

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 172

THURSDAY, 11 MAY 1972

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- 1 The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), Mr Calwell, Mr Armitage, Mr Bonnett, Mr Calder, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr Fox, Mr Grassby, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jarman, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Keating, Mr Kelly, Mr Keogh, Mr Maisey and Mr Robinson—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 Swartz (Minister for National Development), Mr Bonnett, Mr Duthie, Mr Giles, Mr Jacobi and Mr O'Keefe—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 Luchetti—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.
 - Mr Keating—from certain employees of the aircraft industry of Australia and citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the policy statement by Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Defence) referring to aircraft production be rescinded and immediate contracts be placed with the Australian aircraft industry to design and construct aircraft to meet immediate and future needs of the armed services to provide effective defence for the nation.Petitions received.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Tariff Board—Report—Non cheddar cheese (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
 - 5 **TRESPASS ON COMMONWEALTH LANDS ORDINANCE OF THE A.C.T.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to a proposed Ordinance to amend the law regarding trespass on Commonwealth lands in Canberra.

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

10 May 1972—Message—

No. 292—States Grants 1972.

No. 293—States Grants (Capital Assistance) (No. 2) 1972.

7 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1972: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*—1966 to give the right to vote at eighteen years of age.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1 be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 55

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

NOES, 63

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

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Foster was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 R.A.A.F. NO. 2 STORES DEPOT, REGENTS PARK, N.S.W.—APPROVAL OF WORK: 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Re-development of No. 2 Stores Depot, R.A.A.F., Regents Park, N.S.W.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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 L. K. Johnson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 10 SCHOOLS—LONG-TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to long-term measures for direct assistance to both Government and independent schools, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Schools—Long-term financial assistance—Ministerial statement, 11 May 1972.

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

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

- 11 ROAD SAFETY—SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Members as members of the Select Committee on Road Safety:

Mr Calder, Mr Fox, Mr Hamer and Mr Solomon had been appointed by the Prime Minister, and Mr Cohen, Mr Everingham and Mr Jones by the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Fox had been appointed by the Prime Minister to be Chairman of the committee. Mr Jones and Mr Fox, by leave, made statements with reference to the appointment of the Chairman.

- 12 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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.

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

AYES, 58

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

NOES, 52

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Messages from the Governor-General: The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 221, dated 27 April 1972, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill, and

No. 222, dated 11 May 1972, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purpose of amendments to be moved to the Bill by a Minister.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Statement by Member: Mr C. R. Cameron, by leave, made a statement relating to the form in which the Bill was drafted.

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 6 and 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 8 to 11, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 12 debated.

Mr Daly moved—That the Deputy Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 48

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

NOES, 53

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Reid	Sir W. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 49

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Reid	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	Sir W. Turnbull

NOES, 45

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 13 debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

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

11 May 1972—Message—

No. 294—Excise Tariff 1972 (*without requests*).

No. 295—Excise 1972.

No. 296—Distillation 1972.

No. 297—Spirits 1972.

No. 298—Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 1) 1972 (*without requests*).

No. 299—Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 2) 1972 (*without requests*).

No. 300—Papua New Guinea Loan (Asian Development Bank) 1972.

No. 301—Navigation 1972.

14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 May 1972, pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Regulations—1972—No. 3 (Companies Ordinance).

Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 21 April 1972.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir William Aston and Mr O'Keefe.

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