

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

THURSDAY, 12 APRIL 1973

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- 1 The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Beazley (Minister for Education)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House should not admit into the law of this land a principle which violates the fundamental right to life.
 - Mr Jarman—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House should maintain the existing laws covering abortion.
 Petitions received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:
 - 11 April 1973—Message No. 23—Excise Tariff 1973.
 - 5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 1 May at two o'clock p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - 6 PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act* 1948–1968, Mr Luchetti be appointed a trustee to serve on the Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - 7 INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—ROME CONFERENCE, 1972—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—PAPER NOTED: Mr Birrell, by leave, presented the following paper:
 - Inter-Parliamentary Union—Sixtieth Conference, Rome, September 1972—Report of the Australian Delegation—
 - and moved, by leave—That the House take note of the paper.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - 8 MEANS TEST: Mr Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice—That, in the opinion of this House, if the means test on social services is not abolished for all persons aged 65 and over by the time of the next Budget, then—
 - (1) a further substantial relaxation should be provided in the next Budget,
 - (2) the Government should announce its scheduled programme for total abolition with the least possible delay and
 - (3) total abolition of this means test should not be made conditional upon or involved with the implementation of other social service proposals of the Government.
 Debate ensued.
 - Closure:* Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the question be now put.
 - Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 61

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Beazley	Mr Doyle	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Fulton	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Dr Cairns	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Coates	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	
Mr Cohen	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr James	Mr Mulder	Mr Hansen
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 49

Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Cooke	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hallett	Mr McVeigh	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Hewson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negated.

- 9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Fox moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the immediate reopening of debate on notice No. 1, general business, on today's Notice Paper.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

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Mr Barnard	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
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And so it was negatived.

- 10 GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Wentworth moving a motion, pursuant to notice, and the time allotted for precedence to general business having expired—

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) asked leave to move a motion to enable general business to continue.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of standing orders—General business notice: Mr Lucock moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of notice No. 2, general business, being continued.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Mr Wentworth concluded his speech.

The motion moved by Mr Wentworth not being seconded it thereupon lapsed.

- 11 SMALL BUSINESS—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED: Dr Cairns (Minister for Secondary Industry), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Small business—Report of Committee, dated June 1971.

Dr Cairns, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Small business—Report of Committee—Ministerial statement, 12 April 1973.

Mr Crean (Treasurer) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Distinguished visitors: Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the Parliament of Indonesia, led by the Honourable Mohammad Isnaeni, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM—MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF TWENTY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Crean (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to his participation, as a member of the Committee of Twenty, in discussions in Washington on reform of the international monetary system, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

International monetary system—Meeting of Committee of Twenty, Washington, March 1973—

Communiqué, dated 28 March 1973.

Ministerial statement, 12 April 1973.

International monetary system reform—Glossary of Terms prepared by Commonwealth Treasury, dated 11 April 1973.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement with reference to the papers.

Mr Crean moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 13 PETROLEUM SEARCH POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's policy on petroleum search and resources, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Petroleum search policy—Ministerial statement, 12 April 1973—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Fairbairn be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr Jacobi be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Daly—Minister for Services and Property), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

- 15 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1973: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1972*.

Bill read a first time.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Cameron, when moving the second reading of the Bill, speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

- 16 INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION BILL 1973: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Cameron moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Housing Loans Insurance Act—Declaration of approved class of lenders—Instrument dated 3 February 1973.
 Mr Johnson, by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the paper, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Housing loans insurance—Ministerial statement, 12 April 1973—
 and moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING BILL 1973: Message No. 24, dated 11 April 1973, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946–1960’.*”
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Morrison (Minister representing the Minister for the Media) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Peacock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 ASIAN RESIDENTS OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Morrison (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the progressive resettlement of Asian residents of Christmas Island.
 Mr Peacock, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 20 ROAD SAFETY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government’s policy on road safety.
 Mr Fox and Mr Cohen, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
- 21 ROAD SAFETY—SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport) moved, pursuant to notice—
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
 - (a) the main causes of the present high level of the road toll in Australia;
 - (b) the most effective means of achieving greater road safety in Australia;
 - (c) the particular aspects of the problem to which those concerned with road safety could most advantageously direct their efforts, and
 - (d) the economic cost to the community of road accidents in Australia in terms of—
 - (i) material damage;
 - (ii) loss of man hours and earning capacity, and
 - (iii) cost of treatment of accident victims.
 - (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
 - (3) That the committee consist of seven Members, four to be nominated by the Prime Minister, two to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and one to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party.
 - (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.

- (5) That the Prime Minister nominate one of the government members of the committee as Chairman.
- (6) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three of its members, and refer to any such sub-committee any matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That three members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (9) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess or adjournment.
- (10) That the committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (11) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of the Select Committee on Road Safety appointed during the Twenty-seventh Parliament.
- (12) That recourse to technical and/or expert advice by the committee shall be subject to approval of the Speaker.
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

22 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), having amended, by leave, notice No. 4, government business, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
 - (a) environmental aspects of legislative and administrative measures which ought to be taken in order to ensure the wise and effective management of the Australian environment and of Australia's natural resources and
 - (b) such other matters relating to the environment and conservation and the management of Australia's natural resources as are referred to it by—
 - (i) the Minister for the Environment and Conservation, or
 - (ii) resolution of either House of the Parliament.
- (2) That the committee recognise the responsibility of the States in these matters and seek their co-operation in all relevant aspects.
- (3) That the committee consist of four members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, two members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, one member of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in the House of Representatives, two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (6) That the Prime Minister nominate one of the government members of the committee as Chairman.

- (7) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (9) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament.
- (10) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (11) That the committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all members of the committee have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.
- (12) That five members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, and a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (13) That in matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (14) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (15) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (16) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PRICES—JOINT COMMITTEE: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 30

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate having considered Message No. 22 of the House of Representatives has agreed to the following Resolutions in connection therewith, viz.:

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 22 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee to examine and report on Certain Matters Relating to Prices, subject to the following modifications—
 - (a) paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (a), after the words “private industry” add “and by the public sector”,
 - (b) paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (b), after the words “private industry” add “and the public sector”,
 - (c) paragraph (2), at end of paragraph add “and one Senator nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in the Senate”.
- (2) That the provisions of that Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the Senate’s modifications of the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by the House.

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 12 April 1973

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Crean (Treasurer), the modifications were agreed to, after debate.

- 24 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT: Mr McKenzie (Chairman) brought up the Second Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

SECOND REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Department of Supply—

Aeronautical Research Laboratories—Annual Report for year 1971–72.

Central Studies Establishment—Annual Report for year 1971–72.

Defence Standards Laboratories—Annual Report for year 1971–72.

Weapons Research Establishment—Annual Report for year 1971–72.

Foreign Affairs—Joint Committee—Interim Report on Australia's Relations with Indonesia.

Inter-Parliamentary Union—Report of the Australian Delegation to the Sixtieth Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Rome, 21 to 29 September 1972.

River Murray Waters Act—Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the River Murray Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1971–72.

Superannuation Pension Updating—Report of Inquiry by Professor A. H. Pollard into other methods of adjusting Commonwealth Superannuation and Defence Forces Retirement Benefit Fund pensions after retirement, dated March 1973.

Tariff Board Report—Duplicator Stencils (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

United Nations—General Assembly—Twenty-seventh Session, New York, 19 September to 19 December 1972—Report of the Australian Delegation.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1971–72.

DAVID MCKENZIE,
Chairman

12 April 1973

Mr McKenzie moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

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

12 April 1973—Message—

No. 25—Public Service 1973.

No. 26—States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) 1973.

No. 27—Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1973 (*without requests*).

No. 28—Excise 1973.

No. 29—Papua New Guinea Loan (Asian Development Bank) 1973.

- 26 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (NO. 2) 1973: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Proposed new clause—

Consideration resumed of new clause 16 moved by Mr Wentworth (*see* page 116).

Proposed new clause negatived.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27 REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1973: 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 Barnard (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

28 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

29 STATEMENT BY MINISTER: Mr Daly (Leader of the House), by leave, made a statement relating to Members' transport arrangements.

30 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BILL 1973: 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 Bury), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

31 ADJOURNMENT: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 1 May, at two o'clock p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 April 1973, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 74.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 75.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 77.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 73.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1973—No. 11—Workmen's Compensation.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 78.

Therapeutic Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 76.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bonnett, Mr Enderby, Dr Everingham, Mr Fraser, Mr Holten, Mr Kelly, Mr Killen, Mr Nixon, Mr Reynolds* and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave

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