

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 80

TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 1977

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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 DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on 11 February 1977, of Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India, and, in paying tribute to the late President, expressed sympathy to the people of India.  
Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.  
Mr Fraser suggested to Mr Speaker that the remarks made in the House be conveyed to the Indian High Commissioner for transmission to the Indian Government.  
Mr Speaker stated that he would arrange for this to be done.
  - 3 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ASSISTANCE) BILLS—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to a mistake which had occurred in the Department of the House of Representatives in relation to the States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) Bills 1976 which had resulted in an incorrect Bill being presented to the Governor-General for assent.
  - 4 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ASSISTANCE) BILLS—ASSENT AND CANCELLATION OF SIGNATURE PURPORTING ASSENT: The following message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

JOHN R. KERR

Governor-General

Message No. 144

Proposed law intituled:—

*States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) Act 1976*

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said law.

Being acquainted by communication from the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Representatives that contrary to previous advice a Bill with the same title that was assented to by the Governor-General, in the name of Her Majesty, on 13 December 1976, as Act No. 184 of 1976 had not been passed by both Houses and being acquainted by communication from the Attorney-General that the advice given by him dated 13 December 1976 in relation to a Bill entitled "States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) Act 1976" was intended when signed by him to relate to the Bill of that title which had then in fact been passed by both Houses and being advised that the Governor-General's assent given on 13 December 1976 to the Bill that had not been passed in both Houses was and is of no effect in law and that it is proper for the Governor-General so to do His Excellency has cancelled his signature by which he purported to assent to the same.

Government House,

Canberra 2600

11 February 1977

- 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Bowen moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Kingsford-Smith moving a motion that the Attorney-General's action in certifying as correct for the Governor-General's signature the States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) Bill 1976 constituted a breach of ministerial responsibility.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

- 6 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ASSISTANCE) BILL—ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S RESPONSIBILITY: Mr Bowen moved—That the Attorney-General's action in certifying as correct for the Governor-General's signature the States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) Bill 1976 constituted a breach of ministerial responsibility.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Snedden, in the Chair)—

AYES, 35

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

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Mr Abel         | Mr Drummond      | Mr Jull       | Mr Porter         |
| Mr Adermann     | Dr Edwards       | Mr Katter     | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Aldred       | Mr Ellicott      | Mr Kelly      | Mr I. 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 Lynch      | 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 Burr         | Mr Hamer         | Mr McVeigh    | Mr Viner          |
| Mr Cadman       | Mr Haslem        | Mr Macphee    | Mr Wentworth      |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hodges        | Mr Martyr     | Mr Wilson         |
| Mr Calder       | Mr Hodgman       | Mr Millar     | Mr Yates          |
| Mr Carige       | Mr Holten        | Mr Moore      |                   |
| Mr Chapman      | Mr Howard        | Mr Neil       |                   |
| Mr Chipp        | Mr Hunt          | Mr Newman     |                   |
| Mr Connolly     | Mr Hyde          | Mr Nixon      | <i>Tellers:</i>   |
| Mr Cotter       | Mr Jarman        | Mr O'Keefe    | Mr D. M. Cameron  |
| Mr Dobie        | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Peacock    | Mr Corbett        |

And so it was negatived.

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

Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Bouchier, Mr Brown, Mr Cadman, Mr Connor, Mr Dobie, Mr Graham, Mr Hayden, Mr Hodges, Mr King, Mr W. McMahon, Mr Ruddock, Mr Scholes, Mr Simon, Mr Stewart and Mr Wentworth—from certain citizens praying that the continuation and growth of symphony orchestras throughout Australia be ensured.

Mr Corbett, Mr Hyde, Mr Kelly, Mr McVeigh, Mr Millar, Mr Porter and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Australian Council of Local Government Associations for the allocation of funds for roads be adopted and the Government's long-term policy be to provide 50% of all funds for roads.

- Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Morris, Mr Stewart and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads for the funding of local roads in New South Wales be adopted.
- Mr Baume, Mr Lucock and Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries be implemented.
- Mr Fry and Mr Haslem—from certain citizens praying that the Molonglo Arterial—Western Distributor be deferred until a public inquiry into Canberra's transport needs has been conducted.
- Mr Wilson and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the nomination of Ms Elizabeth Reid to the United Nations Secretariat for the Social and Economic Development Council be supported.
- Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that an inquiry be made into the Australian Legal Aid Office.
- Mr Bowen—from certain citizens praying that increases in the Consumer Price Index be applied to age and invalid pensions and that any revision of the Consumer Price Index will not result in reductions in the value of future pensions.
- Mr Bowen—from certain members of the Bushwalkers Federation of N.S.W. and certain citizens praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.
- Mr I. L. Robinson—from certain members of the Clarence Valley Field Naturalists' Club in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Brown—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 D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that an organisation concerned with better quality television for Australian children be created.
- Mr Fry—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 Haslem—from certain citizens praying that a government primary school be provided in Fraser, A.C.T.
- Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that all present services provided by the Australian Broadcasting Commission be continued.
- Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that social security payments be adjusted instantly and automatically with increases in the Consumer Price Index and certain other benefits be adjusted.
- Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the new intake of Indo-Chinese refugees be expedited and consideration be given to increasing the intake of refugees from camps in Thailand.
- Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Eyre Peninsula, S.A., praying that an automatic telephone service be introduced to the area.
- Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Eyre Peninsula, S.A. praying that television services be provided to the area.
- Mr Wentworth—from certain citizens praying that legislation recognising Citizens Band radio be introduced.
- Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the House call on Sir John Kerr to resign as Governor-General.
- Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Assistance Plan be continued as recommended in the report tabled in Parliament on 4 March 1976.

Petitions received.

- 8 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 Leader of the Opposition from moving forthwith the motion of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

*Closure of Member:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 88

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Mr Abel         | Mr Drummond      | Mr Jull       | Mr Porter         |
| Mr Adermann     | Dr Edwards       | Mr Katter     | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Aldred       | Mr Ellicott      | Mr Kelly      | Mr I. 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 Bourchier    | Mr Giles         | Mr Lynch      | 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 Burr         | Mr Hamer         | Mr McVeigh    | Mr Viner          |
| Mr Cadman       | Mr Haslem        | Mr Macphee    | Mr Wentworth      |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hodges        | Mr Martyr     | Mr Wilson         |
| Mr Calder       | Mr Hodgman       | Mr Millar     | Mr Yates          |
| Mr Carige       | Mr Holten        | Mr Moore      |                   |
| Mr Chapman      | Mr Howard        | Mr Neil       |                   |
| Mr Chipp        | Mr Hunt          | Mr Newman     |                   |
| Mr Connolly     | Mr Hyde          | Mr Nixon      | <i>Tellers:</i>   |
| Mr Cotter       | Mr Jarman        | Mr O'Keefe    | Mr D. M. Cameron  |
| Mr Dobie        | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Peacock    | Mr Corbett        |

NOES, 35

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member:* Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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| Mr Abel         | Mr Drummond      | Mr Jull       | Mr Porter         |
| Mr Adermann     | Dr Edwards       | Mr Katter     | Mr E. L. Robinson |
| Mr Aldred       | Mr Ellicott      | Mr Kelly      | Mr I. 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 Lynch      | 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 Burr         | Mr Hamer         | Mr McVeigh    | Mr Viner          |
| Mr Cadman       | Mr Haslem        | Mr Macphee    | Mr Wentworth      |
| Mr K. M. Cairns | Mr Hodges        | Mr Martyr     | Mr Wilson         |
| Mr Calder       | Mr Hodgman       | Mr Millar     | Mr Yates          |
| Mr Carige       | Mr Holten        | Mr Moore      |                   |
| Mr Chapman      | Mr Howard        | Mr Neil       |                   |
| Mr Chipp        | Mr Hunt          | Mr Newman     |                   |
| Mr Connolly     | Mr Hyde          | Mr Nixon      | <i>Tellers:</i>   |
| Mr Cotter       | Mr Jarman        | Mr O'Keefe    | Mr D. M. Cameron  |
| Mr Dobie        | Mr P. F. Johnson | Mr Peacock    | Mr Corbett        |

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Hayden rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 35

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

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

And so it was negatived.

9 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Capital Territory Fire Brigade—Second Annual Report by the Fire Commissioner, for year 1975–76.

Industries Assistance Commission—  
Reports—

Agricultural tractors, dated 19 February 1976.

Fabrics for use as bed sheeting, pillow casing or bolster casing—Interim report, dated 27 August 1976.

Multilateral trade negotiations—General rates of duty—First report, dated 30 January 1976 (Abridged version).

Textiles Authority—Report—Sheets, curtains, etc., dated 18 June 1976.

Pursuant to statute:

Meat Industry Act—Australian Meat Board—Forty-first Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Law Reform Commission Ordinance—Law Reform Commission of the Australian Capital Territory—Report—Law relating to conveyancing.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Twenty-ninth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1975.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Twenty-eighth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1975.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1975.

Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

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

New South Wales for urban and regional development, dated 16 December 1976.

New South Wales and Victoria for urban expansion and redevelopment (Albury-Wodonga), dated 20 December 1976.

Victoria for urban and regional development, dated 17 December 1976.

- 10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC STRATEGY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Lynch (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the economic developments of 1976 and the Government's economic strategy for 1977, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Economic developments and Government economic strategy—Ministerial statement, 15 February 1977.

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

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches:* Mr Sinclair, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hurford speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes and Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) and Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) each speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Mr E. G. Whitlam moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House expresses its want of confidence in the Fraser Government because of its failure to reduce unemployment and inflation”.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Anthony (Minister for National Resources) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Willis rising to address the House—

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

Motion—That the question be now put—withdrawn, by leave.

Mr Willis addressed the House.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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

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| Mr Armitage      | Mr FitzPatrick   | 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       |                  |
| Mr Cohen         | Dr Jenkins       | Mr Stewart       | <i>Tellers:</i>  |
| Mr Connor        | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Uren          | Mr James         |
| Mr Crean         | Mr Jones         | Mr Wallis        | Mr L. R. Johnson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

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

9 December 1976—Message No. 187—Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Amendment 1976 (*without requests*).

10 December 1976—Message—

No. 178—Broadcasting and Television Amendment (No. 2) 1976 [No. 2].

No. 179—Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1976.

No. 180—Television Stations Licence Fees Amendment (No. 2) 1976.

No. 181—

Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) 1976.

Public Service Amendment 1976.

Public Service Amendment (No. 2) 1976.

No. 182—Apple and Pear Levy 1976 (*without requests*).

No. 183—Apple and Pear Levy Collection 1976.

No. 184—Apple and Pear Export Charge 1976 (*without requests*).

No. 185—Apple and Pear Export Charge Collection 1976.

No. 186—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Amendment 1976.

No. 188—States Grants (Rural Adjustment) 1976.

No. 189—Foreign Proceedings (Prohibition of Certain Evidence) Amendment 1976.

No. 190—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1976 (*without requests*).

No. 191—Customs Tariff Validation (No. 2) 1976 (*without requests*).

No. 192—Income Tax (Companies and Superannuation Funds) 1976 (*without requests*).

No. 193—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 3) 1976.

No. 194—Loan (Income Equalization Deposits) 1976.

No. 195—Loan (Drought Bonds) Amendment 1976.

No. 196—Marriage Amendment 1976.

15 February 1977—Message—

No. 197—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Amendment 1976.

No. 198—Insurance (Deposits) Amendment 1976.

No. 199—Crimes (Aircraft) Amendment 1976.

No. 200—Crimes (Internationally Protected Persons) 1976.

No. 201—Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Amendment 1976.

No. 202—Extradition (Foreign States) Amendment 1976.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendments made by the House in the following Bill:

10 December 1976—Message No. 177—Historic Shipwrecks 1976.

13 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

9 December 1976—Message—

No. 145—

Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Amendment 1976.



- Asian Development Fund 1976.
- Asian Development Bank (Special Funds Contributions) Amendment 1976.
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
- States Grants (Fruit-growing Reconstruction) 1976.
- States Grants (Beef Industry) Amendment 1976.
- Nauru (High Court Appeals) 1976.
- No. 146—
  - Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
  - Queensland Grant (Special Assistance) 1976.
  - States Grants (Nature Conservation) Amendment 1976.
  - Softwood Forestry Agreements 1976.
- 10 December 1976—Message No. 147—
  - Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Amendment 1976.
  - United States Naval Communication Station (Civilian Employees) Amendment 1976.
  - Seamen's Compensation Amendment 1976.
- 13 December 1976—Message—
  - No. 148—
    - Estate Duty Assessment Amendment 1976.
    - Remuneration and Allowances Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
    - States Grants (Water Resources Assessment) 1976.
    - Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Amendment 1976.
    - Roads Acts Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
    - Customs Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
    - Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment 1976.
    - Narcotic Drugs Amendment 1976.
    - National Health Amendment (No. 4) 1976.
    - Stevedoring Industry Amendment 1976.
    - Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
    - Stevedoring Industry Charge Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
  - No. 149—
    - Ombudsman 1976.
    - Prices Justification Amendment 1976.
    - Homes Savings Grant 1976.
    - States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) 1976.
  - No. 150—Defence Service Homes Amendment 1976.
- 15 December 1976—Message—
  - No. 151—Historic Shipwrecks 1976.
  - No. 152—
    - Broadcasting and Television Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
    - Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Amendment 1976.
    - Television Stations Licence Fees Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
  - No. 153—Aboriginal Councils and Associations 1976.
- 16 December 1976—Message No. 154—Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) 1976.
- 20 December 1976—Message No. 155—
  - Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) 1976.
  - Public Service Amendment 1976.
  - Public Service Amendment (No. 2) 1976.
  - Apple and Pear Levy 1976.
  - Apple and Pear Levy Collection 1976.
  - Apple and Pear Export Charge 1976.
  - Apple and Pear Export Charge Collection 1976.
  - Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Amendment 1976.
  - Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Amendment 1976.
  - States Grants (Rural Adjustment) 1976.
  - Foreign Proceedings (Prohibition of Certain Evidence) Amendment 1976.

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1976.  
 Customs Tariff Validation (No. 2) 1976.  
 Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 3) 1976.  
 Loan (Income Equalization Deposits) 1976.  
 Loan (Drought Bonds) Amendment 1976.  
 Income Tax (Companies and Superannuation Funds) 1976.  
 Marriage Amendment 1976.

14 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Select Committee on Aboriginal Land Rights in the Northern Territory:

Senators Bonner, Chaney and Kilgariff had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senators Cavanagh, Coleman and Robertson had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

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.

15 ADJOURNMENT OF SITTING: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in lieu of the final proviso to the sessional order of 18 February 1976 relating to the adjournment of sittings, the following proviso be substituted:

“Provided further that, if at 11 p.m. the question before the House is—That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall interrupt the debate, at which time—

(f) a Minister may require that the debate be extended until 11.10 p.m. to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised in the preceding adjournment debate; at 11.10 p.m., or upon the earlier cessation of the debate, the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting,

(g) if no action is taken by a Minister under paragraph (f), the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.”

Question—put and passed.

16 ADJOURNMENT DEBATE—TIME LIMITS: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in lieu of the time limit specified in standing order 91 for speeches on the “Motion for adjournment of House to terminate the sitting—”, the following time limit shall operate:

“Each Member . . . 5 minutes (no extension of time to be granted):

Provided that, if no other Member rises to address the House, a Member who has already spoken to the motion may speak a second time for a period not exceeding 5 minutes”.

Question—put and passed.

17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 February 1977, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 5.

Apple and Pear Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 298.

Apple and Pear Export Charge Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 299.

Apple and Pear Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 296.

- Apple and Pear Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 297.
- Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 260 (*in substitution for the paper presented on 7 December 1976*).
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 2.
- Australian Citizenship Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 269.
- Australian National University Act—Statutes—  
No. 114—Convocation Amendment No. 7.  
No. 115—University House Amendment No. 6.  
No. 116—Enrolment, Courses and Degrees Amendment No. 8.  
No. 117—Academic and Ceremonial Dress Amendment No. 5.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statutes—  
No. 32—Staff Superannuation Amendment No. 1.  
No. 33—Fees Amendment No. 1.  
No. 34—Courses and Awards Amendment No. 13.
- Canning-Fruit Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 289.
- Coral Sea Islands Act—Ordinance—1976—No. 1—Application of Laws (Amendment).
- Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 267.
- Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 294.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 261, 262, 291.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 3.
- Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 263, 264.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 265.
- Foreign Proceedings (Prohibition of Certain Evidence) Act—Orders (4).
- Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 290.
- Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 288.
- Lands Acquisition Act—  
Land acquired for—  
Postal purposes—Wyong, N.S.W.  
Telecommunications purposes—  
Bulimba, Qld.  
Sofala, N.S.W.
- Statements (7) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1) of the Act.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—  
1976—No. 268.  
1977—No. 11.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 4.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284.
- Norfolk Island Act—  
Ordinances—1976—  
No. 11—Ordinances Citation.  
No. 13—Public Service (Amendment).

## Regulations—1976—

- No. 1 (Apiaries Ordinance).
- No. 2 (Bean Seeds and Bean Plants Ordinance).
- No. 3 (Brands and Marks Ordinance).
- No. 4 (Health Ordinance).
- No. 5 (Land Sub-division Ordinance).
- No. 6 (Pharmacy Ordinance).
- No. 7 (Plant and Fruit Diseases Ordinance).
- No. 8 (Poisons and Dangerous Substances Ordinance).

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances—

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- No. 62—Public Service.
- No. 63—Public Service (No. 2).
- No. 64—Transfer of Powers.
- No. 65—Transfer of Powers (No. 2).
- No. 66—Interpretation (No. 3).
- No. 67—Medical Practitioners Registration.
- No. 68—Fire Brigades Arbitral Tribunal.

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- No. 1—Crown Lands 1976.
- No. 2—Crown Lands (Validation of Proclamations) 1976.
- No. 3—Mines Safety Control 1976.

Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 10.

Officers' Rights Declaration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 305.

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1976—  
Amendment No. 7.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—  
1976—Nos. 266, 300, 301, 302, 304.  
1977—Nos. 8, 9, 12.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations  
accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1976—

No. 355—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.

No. 403—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and  
others.†

Nos. 406 to 408—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division  
Officers).

No. 409—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth  
Public Service.

No. 410—Australian Journalists Association.†

Nos. 411 and 412—Australian Workers' Union.

Nos. 414 and 415—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.†

No. 417—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 418—Australian Journalists Association.†

Nos. 419 to 421—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division  
Officers).

No. 422—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 423—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and  
others.†

No. 657—Professional Para-Medical Officers Association (Commonwealth  
Public Service) and another.†

No. 666—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 706—Industrial Arbitration Registrars' Association.

No. 707—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

- No. 708—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 709—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.
- Nos. 710 and 711—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 712—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.
- No. 713—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 714—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 715—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 716—Arbitration Inspectors' Association.
- No. 717—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 718—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 719—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.
- No. 720—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 721—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 722—Australian Workers' Union.
- No. 723—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 724—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 725—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.
- No. 726—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.
- No. 727—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 728—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 729—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 730—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 731—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 732—Professional Para-Medical Officers Association (Commonwealth Public Service).
- No. 733—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 734—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 735—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 736—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 737—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 738—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 739—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 740—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association.
- No. 741—Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association.
- No. 742—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 743—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- Nos. 744 to 754—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 755—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 756—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 757—Australian Journalists Association.
- Nos. 758 and 759—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 760—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.
- No. 761—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 762—Australian Government Lawyers Association.
- No. 763—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.

- Nos. 764 and 765—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 766—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 767—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†
- No. 768—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 769—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 770—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 771—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 772—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 773—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 776—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association.
- Nos. 777 and 778—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 779—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 780—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 781—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service and another.
- No. 782—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 783—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 784—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia.†
- No. 785—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 786—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 787—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 788—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 789—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.
- No. 790—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 791—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 792—Vehicle Builders Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 793—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 794—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and others.
- No. 795—Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association.
- No. 796—Federal Firefighters' Union.
- No. 797—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 798—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 799—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 800—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 801—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 802—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 803—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 804—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 805—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 806—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
(† Not accompanied by statement)

Remuneration and Allowances Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 303.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—

Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1976—No. 285.

1977—No. 1.

- Remuneration Tribunal—  
Determinations—  
1976/12—Holders of public offices on the Committee of Inquiry into the C.S.I.R.O. and other bodies.  
1976/13—Holders of offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and others.  
1977/1—Holders of public office on the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal and other bodies.  
Report—1976/4—Judges—Chief Judge of the Federal Court of Australia and others.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances—  
1976—  
No. 64—Unclaimed Moneys (Amendment).  
No. 65—Lakes.  
No. 66—Betting (Totalizator Agency) (Amendment).  
No. 67—Landlord and Tenant (Amendment).  
No. 68—Legal Practitioners (Amendment) (No. 2).  
No. 69—Rates (Amendment).  
No. 70—Land Rent and Rates (Deferment and Remission) (Amendment).  
No. 71—Racecourses (Amendment).  
No. 72—Roads and Public Places (Amendment).  
No. 73—Protection of Lands (Amendment).  
1977—  
No. 1—Rates (Amendment).  
No. 2—Motor Omnibus Services (Amendment).
- Regulations—  
1976—  
No. 32 (Dog Control Ordinance).  
No. 33 (Building and Services Ordinance).  
1977—Nos. 1 and 2 (Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).
- States Grants (Schools) Act—Statements of particulars of directions given by Minister under—  
Sub-section 38 (4) of the Act.  
Sub-sections 38 (4) and 44 (4) of the Act.
- Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos. 286, 287, 292, 293.
- Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1977, No. 6.
- Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—  
By-laws—  
Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 7.  
Telecommunications (Staff)—Amendment No. 10.
- Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—  
1976—Nos. 270, 271, 272, 295.  
1977—No. 7.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr MacKellar, Mr Nicholls and Dr Richardson.

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J. A. PETTIFER,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives