

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 164

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 1972

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

2 PETITIONS: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Jacobi, Mr Everingham, Mr Nicholls and Mr Webb 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. Mr Calwell, Mr Street, Mr Klugman, Mr Cass and Mr Jenkins 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.

Mr L. F. Bowen presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Kingsford-Smith praying that (1) the curfew between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be rigidly enforced, (2) the use of Electra aircraft and/or jet aircraft be prohibited within the curfew hours, (3) concessional airport charges be granted to encourage aircraft operators to use their aircraft during normal business hours and (4) a social survey be taken of the area surrounding the Airport to indicate the magnitude of unrest and disturbance attributable to aircraft noise.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Cass 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.

Petition received and read.

Mr Klugman, Mr Armitage and Mr Luchetti each 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.

Petitions severally received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport) would act as Minister for Trade and Industry.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 NON-PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Daly, by leave, made a statement relating to an answer given earlier this day by Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) to a question without notice concerning the non-payment of unemployment benefits in certain circumstances associated with strikes.

Mr Kennedy asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Scholes asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
12 April 1972—Message No. 286—Commonwealth Teaching Service 1972.
- 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 fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.  
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 8 RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Garland (Minister for Supply), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Atomic Weapons Tests Safety Committee—Report, dated December 1971, on fallout over Australia from nuclear weapons tested by France in Polynesia from June to August 1971.  
Mr Garland, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report and associated matters, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Radioactive fallout—Ministerial statement, 13 April 1972.  
Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 TARIFF—PROGRESSIVE REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 12 April 1972*), viz.:  
Tariff—Progressive review—Ministerial statement, 12 April 1972—  
Debate resumed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Kelly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 10 TAXATION AGREEMENT WITH ITALY ON AIRLINE PROFITS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to an Agreement with Italy for the avoidance of double taxation of profits from international airline operations.
- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED PROVISION FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1971-72—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1971-72: Message No. 205, dated 13 April 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.  
Mr Snedden (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1971-72*, for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED PROVISION FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE, 1971-72—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 5) 1971-72: Message No. 206, dated 13 April 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for certain additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Snedden (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1971-72* and the *Appropriation Act (No. 3) 1971-72*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

14 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—NEW HOSPITAL AT CASUARINA, DARWIN: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of a new hospital at Casuarina, Darwin.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

15 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 6 (1972): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 6 (1972).

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

16 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Isooctyl alcohol.

Ordered to be printed.

17 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave—That the following Tariff Proposals, constituting part of order of the day No. 83, government business, be discharged—

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 18 to 24 (1971); and

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (1972).

Question—put and passed.

18 TARIFF—PROGRESSIVE REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 12 April 1972*), viz.:

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

Debate resumed.

Mr Luchetti rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 55

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Reid
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Sir W. Turnbull

## NOES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Nicholls
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	Mr Duthie
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	Mr James
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- 19 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 207, dated 10 March 1972, 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 Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 20 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) BILL (NO. 2) 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 208, dated 10 March 1972, 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 Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (NO. 3) 1972: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Continuation of the Payment of Pensions and other Benefits to certain Persons after they cease to be Resident in Australia.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

22 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 20 MARCH 1972—PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF STANDING ORDERS AND CHANGES IN PRACTICE: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Standing Orders Committee brought up on 21 March 1972—

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—

(a) That recommendations Nos. 1 to 10 contained in the report of the Standing Orders Committee dated 20 March 1972 be agreed to.

(b) That other decisions of the Committee Nos. 1 to 5 be endorsed.

(c) That the amendments of the standing orders and changes of practice adopted by this resolution be effective from and including the next sitting.

Ordered—That the motion be divided in order that separate questions may be put on the recommendations in paragraph (a), viz.:

Nos. 1 to 6 together—(Assistant Ministers)

No. 7—(Suspension of standing orders)

No. 8—(Petitions)

No. 9—(Publications Committee)

No. 10—(Members—Use of academic or other titles, etc.);

Paragraph (b) separately; and

Paragraph (c) separately.

Question proposed—That recommendations Nos. 1 to 6 in paragraph (a) be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr Scholes moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the question: “subject to recommendation No. 1 being amended by omitting paragraph (c)”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

AYES, 32

Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Garrick	Mr Morrison	
Mr Connor	Mr Grassby	Mr Patterson	
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Scholes	Mr Duthie
Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry	Mr James

NOES, 61

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Jacobi	Mr Peacock
Mr Armitage	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnard	Mr England	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr Everingham	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr Berinson	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Bryant	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	Mr Whitlam
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr O'Keefe	Sir W. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That recommendations Nos. 1 to 6 in paragraph (a) be agreed to—put.  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 53

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Everingham	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	Mr Staley
Mr Bryant	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whitlam
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Hurford	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turnbull

## NOES, 35

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Collard	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr Connor	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That further consideration of the motion be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 April 1972, pursuant to statute:

Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1972—

No. 25—National Parks (Amendment) 1971.

No. 26—Housing Commission (Approved Applicants) 1971.

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

\* On leave

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