

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 62

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1976

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- 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 L. R. Johnson, Mr Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be maintained, advertising on the A.B.C. be rejected, public funding of the Commission be developed and any general inquiries into broadcasting be conducted publicly.
 - Mr Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the M.V. *Australian Trader* be restored to the Tasmanian service.
 - Mr Armitage—from certain citizens praying that the House call on Sir John Kerr to resign as Governor-General.
 - Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that the Government call upon South Africa to eliminate racial discrimination and that it withdraw Australian Trade Commissioners from South Africa.
 - Mr Connolly—from certain electors praying that chiropractors' fees be covered by health insurance and be tax deductible.
 - Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that a more realistic quota be set for the number of egg producing hens for Canberra.
 - Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that the indexed value of education spending be maintained and the recommendations of several reports on education be implemented.
 - Mr Giles—from certain citizens praying that chiropractors' fees be an allowable cost on both Medibank and private health insurance funds.
 - Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying that grants to institutions for the aged be restored.
 - Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the freeze on European claims to unalienated Crown lands of the Northern Territory be extended and the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976 be amended.
 - Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the decision to curtail the home mortgage interest tax deduction scheme be reconsidered and the benefits be upgraded by indexation.
 - Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the previous Government's undertaking on the taxation of moneys due to the Thalidomide Foundation Limited be honoured.
 - Mr Jones—from certain citizens of the Hunter Valley Region, N.S.W., praying that funds be provided for the establishment and maintenance of a Hunter Symphony Orchestra.
 - Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Newcastle, N.S.W., praying that the Government place immediate orders with the Newcastle State Dockyard and implement the plan to build a graving dock in Newcastle.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Water Resources Council—Minutes of special Eighteenth Meeting held at Canberra on 24 June 1976.

Election statistics—Senate Election and General Election of Members of the House of Representatives, 13 December 1975—

Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Flood warnings by Bureau of Meteorology—Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science).

River Murray Working Party—Report to Steering Committee of Ministers, dated October 1975.

Solar eclipse—Involvement of Department of Science—Statement by Senator Webster (Minister for Science).

Pursuant to statute:

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Nineteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Superannuation Amendment Act—Superannuation Board—Fifty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

Tobacco Industry Act—Twenty-first Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

Mr Nixon (Acting Minister for National Resources), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report of the River Murray Working Party.

Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

20 October 1976—Message No. 111—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations 1976.

6 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 2 November next, at 3 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 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.

8 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 23 (1976): Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 23 (1976).

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

- 9 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:
21 October 1976—Message No. 95—Handicapped Persons Assistance Amendment 1976.
- 10 STATES GRANTS (BEEF INDUSTRY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Beef Industry) Act 1975*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair 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 LONG SERVICE LEAVE (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES) BILL 1976: Mr Street (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Long Service Leave in respect of Employees of the Commonwealth and certain other Persons, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Street moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Street (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Street moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 4 and 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Asian Development Bank (Special Funds Contributions) Act 1970*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Peacock moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Street moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 AIRPORTS (SURFACE TRAFFIC) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Airports (Surface Traffic) Act 1960*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon 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.

- 17 FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA BILL 1976: Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to create a Federal Court of Australia and to make provision with respect to the Jurisdiction of that Court.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ellicott 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.

- 18 STATES GRANTS (NATURE CONSERVATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Nature Conservation) Act 1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Uren—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 19 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) BILL (NO. 2) 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 Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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 is of the opinion that:

- (1) the total amount appropriated under the Bill is insufficient;
- (2) the distribution as between the various States does not recognise the resource capabilities in the various States, and
- (3) it does not pay due regard to the nature and extent of the welfare housing needs as between the various States”.

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. 96, dated 26 August 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 Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 21 APPROPRIATION (URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT) 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. 97, dated 8 September 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 Newman (Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development), the Bill was read a third time.

22 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

21 October 1976—Message—

- No. 112—Social Services Amendment (No. 3) 1976.
- No. 113—National Health Amendment (No. 3) 1976.
- No. 114—Health Insurance Amendment (No. 3) 1976.
- No. 115—Repatriation Acts Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
- No. 116—Australia Council Amendment 1976.
- No. 117—Australian Film Commission Amendment 1976.
- No. 118—Australian Film and Television School Amendment 1976.

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

SEVENTH 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, recommends that the following be printed:

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Twenty-fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Australian Council on Awards in Advanced Education—Fourth Annual Report, for 1975.

Australian Research Grants Committee—Report for Triennium 1973–75.

Broadcasting and Television Act—

Australian Broadcasting Commission—Forty-fourth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1975–76.

Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Twenty-eighth Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Christmas Island—Report for period 1 July 1972 to 31 December 1975.

Clinical services in Canberra hospitals—Report to the Minister for Health by the Chairman of the Working Party on the Organisation of Clinical Services in Canberra Hospitals, dated 1 September 1976.

Darwin Cyclone Damage Compensation Act—Report by Minister for year 1975–76.

Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1975–76.

Department of Overseas Trade—Report for year 1975–76.

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Fifty-second Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

Dried Fruits Research Act—Dried Fruits Research Committee—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

Election statistics—Senate Election and General Elections of Members of the House of Representatives, 13 December 1975—

Australian Capital Territory, and Northern Territory.

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Health transport policies for Australia—Report by Hospitals and Health Services Commission, dated April 1976.

- Homes Savings Grant Act—Twelfth Annual Report on the administration and operation of the Act, for year 1975–76.
- Industries Assistance Commission—
Benefit-cost study—National Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme, dated 25 June 1976.
- Reports—
Crude oil pricing, dated 30 September 1976.
High alloy steels—Interim report, dated 10 June 1976.
Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Paper, dated 25 August 1976.
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Industries Assistance Commission—
Report for year 1975–76, accompanied by a statement by the Minister pursuant to sub-section 45 (5) of the Act.
- Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Second Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 4—
Alcohol, drugs and driving, dated 30 June 1976.
- Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—Thirtieth Annual Report, for year 1975.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Nineteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- National Highway linking Adelaide and Darwin (Port Augusta to Northern Territory Border)—Report by a Steering Committee, dated 24 September 1976.
- National Highways—Standards for construction and maintenance—Report by Commonwealth Bureau of Roads, dated 1975.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1976.
- Prices Justification Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—Third Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1976.
- River Murray Working Party—Report to Steering Committee of Ministers, dated October 1975.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Twenty-eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Science facilities in independent secondary schools—Final report of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Standards for Science Facilities in Independent Secondary Schools, dated 1976.
- Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Twenty-eighth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1975.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Superannuation Amendment Act—Superannuation Board—Fifty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Superannuation scheme for Commonwealth Government employees—
Transfer of contributors and pensioners—Report of the Committee of 5, dated October 1976.

Tobacco Industry Act—Twenty-first Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
 Townsville airport: Economic evaluation of proposed international facilities—
 Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport,
 dated June 1976.

J. C. HODGES,
 Chairman

21 October 1976

Mr Hodges, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
 Question—put and passed.

24 INCOME TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (ROYALTIES) 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 E. L. Robinson (Acting Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

25 CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) 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 Crean addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Bourchier 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—being accordingly put—
 The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Giles, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

Mr Abel	Dr Edwards	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Adermann	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Baillieu	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Baume	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Graham	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Bourchier	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bradfield	Mr Hamer	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Haslem	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Bungey	Mr Hodges	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Burr	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	
Mr Calder	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	
Mr Carige	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr King	Mr Porter	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Corbett

NOES, 24

Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Young
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes	
Mr Connor	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr James
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Willis	Mr L. K. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr James addressing the committee—

Closure: Mr Bourchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Abel	Mr Drummond	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Baume	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Birney	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Goodluck	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Bouchier	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bradfield	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hamer	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Bungey	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Burr	Mr Hodges	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Calder	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carige	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett
Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter	

NOES, 26

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholles	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Wallis	Mr L. K. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the House adopted the report.

Mr Viner, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Crean addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Goodluck	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Bradfield	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hamer	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Bungey	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Hodges	Mr Moore	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cadman	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carige	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett

NOES, 23

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Beazley	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr L. K. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

26 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Hurford, by leave, made a statement relating to the Opposition's attitude to the Income Tax Laws Amendment (Royalties) Bill 1976.

27 ESTATE DUTY 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.

Mr Short addressing the House—

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 2 November next, at 3 p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 21 October 1976, pursuant to statute:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony*, Mr Brown*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Chipp*, Mr Cohen, Mr Cotter, Mr Fisher, Mr Hodgman, Mr Lynch, Mr McLeay, Mr Martin*, Mr Nicholls and Dr Richardson.

* On leave

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