 June 1975.  
Rural income fluctuations—Certain taxation measures, dated 30 June 1975.  
Superphosphate—Interim Report, dated 31 July 1975.  
Tanned and finished leather: Dressed fur, dated 24 April 1975.
- Temporary Assistance Authority—Reports—  
Air conditioning machines and evaporative air coolers, dated 1 August 1975.  
Certain time switches and clock movements, dated 20 June 1975.  
Non-adjustable spanners, dated 20 August 1975.  
Plywood, dated 27 August 1975.  
Sporting goods, dated 27 June 1975.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 1—Complaints against police, dated 7 August 1975.
- Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1973.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Fifty-second Annual Report, for year 1974–75.
- National Training Council—First Annual Report, for 1974.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Tenth Annual Report<sup>4</sup> for year 1974–75.
- Poverty—Commission of Inquiry—First Main Report—Poverty in Australia—Outline.  
Volume 1, dated April 1975.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal 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.
- Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1974–75.
- Social Services Act—Department of Social Security—Annual Report of the Director-General, for year 1974–75.
- Social Welfare Commission Act—Social Welfare Commission—  
Report, dated August 1975—Care of the aged.  
Report for period 10 April 1974 to 30 June 1975.
- Social welfare in Australia—Possibilities—Report by the Priorities Review Staff, dated July 1975.
- Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—First Annual Report, for period 1 October 1974 to 30 June 1975.

DAVID MCKENZIE,  
Chairman

11 September 1975

Mr McKenzie moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

- 22 APPLE AND PEAR LEVY 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 Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the Bill was read a third time.
- 23 APPLE AND PEAR LEVY COLLECTION 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 Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the Bill was read a third time.
- 24 AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION 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. 197, dated 5 June 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 Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the Bill was read a third time.
- 25 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had nominated Mr Young to be a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence in place of Mr Berinson (Minister for Environment), resigned.
- 26 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 Tuesday, 30 September, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

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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 Hurford, Mr Kerin, Mr King, Mr Luchetti, Mr Ruddock and Mr Thorburn.

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