

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1977

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 Bradfield and Mr Garland—from certain citizens praying for the reversal of the decision withdrawing financial assistance from students of non-State tertiary institutions.

Mr Connolly and Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended in relation to program standards.

Mr Haslem and Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying for the negotiation of an excursion air fare for all points in Europe at the level currently charged to Great Britain and certain major European cities.

Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that private nursing homes be subsidised to allow pensioner patients to retain \$6 per week for personal use and that certain other action be taken in connection with pensioner benefits.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that the export of uranium cease until associated safety problems are solved.

Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that in any new Housing Agreement, States' Housing Authorities not be forced to charge market rents or bear market interest rates.

Mr Innes—from certain citizens praying that the mining, selling and export of uranium not be permitted.

Mr L. R. Johnson—from certain citizens praying that public debate on a replacement constitution be encouraged, a directly elected constitutional convention be convened and a referendum be conducted on its resolutions.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens praying that the Council of the Australian National Gallery have the right to purchase major works of art without Cabinet intervention and that the decision to reject the Council's recommendation to purchase *Grand Nu* be revoked.

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

Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that recipients of unemployment benefits be required to be available for a period of community service.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Stranded wire, cables, etc. of copper; insulated electric wire, cable, etc., dated 5 August 1977.

Unemployment benefit policy and administration—Inquiry by Dr D. M. Myers, C.M.G.—

Consultant's recommendations to the inquiry, dated June 1977.
Report, dated July 1977.

Pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 1 February 1976 to 31 January 1977.

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—17th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1976–77.

Social Services Act—Department of Social Security—Report of the Director-General for year 1976–77.

5 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:
Mr Fry (Deputy Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the 64th series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Fry, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIME MINISTER'S POLICIES AND STATEMENTS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Scholes had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Prime Minister's divisive policies and statements".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Scholes addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Scholes moved—That Mr Hayden be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 26

Mr Armitage	Mr Cohen	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr Innes	Mr Scholes	
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Jenkins	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Dr Cass	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr L. R. Johnson

NOES, 69

Mr Abel	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Adermann	Mr Fife	Mr Lynch	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Aldred	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Baume	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Simon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Gillard	Sir William McMahon	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr Millar	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Moore	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Neil	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	
Mr Dobic	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Bouchier
Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Corbett

And so it was negatived.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

- 7 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1977: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1977: Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Fife moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Young), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY AMENDMENT BILL 1977: 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. 63, dated 6 October 1977, 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.
 Mr Fife (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1977–78: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industry, \$85,458,000—debated.
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 11 PINE GAP—JOINT DEFENCE SPACE RESEARCH FACILITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 19 OCTOBER 1977, AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's decision to accede to the request of the United States Government to extend the agreement regarding the Joint Defence Space Research Facility at Pine Gap, N.T., and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
- Pine Gap—Joint Defence Space Research Facility—
 Exchange of Notes, dated 19 October 1977, between Australia and the United States of America, extending the agreement of 9 December 1966 to establish a Joint Defence Space Research Facility.
 Ministerial statement, 19 October 1977.
- Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the statement.
 Debate adjourned (Mr E. G. Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1977-78: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industry, \$85,458,000—further debated. Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 55

Mr Abel	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Peacock
Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Mr Garland	Mr McVeigh	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Carige	Mr Hodges	Mr Newman	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

NOES, 25

Mr Armitage	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Bowen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Morris	Mr Young
Mr Bryant	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes	
Mr Cohen	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart	
Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr Uren	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Wallis	Mr James
Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr A. P. Whitlam	Mr L. R. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed; Mr Jarman reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 13 LEAVE TO PRESENT BILL NOT GRANTED: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) asked leave to present the Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill (No. 3) 1977.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) 1977: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill (No. 3) 1977 being presented forthwith and passed through all stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hodges	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett

NOES, 28

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

15 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1977: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 28

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

NOES, 70

Mr Abel	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Sullivan
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Hamer	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr Newman	
Mr Carige	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

And so it was negated.

Mr Street continued his speech.

Closure of Member moved: Mr L. K. Johnson moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Point of order: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) raised a point of order that under standing order 86 the motion was intended to obstruct the business of the House.

Mr L. K. Johnson addressed himself to the point of order.

The question on the closure of the Member not being proposed, Mr Street continued his speech.

Mr Sinclair moved—That Mr Street be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abel	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Falconer	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Sir William McMahon	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr Martyr	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Moore	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock	Mr Bourchier
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 28

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

19 October 1977—Message No. 89—Loan 1977.

17 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1977-78: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industry, \$85,458,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport, \$285,009,000—debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Drummond reported accordingly.

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

18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) 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 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baillieu, Mr Bungey, Mr Garrick*, Mr Giles, Mr Holten*, Mr Howard, Mr Kelly*, Mr King, Mr MacKenzie, Mr McLean, Dr Richardson and Mr Short.

* On leave

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