

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 163

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 1972

1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: Mr Garland (Minister for Supply), Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Bennett, Mr Lloyd, Mr Keogh, Mr Bonnett, Mr Sherry, Mr Giles, Mr Fulton, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Everingham, Mr Solomon, Mr Davies, Mr Hamer, Mr Jenkins, Mr Foster, Mr Grassby and Mr Griffiths each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to call a halt to the closing of post offices and the reorganisation of the Post Office and initiate a joint parliamentary inquiry into the Postmaster-General's Department.

Petitions severally received.

A similar petition was presented by Mr Hansen, and was received and read.

Mr Griffiths, Mr Armitage, Mr Reid, Mr Reynolds, Mr Garrick, Mr Luchetti and Mr Kennedy each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will immediately enact legislation providing for a base pension rate of 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings and other health and social service changes and initiate a public inquiry into Australia's social welfare structure.

Petitions severally received.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Griffiths regarding pensions and other social services was presented by Mr Webb, and was received and read.

Mr Luchetti presented a petition from certain residents of the western suburbs in the Sydney metropolitan area and surrounding districts praying that this House take appropriate steps to ensure that the Government does not proceed with the proposal to site the second twenty-four hour international airport for Sydney at Richmond or anywhere else in the far western suburbs of the metropolitan area.

Petition received.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Luchetti regarding airport proposals was presented by Mr Armitage, and was received and read.

Mr Kirwan presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House give earnest consideration to the crisis in Aboriginal welfare which exists in the South West Land Division of Western Australia.

Mr Foster also presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House will appoint a nominee of the Craft Council of Australia to the Federal Government committee investigating the role of crafts as an art form.

Petitions severally received.

Mr L. R. Johnson presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.

Petition received and read.

Mr Garrick, Mr Cohen and Mr Scholes each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that an election for the House of Representatives be held as soon as possible.

Petitions severally received.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Garrick regarding an election were presented by Mr Enderby, Mr Foster and Mr Armitage, and were severally received and read. Mr Armitage referred to the petition which he had presented regarding an election, and moved—That the petition be printed.
Question—put and passed.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Special Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on application by the State of Queensland for financial assistance for the year 1971–72 from the Commonwealth under section 96 of the Constitution.

5 **RURAL RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Rural Reconstruction Scheme recently undertaken between the Commonwealth and the States, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Rural Reconstruction Scheme—Ministerial statement, 12 April 1972.

Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

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

11 April 1972—Message No. 284—Honey Industry 1972.

7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—VIETNAM—CALL FOR DEMONSTRATION:**

Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr MacKellar had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The urgent need for the Government, as a matter of public importance, to consider the grave implications of a public call for a mass return to the streets on April 21st, supporting the aggression by Regular North Vietnamese Armed Forces within South Vietnam and calling for an end to the Australian–U.S. alliance”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr MacKellar addressed the House.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) or a Member deputed by him speaking for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Discussion ensued.

Paper: Mr MacKellar, by leave, presented the following paper:

Geneva Conference—Indo-China: Agreement on the cessation of hostilities in Vietnam, dated 20 July 1954.

Discussion continued.

Mr Giles moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

8 **DAIRYING RESEARCH BILL 1972:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Dairying Research Trust Account, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 **DAIRYING RESEARCH LEVY BILL 1972:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Levy on certain Whole Milk, and certain Butter Fat, produced in Australia and sold by the Producer.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 DAIRYING RESEARCH LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Collection of Levy under the *Dairying Research Levy Act 1972*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 DAIRY PRODUCE SALES PROMOTION BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Research and Sales Promotion Act 1958–1965*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 BUTTER FAT LEVY BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Butter Fat Levy Act 1965–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 QUEENSLAND GRANT BILL 1972: Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Queensland.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 DEFENCE—FUTURE PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPERS NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 28 March 1972*), viz.:

Defence—Future programme—Ministerial statement, 28 March 1972.

Australian Defence Review—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 TARIFF—PROGRESSIVE REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the progressive review of the tariff, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Tariff—Progressive review—Ministerial statement, 12 April 1972.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), 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:

12 April 1972—Message No. 285—Income Tax (Reduction of Additional Tax) 1972.

- 17 STATES GRANTS BILL 1972: 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.

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

18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50

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| Mr Anthony | Mr G. D. Erwin | Mr Katter | Mr Reid |
| Mr Barnes | Mr Fairbairn | Mr Kelly | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Forbes | Mr Killen | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr N. H. Bowen | Mr J. M. Fraser | Mr King | Mr Snedden |
| Mr Brown | Mr Garland | Mr Lloyd | Mr Solomon |
| Mr K. M. K. Cairns | Mr Giles | Mr Lucock | Mr Staley |
| Mr Calder | Mr Gorton | Mr Lynch | Mr Street |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Hallett | Mr Mackay | Mr Swartz |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Hamer | Mr MacKellar | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Corbett | Mr Holten | Mr McLeay | |
| Mr Dobie | Mr Howson | Mr O'Keefe | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Drury | Mr Hunt | Mr Peacock | Mr Fox |
| Mr England | Mr Jarman | Mr Pettitt | Sir W. Turnbull |

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| Mr Armitage | Mr Cross | Mr Jacobi | Mr Nicholls |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Daly | Mr Jenkins | Mr Patterson |
| Mr Bennett | Mr Enderby | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Reynolds |
| Mr Berinson | Mr Everingham | Mr L. R. Johnson | Mr Scholes |
| Mr L. F. Bowen | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Jones | Mr Sherry |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Foster | Mr Keating | Mr Stewart |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Fulton | Mr Kennedy | Mr Uren |
| Mr Cass | Mr Grassby | Mr Kirwan | Mr Wallis |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Gun | Mr Klugman | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Collard | Mr Hansen | Mr Martin | Mr Cope |
| Mr Crean | Mr Hurford | Mr Morrison | Mr James |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr Bury*, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Jess and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave

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