

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

THURSDAY, 18 MARCH 1976

1 The House met, at 10.30 a.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 Braithwaite, Mr Carige and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Cadet forces be re-instated.

Mr Thomson—a similar petition from certain electors of the Division of Leichhardt. Mr Armitage and Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.

Dr Cass and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government demand a ceasefire in East Timor and the withdrawal of Indonesian troops, supply medical and humanitarian aid to Fretilin-controlled areas and withdraw all military aid to Indonesia.

Mr Fry and Mr Haslem—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the introduction of self-government for the A.C.T. be not proceeded with until the residents of the Territory are consulted by means of a referendum.

Mr Garrick and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens of Australia praying that any proposal to build an Omega Station on Australian soil be rejected.

Dr Cass—from certain citizens of Australia praying that powers to vary income tax be not given to State Governments.

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 Crean—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government reverse the decision to cut 1975-76 overseas development assistance, reaffirm Australia's commitment of assistance of a minimum of 0.7% of G.N.P. and establish an independent statutory authority to administer such assistance.

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

Mr Millar—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PRESS GALLERY ACCREDITATION WITHDRAWAL—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER—PAPERS:

Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to a decision made by Mr President and himself to withdraw for 2 weeks the Press Gallery accreditation of Mr M. Wilmott because of a breach of part of the rules of the Parliamentary Press Gallery relating to the taking of pictures or films, and presented the following papers:

Press Gallery accreditation of Mr M. Wilmott—Complaint by Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) to Mr Speaker—

Copies of letters—

- From Mr E. G. Whitlam to Mr Speaker, dated 26 February 1976.
 From Mr Speaker to the Editor, the *Australian*, dated 2 March 1976.
 From Mr Speaker to the Editor, *Daily Telegraph*, dated 2 March 1976.
 From Mr Speaker to Mr K. Randall, President, Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery, dated 2 March 1976.
 From Mr D. Evans, Deputy Editor, the *Australian*, to Mr Speaker, dated 9 March 1976.
 From Mr S. Galvin, Editor, *Daily Telegraph*, to Mr Speaker, dated 9 March 1976.
 From Mr K. M. Randall, President, Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery, to Mr Speaker, dated 15 March 1976.

Statement by Mr Speaker, dated 18 March 1976.

- 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the House dealing forthwith with a motion condemning the action of the Premier of Queensland in calling together the Parliament of Queensland during an election period in order to make, under parliamentary privilege, false charges against Members of the Australian Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Mr Bowen rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 85

Mr Abel	Mr Drummond	Mr Kelly	Dr Richardson
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr Mackenzie	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	
Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 32

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 33

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 84

Mr Abel	Mr Drummond	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Birney	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Hamer	Mr Mackenzie	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Dairy Adjustment Act—Dairy Adjustment Programs—Amending Agreement between the Australian and New South Wales Governments, dated 20 January 1976.

Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing and Construction—Eleventh Annual Report, for year 1974–75.

Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1974–75.

7 ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION—AGREEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr MacKellar (Minister representing the Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to statute, presented the following papers:

States Grants (Nature Conservation) Act—Agreements, dated 18 December 1975, relating to financial assistance for land acquisition for nature conservation purposes to—

South Australia—

Coffin Bay.

Pike River—Gurra Gurra area.

Tasmania—Asbestos Range.

Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreements relating to financial assistance to—

New South Wales for urban and regional development, dated 29 January 1976.

New South Wales and Victoria for urban expansion and redevelopment

(Albury-Wodonga), dated 25 November 1975.

Queensland for—

Area improvement, dated 19 January 1976.

Flood mitigation, dated 19 January 1976.

National estate, dated 19 January 1976.

Sewerage, dated 19 January 1976.

South Australia for urban and regional development, dated 24 October 1975.

Tasmania for—

National estate, dated 14 January 1976.

Sewerage, dated 14 January 1976.

Urban expansion and redevelopment (Tamar Valley area).

Urban expansion and redevelopment (Urban Land Council), dated 14 January 1976.

Victoria for urban and regional development, dated 5 January 1976.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NEAT SCHEME ALLOWANCES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Willis had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The action of the Government in substantially altering allowances payable to trainees under the National Employment and Training Scheme".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Willis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) BILL 1976: Mr MacKellar (Minister representing the Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize Advances to the States of Financial Assistance in connexion with Housing and to Authorize the Borrowing of Certain Moneys by the Commonwealth.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1976: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision, in respect of the Year 1976, for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Universities) Act 1972-1975*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL 1976: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Advanced Education. Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1972–1975*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Viner (Minister representing the Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Act 1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 SUPERANNUATION BILL 1976: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for and in relation to an Occupational Superannuation Scheme for persons employed by the Commonwealth, and for certain other persons.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 16 SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922–1974*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 17 DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973–1975*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 18 AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 4 March*), viz.:

Australian economy—Ministerial statement, 4 March 1976—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 STATES GRANTS (FRUIT CANNERIES) 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 by Mr Keating who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not

declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that (a) the problems of the canned fruit industry are a legacy of the reckless over-expansion of the production base fostered by successive Liberal and Country Party Governments throughout the 1960's, and (b) the Government should consider immediately the A.I.D.C. report handed down in September 1975, with a view towards significant rationalisation of this industry to prevent further hardship to growers and their families".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 11, dated 4 March 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 18 March 1976, were reported—

(a) concurring in the resolutions of the House relating to the appointment of the following joint committees, and agreeing that the resolutions have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders:

Message—

No. 12—Parliamentary Committee System.

No. 13—Foreign Affairs and Defence.

No. 14—Australian Capital Territory.

No. 15—New and Permanent Parliament House.

(b) returning the following Bill without amendment: Message No. 16—Meat Export Charge Amendment 1976.

21 DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILIZATION AMENDMENT 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 12, dated 5 March 1976, 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 Staley (Minister for the Capital Territory), the Bill was read a third time.

22 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Staley (Minister for the Capital Territory), the Bill was read a third time.

23 WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION AMENDMENT 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

24 WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

25 WHEAT PRODUCTS EXPORT ADJUSTMENT AMENDMENT 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

26 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.30 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 March 1976, pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1976—

No. 9—Door-to-door Sales.

No. 10—Land Rent and Rates (Deferment and Remission).

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—Telecommunications (General)—Amendment No. 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Groom and Mr Peacock.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives