

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1976

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The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of February, in the twenty-fifth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

1 On which day, being the first day of the meeting of the Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Norman James Parkes, O.B.E., Clerk of the House of Representatives, John Athol Pettifer, Deputy Clerk, and Donald Marden Piper, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk:

## PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia  
JOHN R. KERR  
Governor-General

By His Excellency the Governor-General  
of the Commonwealth of Australia

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is, amongst other things, provided that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir John Robert Kerr, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by this my Proclamation appoint Tuesday, 17 February 1976, as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble for the despatch of business:

And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Parliament House, Canberra, at 11 o'clock in the morning, on Tuesday, 17 February 1976.

Given under my hand on 4 February 1976.

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

2 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTIES BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

HONOURABLE MEMBERS,

The Deputies of His Excellency the Governor-General for the opening of Parliament request the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Senior Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue constituting me his Deputy to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Commission was read as follows:

HIS EXCELLENCY the Honourable Sir John Robert Kerr, Companion of the Order of Australia, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

To the Right Honourable Sir GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of Australia

GREETING:

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated 29 October 1900 passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom constituting the office of Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorise and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary or expedient to assign to him or them:

AND WHEREAS, by Proclamation dated 4 February 1976 and published in the Australian Government Gazette on 4 February 1976, I appointed Tuesday, 17 February 1976, as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble for the despatch of business: and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly at Parliament House, Canberra, at 11 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, 17 February 1976:

KNOW YOU THAT, in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, SIR JOHN ROBERT KERR, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputy for the purpose of declaring open the Parliament of the Commonwealth at the time and place aforesaid.

GIVEN under my Hand on 16 February 1976

JOHN R. KERR  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

The Senior Deputy then said:

**MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

We have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that after Members of the Senate and Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place; and it being necessary that a President of the Senate and a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be first chosen, you, Members of the Senate, will proceed to choose some proper person to be your President, and you, Members of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker; and later this day you will respectively present the persons whom you shall so choose to His Excellency at such time and place as he shall appoint.

Sir Edward McTiernan will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oath or affirmation of allegiance to honourable Members of that House.

And thereupon Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

- 3 **DEPUTY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS:** The Right Honourable Sir Edward Aloysius McTiernan, K.B.E., a Justice of the High Court of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows:

HIS EXCELLENCY the Honourable Sir John Robert Kerr, Companion of the Order of Australia, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

To the Right Honourable Sir EDWARD ALOYSIUS MCTIERNAN, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, a Justice of the High Court of Australia

**GREETING:**

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is, amongst other things, enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorised by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR JOHN ROBERT KERR, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents authorise you to attend at the Chamber of the House of Representatives at Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, 17 February 1976 immediately after the opening of the Parliament of the Commonwealth at 11 o'clock in the morning of that day, and there and then to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

GIVEN under my Hand on 16 February 1976

JOHN R. KERR  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

4 RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION: The Clerk laid on the Table returns to the 127 writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 13 December 1975 which showed that for the several Electoral Divisions the following had been elected:

Division	State or Territory	Name
Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. Christopher John Hurford
Angas ..	.. South Australia	.. Geoffrey O'Halloran Giles
Balaclava	.. Victoria ..	.. Ian Malcolm Macphee
Ballaarat	.. Victoria ..	.. James Robert Short
Banks ..	.. New South Wales	.. Vincent Joseph Martin
Barker ..	.. South Australia	.. James Robert Porter
Barton ..	.. New South Wales	.. James Mark Bradfield
Bass ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Kevin Eugene Newman
Batman	.. Victoria ..	.. Horace James Garrick
Bendigo	.. Victoria ..	.. John William Bourchier
Bennelong	.. New South Wales	.. John Winston Howard
Berowra	.. New South Wales	.. Harold Raymond Edwards
Blaxland	.. New South Wales	.. Paul John Keating
Bonython	.. South Australia	.. Martin Henry Nicholls
Boothby	.. South Australia	.. John Elden McLeay
Bowman	.. Queensland..	.. David Francis Jull
Braddon	.. Tasmania ..	.. Raymond John Groom
Bradfield	.. New South Wales	.. David Miles Connolly
Brisbane	.. Queensland..	.. Peter Francis Johnson
Bruce ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Billy Mackie Snedden
Burke ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Leonard Keith Johnson
Calare ..	.. New South Wales	.. Alexander John Mackenzie
Canberra	.. Australian Capital Ter- ritory	John Whitton Haslem
Canning	.. Western Australia	.. Melville Harold Bungey
Capricornia	.. Queensland..	.. Colin Lawrence Carige
Casey ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter David Falconer
Chifley..	.. New South Wales	.. John Lindsay Armitage
Chisholm	.. Victoria ..	.. Anthony Allan Staley
Cook ..	.. New South Wales	.. James Donald Mathieson Dobie
Corangamite	.. Victoria ..	.. Anthony Austin Street
Corio ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Gordon Glen Denton Scholes
Cowper	.. New South Wales	.. Ian Louis Robinson
Cunningham	.. New South Wales	.. Reginald Francis Xavier Connor
Curtin ..	.. Western Australia	.. Ransley Victor Garland
Darling	.. New South Wales	.. John FitzPatrick
Darling Downs	.. Queensland..	.. Daniel Thomas McVeigh
Dawson	.. Queensland..	.. Raymond Allen Braithwaite
Deakin	.. Victoria ..	.. Alan William Jarman
Denison	.. Tasmania ..	.. Michael Hodgman
Diamond Valley..	.. Victoria ..	.. Neil Anthony Brown
Eden-Monaro	.. New South Wales	.. Murray Evan Sainsbury
Evans ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Arthur Abel
Farrer ..	.. New South Wales	.. Wallace Clyde Fife
Fisher ..	.. Queensland..	.. Albert Evan Adermann
Flinders	.. Victoria ..	.. Phillip Reginald Lynch
Forrest	.. Western Australia	.. Peter Hertford Drummond
Franklin	.. Tasmania ..	.. Bruce John Goodluck
Fraser ..	.. Australian Capital Ter- ritory	Kenneth Lionel Fry

Division	State or Territory	Name
Fremantle	.. Western Australia	.. Kim Edward Beazley
Gellibrand	.. Victoria ..	.. Ralph Willis
Gippsland	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter James Nixon
Grayndler	.. New South Wales	.. Antony Philip Whitlam
Grey ..	.. South Australia	.. Laurie George Wallis
Griffith	.. Queensland..	.. Donald Milner Cameron
Gwydir	.. New South Wales	.. Ralph James Dunnet Hunt
Hawker	.. South Australia	.. Ralph Jacobi
Henty ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Kenneth James Aldred
Herbert	.. Queensland	.. Robert Noel Bonnett
Higgins	.. Victoria ..	.. Roger Francis Shipton
Hindmarsh	.. South Australia	.. Clyde Robert Cameron
Holt ..	.. Victoria ..	.. William Yates
Hotham	.. Victoria ..	.. Donald Leslie Chipp
Hughes	.. New South Wales	.. Leslie Royston Johnson
Hume ..	.. New South Wales	.. Stephen Augustus Lusher
Hunter	.. New South Wales	.. Albert William James
Indi ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Rendle McNeilage Holten
Isaacs ..	.. Victoria ..	.. David John Hamer
Kalgoorlie	.. Western Australia	.. John Francis Cotter
Kennedy	.. Queensland..	.. Robert Cummin Katter
Kingsford-Smith	.. New South Wales	.. Lionel Frost Bowen
Kingston	.. South Australia	.. Hedley Grant Pearson Chapman
Kooyong	.. Victoria ..	.. Andrew Sharp Peacock
La Trobe	.. Victoria ..	.. Marshall Baillieu
Lalor ..	.. Victoria ..	.. James Ford Cairns
Lang ..	.. New South Wales	.. Francis Eugene Stewart
Leichhardt	.. Queensland..	.. David Scott Thomson
Lilley ..	.. Queensland..	.. Kevin Michael Cairns
Lowe ..	.. New South Wales	.. William McMahon
Lyne ..	.. New South Wales	.. Philip Ernest Lucock
McMillan	.. Victoria ..	.. Barry Douglas Simon
McPherson	.. Queensland..	.. Eric Laidlaw Robinson
Macarthur	.. New South Wales	.. Michael Ehrenfried Baume
Mackellar	.. New South Wales	.. William Charles Wentworth
Macquarie	.. New South Wales	.. Reginald Gillard
Mallee ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Peter Stanley Fisher
Maranoa	.. Queensland..	.. James Corbett
Maribyrnong	.. Victoria ..	.. Moses Henry Cass
Melbourne	.. Victoria ..	.. Urquhart Edward Innes
Melbourne Ports	.. Victoria ..	.. Frank Crean
Mitchell	.. New South Wales	.. Alan Glyndwr Cadman
Moore ..	.. Western Australia	.. John Martin Hyde
Moreton	.. Queensland..	.. Denis James Killen
Murray	.. Victoria ..	.. Bruce Lloyd
New England	.. New South Wales	.. Ian McCahon Sinclair
Newcastle	.. New South Wales	.. Charles Keith Jones
North Sydney	.. New South Wales	.. Bruce William Graham
Northern Territory	.. Northern Territory	.. Stephen Edward Calder
Oxley ..	.. Queensland	.. William George Hayden
Parramatta	.. New South Wales	.. Philip Maxwell Ruddock
Paterson	.. New South Wales	.. Frank Lionel O'Keefe
Perth ..	.. Western Australia	.. Ross Malcolm McLean
Petrie ..	.. Queensland..	.. John Charles Hodges
Phillip ..	.. New South Wales	.. Reginald John Birney

Division	State or Territory	Name
Port Adelaide ..	South Australia ..	Michael Jerome Young
Prospect ..	New South Wales ..	Richard Emanuel Klugman
Reid ..	New South Wales ..	Thomas Uren
Richmond ..	New South Wales ..	John Douglas Anthony
Riverina ..	New South Wales ..	John William Sullivan
Robertson ..	New South Wales ..	Barry Cohen
Ryan ..	Queensland ..	John Colinton Moore
Scullin ..	Victoria ..	Henry Alfred Jenkins
Shortland ..	New South Wales ..	Peter Frederick Morris
St George ..	New South Wales ..	Maurice James Neil
Stirling ..	Western Australia ..	Robert Ian Viner
Sturt ..	South Australia ..	Ian Bonython Cameron Wilson
Swan ..	Western Australia ..	John Raymond Martyr
Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	James Leslie McMahon
Tangney ..	Western Australia ..	Peter Anthony Richardson
Wakefield ..	South Australia ..	Charles Robert Kelly
Wannon ..	Victoria ..	John Malcolm Fraser
Warringah ..	New South Wales ..	Michael John Randal MacKellar
Wentworth ..	New South Wales ..	Robert James Ellicott
Werriwa ..	New South Wales ..	Edward Gough Whitlam
Wide Bay ..	Queensland ..	Percival Clarence Millar
Wills ..	Victoria ..	Gordon Munro Bryant
Wilmot ..	Tasmania ..	Maxwell Arthur Burr
Wimmera ..	Victoria ..	Robert Shannon King

5 OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBERS: The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by law.

The Deputy retired.

6 ELECTION OF SPEAKER: Mr Chipp, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Snedden, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Holten.

Mr Snedden informed the House that he accepted nomination.

Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Scholes, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Beazley.

Mr Scholes informed the House that he accepted nomination.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

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

The Clerk thereupon put the question—That the question be now put.

Question—passed.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows:

Mr Snedden .. .. .	90 votes
Mr Scholes .. .. .	37 votes

Mr Snedden was thereupon declared elected as Speaker, and Mr Chipp and Mr Holten conducted him to the Chair.

Mr Snedden returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr E. G. Whitlam, Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Scholes, Mr Giles and Mr Hayden congratulated Mr Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

7 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) stated that he had ascertained it would be His Excellency the Governor-General's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament at 2.42 p.m.—

And the sitting of the House having been suspended at 12.48 p.m. until 2.41 p.m.—

Mr Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr Speaker reported that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.

8 COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS: Mr Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:

HIS EXCELLENCY the Honourable Sir John Robert Kerr, Companion of the Order of Australia, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

To the Right Honourable BILLY MACKIE SNEDDEN, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Member of Parliament, Speaker of the House of Representatives

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section 42 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is, amongst other things, enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorised by him, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR JOHN ROBERT KERR, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents authorise you from time to time, at Parliament House, Canberra, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already made and subscribed that oath or affirmation since their election or last election to the House of Representatives.

GIVEN under my Hand on 17 February 1976

JOHN R. KERR  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

9 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

MR SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with Members of the House went to attend His Excellency; And having returned—

## 10 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHIPS:

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Ministry was as follows:

Prime Minister .. .. .	Hon. J. M. Fraser
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for National Resources and Minister for Overseas Trade .. .. .	Rt Hon. J. D. Anthony
Treasurer .. .. .	Hon. P. R. Lynch
Minister for Primary Industry .. .. .	Hon. I. McC. Sinclair
Minister for Administrative Services and Vice-President of the Executive Council	Senator the Hon. R. G. Withers
Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development .. .. .	Senator the Hon. I. J. Greenwood, Q.C.
Minister for Industry and Commerce .. .. .	Senator the Hon. R. C. Cotton
Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Public Service Matters	Hon. A. A. Street
Minister for Transport .. .. .	Hon. P. J. Nixon
Minister for Education and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Federal Affairs	Senator the Hon. J. L. Carrick
Minister for Foreign Affairs .. .. .	Hon. A. S. Peacock
Minister for Defence .. .. .	Hon. D. J. Killen
Minister for Social Security and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Child Care Matters .. .. .	Senator the Hon. M. G. C. Guilfoyle
Attorney-General .. .. .	Hon. R. J. Ellicott, Q.C.
Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs	Hon. J. W. Howard
Minister for Health .. .. .	Hon. R. J. D. Hunt
Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs	Hon. M. J. R. MacKellar
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs .. .. .	Hon. R. I. Viner
Minister for the Northern Territory and Minister Assisting the Minister for National Resources .. .. .	Hon. A. E. Adermann
Minister for Post and Telecommunications and Minister Assisting the Treasurer .. .. .	Hon. E. L. Robinson
Minister for Construction and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence .. .. .	Hon. J. E. McLeay
Minister for Repatriation .. .. .	Hon. K. E. Newman
Minister for Science .. .. .	Senator the Hon. J. J. Webster
Minister for the Capital Territory .. .. .	Hon. A. A. Staley

The first twelve Ministers comprised the Cabinet.

The Leader of the House was Mr Sinclair and the Leader of the Government in the Senate was Senator Withers.

The representation of Ministers would be as follows:

*In the Senate:*

Prime Minister (in all matters except federal affairs and child care), Minister for National Resources, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence .. .. .	Senator Withers
Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Attorney-General and Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs .. .. .	Senator Greenwood
Minister for Overseas Trade, Treasurer, Minister for Primary Industry and Minister for Transport .. .. .	Senator Cotton
Prime Minister (in federal affairs) and Minister for Post and Telecommunications .. .. .	Senator Carrick



Prime Minister (in child care matters), Minister for Health,  
 Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Minister  
 for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Repatriation . . . Senator Guilfoyle  
 Minister for the Capital Territory, Minister for the  
 Northern Territory and Minister for Construction . . . Senator Webster

*In the House of Representatives:*

Minister for Administrative Services	.. ..	Mr Street
Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development	.. ..	Mr MacKellar
Minister for Industry and Commerce	.. ..	Mr Howard
Minister for Education	.. ..	Mr Viner
Minister for Social Security	.. ..	Mr Hunt
Minister for Science	.. ..	Mr Adermann

Mr Fraser also stated that Mr Bouchier was the Government Whip and Mr D. M. Cameron was the Deputy Whip.

11 LEADERSHIP AND WHIPS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY: Mr E. G. Whitlam, as Leader of the Opposition, informed the House that the Parliamentary Labor Party had elected him as its Leader and Mr Uren as its Deputy Leader. Mr Nicholls and Mr James had been elected Opposition Whip and Deputy Opposition Whip, respectively.

12 LEADERSHIP AND WHIP OF THE NATIONAL COUNTRY PARTY OF AUSTRALIA: Mr Anthony (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that the National Country Party of Australia had elected him as its Leader, Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) as its Deputy Leader and Mr Corbett as its Whip.

13 ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL 1976: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 46 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1973*.  
 Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, and that he had received a copy. (*Text of the Speech appears in Hansard*)

15 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) moved—That a committee, consisting of Mr Groom, Mr Braithwaite and the mover, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the committee do report at the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

*Suspension of sitting:* At 3.55 p.m., Mr Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 5.00 p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

16 DEATH OF PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA (TUN ABDUL RAZAK): Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Prime Minister of Malaysia (Tun Abdul Razak), and moved—That this House records its sincere regret at the death of Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and expresses to the people of Malaysia profound regret and to his family tender sympathy in their bereavement.

And Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 17 DEATH OF PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (CHOU EN-LAI): Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China (Chou En-lai), and moved—That this House records its sincere regret at the death of Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, and expresses to the people of China profound regret and to his family tender sympathy in their bereavement.

And Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Young having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 18 DEATH OF HEAD OF STATE AND COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NIGERIA (GENERAL MURTALA RUFAl MOHAMMED): Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Head of State and Commander of the Armed Forces of Nigeria (General Murtala Rufai Mohammed), and moved—That this House records its sincere regret at the death of General Murtala Rufai Mohammed, Head of State and Commander of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, and expresses to the people of Nigeria profound regret and to his family tender sympathy in their bereavement.

And Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Mr O'Keefe moved—That Mr Lucock be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Giles.

Mr Scholes moved—That Dr Jenkins be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Bryant.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, Mr Speaker reported the result, as follows:

Mr Lucock	..	..	..	..	..	..	87 votes
Dr Jenkins	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 votes

Mr Lucock was thereupon declared elected as Chairman.

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and Dr Jenkins congratulated Mr Lucock, who made his acknowledgments to the House.

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

Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), Mr Adermann (Minister for the Northern Territory), Mr Cadman, Mr K. M. Cairns, Mr Jull and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Cadet forces be re-instated.

Mr Hodges and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that no further measures be taken to reduce the time for religious programs on radio and television.

Mr Hodges and Mr I. L. Robinson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that no further measures be taken which will make home ownership unattractive to those who have a home and unachievable for those who have not.

Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister for Post and Telecommunications)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the increases in postal charges be diminished or cancelled and special rates be provided for Category A magazines.

Mr Hurford—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the export of mineral sands from Fraser Island be prohibited and the Queensland Government and other bodies be assisted to develop and conserve the natural environment of the Island.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.

Mr Stewart—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Australia's foreign aid budget be expanded.

Petitions received.

21 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 2.15 p.m. tomorrow.

Question—put and passed.

22 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6.08 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 February 1976, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 6, 10, 32, 33.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1975—Nos. 218, 222, 223.

1976—No. 19.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificates—A. J. Dymond, R. J. Kurtze.

Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 25.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 224.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 5, 7, 11, 23, 24, 29, 34, 35, 36, 37.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1975—No. 197.

1976—Nos. 3, 13, 16, 40, 41.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 42, 63.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 22, 26, 27, 28, 62.

Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 199.

Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 211.

Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1975—No. 210.

1976—No. 1.

Foreign Takeovers Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 226.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 214.

Health Insurance Commission Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 21.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 213.

Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 44.

- Lands Acquisition Act—  
 Land, etc., acquired for—  
 Defence purposes—Amberley, Qld.  
 Telecommunications purposes—  
 Berendebba and other places, N.S.W.  
 Biscuit Flat, N.S.W.  
 Petrie, Qld.  
 Wallen, Vic.  
 Windsor, N.S.W.  
 Wunkar, S.A.  
 Yambacoona, Tas.  
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- Marriage Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 8.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—  
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 1976—No. 20.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 4, 12, 14, 15, 30, 31, 38, 39.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
 Crown Lands Ordinance—Statements of reasons by Minister for revocation of land reserved in the Northern Territory at—  
 Darwin.  
 Katherine.  
 Lee Point.  
 Nightcliff.  
 Tennant Creek (2).
- Ordinances—  
 1975—  
 No. 27—Housing.  
 No. 28—Motor Vehicles (No. 2).  
 No. 29—Litter.  
 No. 30—Explosives (No. 2).  
 No. 31—Nursing.  
 No. 32—Housing (No. 2).  
 No. 33—Housing Loans.  
 No. 34—Trespassers (Temporary Provision).  
 No. 35—Local Government (No. 2).  
 1976—  
 No. 1—Local Government (No. 3) 1975.  
 No. 2—Pharmacy 1975.  
 No. 3—Police and Police Offences (No. 2) 1975.  
 No. 4—Wildlife Conservation and Control 1975.  
 No. 5—Local Courts 1975.  
 No. 6—Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents) 1975.  
 No. 7—Inspection of Machinery 1975.
- Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 205, 206.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 9.
- Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 200, 201.
- Public Service Act—  
 Appointments—Department—  
 Aboriginal Affairs—W. J. Reid, J. R. Thomas.  
 Administrative Services—M. F. Dwyer.  
 Attorney-General—N. R. Clarke, K. I. O'Neill.  
 Health—J. Docherty.

Overseas Trade—M. Scott.

Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1975—Nos. 204, 212, 217, 220.

1976—Nos. 2, 17, 18, 43.

Public Service Arbitration Act—

Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Determinations—1975—  
C Nos. 335 and 360—A.C.T. Commonwealth Teachers' Federation.

Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding  
possible inconsistency with the law—1975—

No. 644—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Australia.†

Nos. 656 and 657—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association,  
Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 658—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 659—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 660—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemmen.

No. 661—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.†

No. 662—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Common-  
wealth Public Service and another.

Nos. 663 to 665—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia,  
Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 666—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 667—Australian Workers' Union.†

No. 668—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.†

No. 669—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 670—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.†

No. 671—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of  
Australia.†

No. 672—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Australia.†

No. 673—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.†

No. 674—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.†

No. 675—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and  
others.†

No. 676—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of  
Australasia.†

No. 677—Transport Workers Union of Australia.†

No. 678—Australian Workers' Union.†

Nos. 679 and 680—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 681—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 682—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†

Nos. 683 and 684—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.

No. 685—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

Nos. 686 to 694—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division  
Officers).

No. 695—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth  
Public Service.

No. 696—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 697—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia and  
another.

Nos. 698 and 699—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 700—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

Nos. 701 to 704—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division  
Officers).

No. 705—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth  
Public Service.

Nos. 706 and 707—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Nos. 708 and 709—Professional Musicians Union of Australia.

- No. 710—Australian Journalists Association.  
 No. 711—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and others.  
 No. 712—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.  
 No. 713—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
 No. 714—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.  
 No. 715—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 716—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 No. 717—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
 No. 718—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.  
 No. 719—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.  
 No. 720—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.  
 No. 721—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†  
 No. 722—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†  
 No. 723—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
 No. 724—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.  
 No. 725—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 No. 726—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.  
 No. 727—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 No. 728—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia and others.  
 No. 729—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.  
 No. 730—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.  
 No. 731—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
 No. 732—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 733—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.  
 No. 734—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
 No. 735—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.  
 No. 736—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
 No. 737—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.  
 Nos. 738 and 739—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 740—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.  
 No. 741—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 742—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
 No. 743—Vehicle Builders Employees Federation of Australia.  
 No. 744—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and others.  
 No. 745—Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association.  
 No. 746—Federal Firefighters' Union.  
 No. 748—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.  
 No. 749—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.  
 No. 750—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.†  
 No. 751—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association.  
 No. 752—Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association.  
 No. 753—Professional Para-Medical Officers Association (Commonwealth Public Service).  
 No. 754—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 755—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.  
 No. 756—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.  
 No. 757—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.  
 No. 758—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

- No. 759—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association.
- No. 760—Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association.
- No. 761—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 762—Actors' and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.
- No. 763—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 764—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.
- No. 765—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.†
- No. 766—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 767—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.
- No. 768—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.
- Nos. 769 to 771—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 772—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 773—Australian Government Lawyers Association.
- No. 774—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 775—Industrial Arbitration Registrars' Association.
- No. 776—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 777—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 778—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 779—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 780—Arbitration Inspectors' Association.
- No. 781—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 782—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 783—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 784—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 785—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 786—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 787—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 788—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.
- No. 789—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 790—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.
- No. 791—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 792—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 793—Australian Workers' Union.
- No. 794—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 795—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 796—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†
- No. 797—Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association.
- Nos. 798 and 799—Australian Workers' Union.†
- No. 800—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
- No. 801—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 802—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 803—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- Nos. 804 and 805—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.
- No. 806—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 807—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
- No. 808—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 809—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 810—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

- No. 811—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 812—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 813—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 814—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 815—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†
- No. 816—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.
- No. 817—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 818—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 819—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 820—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 821—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 822—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 823—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 824—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 825—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 826—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 827—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†
- No. 828—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.
- No. 829—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 830—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.
- No. 831—Amalgamated Metal Workers Union and another.
- No. 832—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- Nos. 833 to 835—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 836—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
- Nos. 837 and 838—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 839—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 840—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization Technical Association.
- No. 841—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 842—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.
- No. 843—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 844—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 845—C.S.I.R.O. Laboratory Craftsmen Association.
- No. 846—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 847—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†
- Nos. 848 and 849—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 850—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

(† Not accompanied by statement)



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- No. 38—Fire Brigade (Administration) (No. 3).
- No. 39—Sale of Goods.
- No. 40—Misrepresentation.
- No. 41—Manufacturers Warranties.
- No. 42—Motor Omnibus Services.
- No. 43—Pharmacy.
- No. 44—Egg Industry.
- No. 45—Legal Practitioners (No. 4).
- No. 46—Police (Administration) (No. 2).

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- No. 27 (Canberra Commercial Development Authority Ordinance).
- No. 28 (Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).
- No. 29 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
- No. 30 (Public Health Ordinance).
- No. 31 (Meat Ordinance).
- No. 32 (Nurses Registration Ordinance).

1976—No. 1 (Police Ordinance).

Senate (Representation of Territories) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975,  
No. 208.

States Grants (Nature Conservation) Act—Agreement, dated 18 December 1975,  
between the Australian and Tasmanian Governments relating to financial  
assistance to Tasmania for land acquisition for nature conservation purposes  
(Asbestos Range).

States Grants (Schools) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 225.

Stevedoring Industry Charge Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 65.

Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 203, 219.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 221.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 216.

Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 202.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting).

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