

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL 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 Baume, Mr Brown, Mr Fry and Mr Moore—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 Braithwaite and Mr Hodges—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Cadet forces be re-instated.

Mr Thomson—from certain electors of the Division of Leichhardt in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Haslem and Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.

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 Hurford—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a program of funding library and information services, based directly on need, be instituted within the western suburbs of Adelaide.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Public libraries—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated 27 February 1976.

5 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SYSTEM—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System:

Senators Sir Magnus Cormack, Rae and Tehan had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senators Gietzelt, McAuliffe and Mulvihill had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

Mr Cadman, Mr P. F. Johnson, Mr I. L. Robinson and Mr Yates had been nominated by the Prime Minister and Dr Jenkins, Mr Morris and Mr Young had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.

- 6 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:  
 Senators Sir Magnus Cormack, Durack, Scott and Sim had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senators Bishop, Sibraa and Wheeldon had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. Mr Brown, Mr Garland, Mr Hamer, Mr Neil, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Shipton, Mr Short and Mr Sullivan had been nominated by the Prime Minister and Mr Armitage, Mr Beazley, Mr Bryant, Mr Fry, Mr Jacobi and Dr Klugman had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
- 7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:  
 Senators Archer and Knight had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senators Georges and Ryan had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.  
 Mr Bungey, Mr Haslem, Mr MacKenzie and Mr Sainsbury had been nominated by the Prime Minister and Mr Crean and Mr Fry had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
- 8 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House:  
 Senators Drake-Brockman, Missen and Young had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senators McIntosh, Melzer and O'Byrne had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.  
 Mr K. M. Cairns, Mr Garland and Mr Lloyd had been nominated by the Prime Minister and Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Keating and Mr Scholes had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
- 9 ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Road Safety:  
 Mr Falconer, Mr Goodluck, Mr Katter, Mr Ruddock and Mr Short had been nominated by the Prime Minister and Mr Cohen, Mr Jones and Mr J. L. McMahon had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
- 10 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation:  
 Mr Baillieu, Mr Fisher, Mr Hodges, Mr Simon and Mr Wilson had been nominated by the Prime Minister and Dr Cass, Dr Jenkins and Mr Young had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
- 11 SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES—SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Select Committee on Specific Learning Difficulties:  
 Mr Cadman, Mr Falconer, Mr Hyde, Mr McVeigh and Mr Shipton had been nominated by the Prime Minister and Mr Beazley, Mr Innes and Dr Klugman had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
- 12 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs:  
 Mr Calder, Mr Drummond, Mr McLean, Mr Ruddock and Mr Wentworth had been nominated by the Prime Minister and Mr Bryant, Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Wallis had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.

- 13 **TRADE PRACTICES ACT—REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the establishment and terms of reference of a committee to review the operation of the Trade Practices Act.  
Mr Young, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 14 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:  
31 March 1976—Message—  
No. 21—States Grants (Universities) 1976.  
No. 22—States Grants (Universities) Amendment 1976.  
No. 23—States Grants (Advanced Education) 1976.  
No. 24—States Grants (Advanced Education) Amendment 1976.  
No. 25—States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Amendment 1976.
- 15 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—  
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.  
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 16 **LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1976:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964–1974*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1976:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection Act 1964–1974*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 **APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION AMENDMENT BILL 1976:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Stabilization Act 1971–1973*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 **APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY AMENDMENT BILL 1976:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Act 1971*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1976:**  
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Bill read a first time.  
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 21 **ROADS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 1976:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **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:  
31 March 1976—Message No. 24—States Grants (Housing Assistance) 1976.
- 23 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 24 **SUPERANNUATION 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 Willis 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 the Bill is deficient in that it removes some important benefits now applying under the current Superannuation Act, thereby reducing the overall value of benefits for existing pensioners and contributors”.
- Debate continued.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Short), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 25 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Lynch (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the Government’s policy on foreign investment in Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Foreign investment in Australia—Ministerial statement, 1 April 1976, and attachment.
- Mr Killen (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 **INCOME TAX INVESTMENT ALLOWANCE FOR LEASED PLANT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Lynch (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the income tax investment allowance for leased plant.
- Mr Hurford, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 27 **SUPERANNUATION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Willis, viz.*—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 the Bill is deficient in that it removes some important benefits now applying under the current Superannuation Act, thereby reducing the overall value of benefits for existing pensioners and contributors”—
- Debate resumed.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Bouchier), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

28 SOCIAL SERVICES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hayden, viz.*—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 deplors the failure of the Government to index dependants allowances to meet increases in the cost of living”—Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 81

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

## NOES, 27

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. 25, dated 25 March 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Giles reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

29 LEBANESE IMMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Lebanese immigration to Australia.

Mr Innes, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

30 ADJOURNMENT: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—  
That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 April 1976, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1) of the Act.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 84.

Quarantine Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 83.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 85.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr K. M. Cairns, Mr Groom\* and Mr King.

\* On leave

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