

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 185

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST 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: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration), Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), Mr Brown, Mr Bury, Mr Crean, Mr Drury, Mr England, Mr Foster, Mr Grassby, Mr Hamer, Mr Jenkins, Mr Jones, Mr Luchetti, Mr Pettitt, Mr Reid and Mr Stewart—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that Australia's official development assistance in 1972-73 be increased to at least \$240 million, and that Australia's aid and trade policies be reviewed to benefit developing countries.

Mr Bonnett and Mr Fulton—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to have the Commonwealth Public Service Board alter its policy on the review of district allowances payable to officers stationed in remote localities and carry out reviews every two years.

Mr Brown and Mr Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to ensure that State education is given a higher priority in the allocation of Federal funds and that emergency action be taken to solve the present acute shortage of teachers in the secondary teaching service.

Mr Foster and Mr Jenkins—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 Bennett—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to grant taxation concessions to mothers who are forced to pay fees to have their children retained in day care and family care centres.

Mr Reynolds—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House provide the finance to enable State Education Departments and local government authorities to establish pre-school and after-school centres and facilities for training the staff for these centres.

Mr Bonnett—from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the House direct the Department of Civil Aviation to investigate other and less vulnerable sites than Many Peaks Range for its proposed unmanned radar stations near Townsville.

Mr Enderby—from certain employees in Parliament House, Canberra, praying that an early decision will be taken by the Government to build the new and permanent Parliament House which will, in the long run, be a more economical way to house the Parliament and which will at the same time be an impressive and proud symbol of Australia's progress and national unity.

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 Lucock—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that this House will immediately make a substantial Federal emergency grant to all State Governments for education services and carry out a public national survey to determine needs of the States after 1975.

Mr Morrison—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the curfew at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be rigidly enforced, noise limits be placed on aircraft operating there, the operating rights of companies persistently violating the limits be withdrawn and the site of a second airport for Sydney be selected without further delay.

Mr Bennett—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the Government give urgent consideration to the return of land, compulsorily acquired from the Shire of Belmont for defence purposes, so that proper planning and development of the Shire can continue.

Petitions received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr C. R. Cameron asked leave to make a statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 5 PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Part of a transcript of a television interview given by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) on 22 August 1972.
- 6 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr C. R. Cameron, by leave, made a statement with reference to recent developments in industrial relations, and the matter of the immunity of unions from actions for tort.
Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
22 August 1972—Message No. 247—Industrial Research and Development Grants 1972.
- 8 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 11 of the *Apple and Pear Stabilization Act 1971*.
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 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until after notice No. 4, government business.
- 10 LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1972: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), for Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a sum not exceeding Six million five hundred thousand dollars for a Defence Purpose, namely, Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement.

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 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY BILL 1972: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act 1966–1969*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Chipp 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 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1972: Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Homes Savings Grant Act 1964–1971*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent government business taking precedence of general business on each sitting day until the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1972–7? has passed all stages in the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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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 Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	Sir W. Turnbull

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 14 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS CENTRE, PUCKAPUNYAL, VIC.—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* 1969–1972, 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: Construction of a Royal Australian Army Service Corps centre at Puckapunyal, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1972–73—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House condemns the Budget because it fails to define adequate economic and social goals for Australia; and in particular because it provides no programme for restoring full employment, no means of checking the costs and prices of goods and land, no framework for improving the standards of education, health, welfare and public transport and no national plan for our capital cities and regional centres”*—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Barnes), 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:

23 August 1972—Message No. 347—Victoria Grant (Millewa Pipelines) 1972.

- 17 ADJOURNMENT: Sir Reginald Swartz (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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 and passed.

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

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 August 1972, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 135.

Honey Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 136.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 137.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Stirling North, South Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Kirwan, Mr Street and Mr Whittorn.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives