

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

TUESDAY, 2 MARCH 1976

1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr Bonnett and Mr Moore—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Cadet forces be re-instated.

Mr Chipp—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

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.

Dr Klugman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the introduction of television and radio licence fees, the imposition of a tax levy for Medibank and the introduction of higher charges for drugs dispensed under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be prevented.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Wool Corporation—Interim report for year 1974–75.

Crown of thorns starfish—Advisory Committee on research into the crown of thorns starfish—Report for period August 1971 to December 1975.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Domestic refrigerators, washing machines and clothes dryers—Interim report, dated 12 December 1975.

International Labour Conference—Fifty-ninth Session, 1974—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.

Pursuant to statute:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Nineteenth Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1975.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—First Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 February to 30 June 1975.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on operations of the Act, and in so far as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, for year 1974–75.

## Wool Industry Act—

Australian Wool Board—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports, for—  
Year 1971-72.  
Period 1 July to 31 December 1972.

Australian Wool Corporation—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports, for—  
Period 1 January to 30 June 1973.  
Year 1973-74.

- 5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment: 26 February 1976—Message No. 1—National Health 1976.
- 6 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:  
29 February 1976—Message No. 3—National Health 1976.
- 7 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—  
That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 3.00 p.m. tomorrow.  
Question—put and passed.
- 8 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1976: 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 Nixon (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:  
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:  
We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Dr Jenkins, viz.*—  
That the following words be added to the Address: “, but note that—  
(a) the Speech makes no acknowledgment of the financial pre-eminence of the House of Representatives;  
(b) the Speech makes no reference to the need for action to ensure that there cannot be a recurrence of the Constitutional crisis which threatens the continuation of the Australian Parliamentary system, and  
(c) the proposals outlined in the Speech are so framed as to cause a major transfer of resources from middle and low income families to those on higher income levels”—  
Debate resumed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Newman (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11.00 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 3.00 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 March 1976, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—C. P. De Verdic.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1976—

No. 8—Crown Lands (No. 2) 1975.

No. 9—Crown Lands (No. 3) 1975.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 71.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1976—No. 4—Districts.

Regulations—1976—

No. 4 (Poker Machine Control Ordinance).

No. 5 (Milk Authority Ordinance).

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 5.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Garrick, Mr Groom, Mr Porter and Mr I. L. Robinson.

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N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives