

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 29

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY 1976

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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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), Mr Brown, Mr Connolly, Mr Hyde, Mr Morris, Mr Ruddock and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a Commission of Inquiry be initiated into the Aurukun Associates Agreement Act, no mining take place on the Aurukun Aboriginal Reserve until a full environmental impact study has been made and an export licence to the consortium concerned be refused until negotiations are held with the Aurukun people and an agreement has been reached.

Mr Armitage, Mr Goodluck, Mr Hurford, Mr Innes, Mr Morris and Mr Porter—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 Anthony (Minister for National Resources) and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian delegation to the fourth session of UNCTAD be instructed to support the principle of an integrated program of commodities and take certain other action.

Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Haslem—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 Ruddock—from certain members of the Sydney University Conservation Society in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Brown—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be continued as recommended in the report tabled in Parliament on 4 March 1976.

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

Mr Connolly—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 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 Connor—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be supported.

Mr Corbett—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be continued as a longer term program on a regional basis.

Mr Garrick—from certain citizens of Australia praying that no measures be taken to interfere with the Schools Commission.

Mr Innes—from certain students and staff of State Colleges of Victoria praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme allowance be raised from \$30 to \$48 per week.

Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Health Insurance Act be not amended.

Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that at least 0.55% of Australia's G.N.P. be provided in the next Budget for aid to poor countries.

Mr J. L. McMahon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that milk substitutes for children up to 6 years of age be restored to the schedule of pharmaceutical benefits.

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

Petitions received.

3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF GOVERNMENT: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that he accepted the notice of motion as a motion of censure of the Government for the purposes of standing order 110.

Mr Fraser, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr E. G. Whitlam moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Government of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

4 MOTION OF CENSURE OF GOVERNMENT: Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Government, the Prime Minister and senior Cabinet Ministers for their involvement in loan inquiries by State Ministers and representatives in breach of their undertaking that there would be no inquiries during the election campaign into the activities of the previous Government.

*Papers:* Mr E. G. Whitlam, by leave, during his speech, presented the following papers:

Overseas loan negotiations—Copies of documents given to Mr G. J. Terry, Principal Private Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition, by Mr R. B. Todd, Managing Director of Whitney, Todd and Company, on 11 May 1976, viz.:

Telex messages—

From Mr H. W. Fancher to Whitney, Todd and Company, dated 15 and 23 October 1975.

From Mr K. S. McConnell of Baker and McKenzie, Sydney, N.S.W. to Whitney, Todd and Company, dated 24 October 1975.

From Mr Todd to the Hon. J. Bjelke-Petersen, M.L.A., Premier of Queensland, dated 5 November 1975.

Letter from Mr Todd to Mr K. Spann, Under Secretary, Premier's Department, Queensland, dated 5 November 1975.

Telex message from Mr Todd to Mr Bjelke-Petersen, dated 7 November 1975.

Letters—

From Mr Bjelke-Petersen to the Hon. W. A. R. Rae, Agent-General for Queensland, London, dated 8 November 1975.

From Mr Bjelke-Petersen to Mr Todd, dated 14 November 1975.

From Mr Rae to Mr Todd, dated 28 November 1975.

Statement of consultation fee from Mr Todd to Mr Rae, dated 7 January 1976.

Letters—

From Mr Todd to Mr Rae, dated 16 February 1976.

From Mr Todd to Mr Bjelke-Petersen, dated 31 March 1976.

List of banks known to have dealt with Australian mandates.

Note of Canberra telephone number.

Debate ensued.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) asked leave to present a paper.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Sinclair continued his speech.

*Papers:* Mr Sinclair, by leave, during his speech, presented the following papers:

Overseas loan negotiations—Copies of letters—

From the Hon. W. A. R. Rae, Agent-General for Queensland, London, to Mr R. B. Todd, Managing Director, Whitney, Todd and Company, dated 28 November 1975.

From Mr Todd to Mr H. W. Fancher, dated 2 December 1975.

List of banks known to have dealt with Australian mandates.

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

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

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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 E. G. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr Young
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Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Martyr	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Yates
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And so it was negatived.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Department of Environment—Report for year 1974–75.

Petroleum—Royal Commission—Fourth Report—Marketing and pricing of petroleum products in Australia, dated 15 April 1976.

Urban work-force—Report to the Minister for Labor and Immigration by Dr F. E. Emery and Mr C. Phillips entitled “Living at work”.

Pursuant to statute:

Student Assistance Act—Report by Minister on operation of Act for period 15 October to 31 December 1974.

Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement, dated 26 March 1976, relating to financial assistance to Western Australia for urban and regional development.

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for 1 month be given to the honourable Member of Indi (Mr Holten) on the ground of ill health.

Question—put and passed.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—STATEMENTS INCITING MASS ACTION:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hodgman had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The clear and dangerous threat to Australian democracy, law and order posed by public statements inciting mass action outside the Parliamentary process”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hodgman addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 FRIDAY SITTINGS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business, in addition to the days fixed by standing order 40, at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 28 May 1976 and Friday, 4 June 1976.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT: Mr Hodges (Chairman) brought up the Third Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

### THIRD 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, and other papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—First Annual Report, for period 6 June 1973 to 28 June 1975, and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 30 June 1974 to 28 June 1975.

Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—First Annual Report, for period 7 March to 30 June 1975, and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 5 May to 30 June 1975.

Australian National Railways Act—Australian National Railways Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1974–75.

Bilingual education program in schools in the Northern Territory—Second progress report, dated December 1974.

Brisbane Airport—Economic evaluation of alternative development strategies—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated July 1975.

Consumer preferences in urban buses and bus services—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport—Part A—Main Report, dated December 1975.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund—Report by the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board together with a report to the Board by the Australian Government Actuary on the assets and liabilities of the Fund at 30 September 1972.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Footwear—Interim report, dated 31 October 1975.

Fruitgrowing—

Part A: Fruitgrowing reconstruction, dated 16 January 1976.

Part B: Apples and pears, dated 16 January 1976.

Part C: Dried vine fruit, dated 16 January 1976.

Part D: South Australian Riverland, dated 16 January 1976.

Miscellaneous industrial machinery, dated 30 December 1975.

Spectacle and sunglass frames, sunglasses, etc., dated 20 February 1976.

Tourist accommodation industry—Short-term assistance, dated 30 November 1975.

Welding consumables and flux cored solder, dated 6 February 1976.

North-South Highway connecting Darwin to Melbourne via Mount Isa and Broken Hill—Report by Commonwealth Bureau of Roads, dated 8 April 1976.

Petroleum—Royal Commission—Fourth Report entitled "The Marketing and Pricing of Petroleum Products in Australia".

Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1974–75.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of receipts and expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1974–75.

States Grants (Dwellings for Pensioners) Act—First Annual Statement, for year 1974–75.

States Grants (Science Laboratories) Act—Statement of schools assisted by grants for year 1974–75.

Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—  
Forty-fourth Annual Report, and statement of receipts and expenditure  
certified by the Auditor-General, for year 1974–75.

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Mr Hodges, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1976: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Aborigines.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Viner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Adermann (Minister for the Northern Territory), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910–1974*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 AUDIT 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. 47, dated 29 April 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 E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) 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.  
Mr L. K. Johnson rising to address the House—  
*Closure:* Mr D. M. Cameron moved—That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.  
And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY 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 Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the Bill was read a third time.

16 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 by Mr Hurford who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House notes that:

- (a) the legislation involves the breaking of election promises with the removal for many of home mortgage interest deductions and the inadequate alterations to winemakers’ tax liability and
- (b) the provisions for the introduction of the investment allowance have created a chaotic situation in the economy”.

Debate continued.

Mr Armitage addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

*Debate extended:* It being 11.00 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.01 p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 May 1976, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for—

Airport purposes—Brisbane Airport, Qld.

Pipeline Authority purposes—Moomba, S.A.

Telecommunications purposes—Moomba, S.A.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Burr, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Holten\*, Dr Jenkins, Mr Lynch and Mr I. L. Robinson.

\* On leave

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