

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 193

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 1972

1 The House met, at eleven o'clock a.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.:

Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy), Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Giles, Mr Hurford, Mr Jenkins and Mr Reid—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 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 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 Luchetti—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 Staley—from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House urge the Government to take certain action to ensure the survival of kangaroos and implement the recommendations made by the House of Representatives Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation in its interim report on kangaroos.

Mr Crean—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will shun any attempt to restrict the already limited independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Snedden (Treasurer), he was acting as Treasurer.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1971-72.

The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Dairy Produce Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1971-72.

Australian Meat Research Committee—Interim Annual Report, for year 1971-72.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for year 1971–72.

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Twenty-third Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

Mr Grassby, by leave, presented the following papers:

Letter, from Mr A. J. Grassby, M.P. to the Editor of the Victorian *Fabian Newsletter*, concerning Australia's development.

Letter, dated 17 September 1972, from Mr L. J. Keith, President of the Victorian Fabian Society, to Mr A. J. Grassby, M.P. concerning discrepancies between a letter from Mr Grassby and the form in which it was published in the *Fabian Newsletter* of November/December 1970.

- 6 UNITED KINGDOM-AUSTRALIA TRADE AGREEMENT—TARIFF ACTION ON TERMINATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to certain tariff action that will be taken by Australia following the expected termination of the United Kingdom-Australia Trade Agreement, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

United Kingdom-Australia Trade Agreement—Tariff action on termination—Text of exchange of Notes.

Ministerial statement, 19 September 1972.

Mr Chipp (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.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed development of a jungle training centre at Canungra, Qld. (Twenty-second report of 1972).

Report relating to the proposed development of R.A.A.F. Base at Townsville, Qld. (Twenty-third report of 1972).

Report relating to the proposed development of R.A.A.F. Base at Amberley, Qld. (Twenty-fourth report of 1972).

Mr Kelly moved—That the reports be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 STATES GRANTS 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—Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 254, dated 16 August 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.

On the motion of Mr Garland (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) BILL (NO. 3) 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. 255, dated 17 August 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.

- 10 LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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 by Mr Patterson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House is of opinion that a select committee of the House should be appointed to inquire into all aspects of War Service Land Settlement in Australia in order to formulate guidelines for any future land settlement scheme with particular reference to the level of rentals demanded from settlers, the method of valuations and the option of purchase price of properties”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Drury), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving that the House is of opinion that the Government should develop intelligence and police organizations with expert knowledge of the activities of overseas terrorist movements and with resources to prevent the extension of those activities to Australia.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, presented the following paper:

POSLOVNIK—Hrvatskog Oslobodilackog Pokreta, stated to be a handbook of the Croatian liberation movement.

Debate continued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 50

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

NOES, 55

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

And so it was negatived.

- 12 URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to urban and regional development with particular reference to the role of the Commonwealth Government, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Urban and regional development—Ministerial statement, 19 September 1972.

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

Debate ensued.

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

- 13 LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Patterson, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House is of opinion that a select committee of the House should be appointed to inquire into all aspects of War Service Land Settlement in Australia in order to formulate guidelines for any future land settlement scheme with particular reference to the level of rentals demanded from settlers, the method of valuations and the option of purchase price of properties”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 49

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Sir R. Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turnbull

NOES, 44

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 256, dated 23 August 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Davies 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 Corbett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Luccock	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Sir R. Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turnbull

NOES, 42

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 14 **SOFTWOOD FORESTRY AGREEMENTS BILL 1972—SENATE'S AMENDMENT:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

At end of clause 3 add “, subject to the amendment of the agreement by the omission of clause 9 of the Schedule and the insertion in place thereof of the following clauses:—

‘9. The State shall ensure that planting during each year is carried out efficiently and in conformity with sound forestry, environmental and financial practices.

‘9A. The State shall ensure that natural forests shall not be cleared for planting softwoods unless the particular proposed clearing has beforehand been the subject of an environmental impact study made by an independent expert on behalf of the Australian Forestry Council and that the Council after considering the report of the said study has approved the particular clearing.’”

Sir Reginald Swartz (Minister for National Development) moved—That the Senate's amendment be disagreed to, but that, in place thereof, the following amendment be made:

The Schedule, page 5, at the end of clause 9, add “and shall ensure that environmental factors relating to the planting have been considered”.

Debate ensued.

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.

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

19 September 1972—Message No. 352—Aged Persons Hostels 1972.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 September 1972, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for post office purposes—

Berri, South Australia.

Port Pirie, South Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Birrell*, Mr Buchanan, Mr FitzPatrick*, Mr A. D. Fraser*, Mr Garrick, Mr Hallett, Mr Jess, Mr Katter, Mr Snedden and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave

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