

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 202

TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 1972

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- 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.:
    - Mr Griffiths, Mr Gun and Mr Jones—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.
    - Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General) and Mr Keogh—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the contract let to an American controlled company for the advertising rights for the Victorian Pink Pages Telephone Directories be revoked in the national interest.
    - Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing)—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that immediate action be taken to grant war service homes rights to all wartime ex-servicewomen, whether married or single and without restriction as to dependants.
    - Mr C. R. Carneron—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will take immediate steps to have the Commonwealth Public Service Board take certain action regarding an increase in wage rates and the promotion structure of the Manipulative Group in the Public Service.
    - Mr Enderby—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the strip of land on the whole western side of Melrose Drive, Canberra, be reserved for development as parkland.
    - Mr Foster—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 Foster—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will move to make available to the Tasmanian Government a special grant for the express purpose of preserving Lake Pedder in its natural state.
    - Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts)—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 other action be taken in relation to aid concerning trade policies, employment and tax concessions.
    - Mr Robinson—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 Jones—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will (1) take immediate steps to make emergency finance available to the States for State school education and (2) divert the large sums of public money being spent on private schools to the government school system for which the Government is truly responsible.

Mr Klugman—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, presented the following paper:

Letter, dated 16 October 1972, from Mr Alexander Barton, to Senator the Honourable R. C. Wright, Minister for Works, relating to costs to the Jetair group of DC3 aircraft.

Questions without notice continued.

4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to the answer given by the Minister for Education and Science to question No. 5783 (*Hansard*, Page 1112 of 31 August).

Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

5 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1972.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1971.

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971–72.

6 ROAD ACCIDENT SITUATION IN AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL REVIEW—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Road accident situation in Australia—National review—Report to the Minister for Shipping and Transport by the Expert Group on Road Safety, dated September 1972.—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

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

Debate ensued.

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

7 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL (No. 2) 1972: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

8 STATES GRANTS (FRUIT-GROWING RECONSTRUCTION) 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 declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of opinion that The Schedule should make provision for (a) applications to be accepted up to 30 June 1974, and (b) assistance to be paid for trees removed up to 31 October 1974”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided. (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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

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

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. 267, dated 20 September 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr Foster rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Hallett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION 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—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 268, dated 23 August 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: Clause 3, page 2, paragraph (b), after proposed sub-section (2A.) add the following sub-section:

“(2B.) The rate of a stabilization payment provided for in the preceding sub-section, especially the figure of 4,900,000, will be reviewed each year prior to the establishment of the support price for that season.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY 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.

Mr Grassby was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 11 JETAIR AUSTRALIA LIMITED—INSPECTION OF PAPERS HELD BY AUDITOR-GENERAL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the inspection of certain papers held by the Auditor-General concerning dealings with Jetair Australia Limited.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 12 JETAIR AUSTRALIA LIMITED—DC3 AND VISCOUNT AIRCRAFT—DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION DOCUMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS AND PAPERS—PAPERS NOTED: Sir Reginald Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Department of Civil Aviation documents concerning the purchase by the Department of Foreign Affairs of Jetair DC3 aircraft, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Jetair Australia Limited—DC3 aircraft—

Department of Civil Aviation documents relating to the purchase of DC3 aircraft from Jetair.

Department of Civil Aviation documents—Ministerial statement, 17 October 1972.

Sir Reginald Swartz, by leave, also made a ministerial statement relating to Department of Civil Aviation documents concerning the ownership, licensing and export of the Viscount aircraft acquired by Jetair, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Jetair Australia Limited—Viscount aircraft—

Department of Civil Aviation documents relating to the ownership and export of Viscount aircraft acquired by Jetair.

Department of Civil Aviation documents—Ministerial statement, 17 October 1972.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY 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. 269, dated 23 August 1972, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Cope reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 METAL WORKING MACHINE TOOLS BOUNTY 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. 270, dated 4 October 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 15 EXCISE TARIFF 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1972: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 3 of the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act 1957–1968*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 18 REPATRIATION (TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS) BILL 1972: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act making Provision for Repatriation purposes with respect to certain Torres Strait Islanders, and certain Aboriginal Natives of Australia, who served in the Defence Force during the War and with respect to Residents of the Torres Strait Islands.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

- 19 DELIVERED MEALS SUBSIDY BILL 1972: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Delivered Meals Subsidy Act* 1970.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Wentworth 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.

- 20 STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) 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 Cross), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 21 STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Foster, by leave, made a statement relating to the employment of persons by the Australian Broadcasting Commission on the television programme "This Day Tonight" and the control of current affairs programmes.

Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 22 STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) 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. 271, dated 30 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

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

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 October 1972, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariff—Order—Concentrates—No. 2 (1972).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—

Adaminaby, New South Wales.

Hobart, Tasmania.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance (No. 5) 1972 (Ordinance—1972—No. 57), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of the Ordinance and assenting to the remainder.

Ordinance—1972—No. 58—Crown Lands (No. 3).

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Civil Aviation—R. E. Barnard, C. Steven.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1972—

No. 31—Fireworks.

No. 32—Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services.

No. 33—Agents.

Regulations—1972—No. 9 (Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell, Mr Daly, Mr Drury, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Garrick, Mr Graham, Mr Hughes, Mr James, Mr Turner and Mr Whittorn.

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