

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 42

WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 1973

1 The House met, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: The Acting Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), Mr Bourchier, Mr Morris and Mr Whittorn—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House move to make available to the Tasmanian Government a special grant for the purpose of securing Lake Pedder in its natural state.

Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Whittorn—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the basic principles of the existing national health scheme.

Mr Bennett—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Postmaster-General's Department move to make available full postal facilities within "Brownlie Towers", Bentley, Western Australia.

Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—from certain electors of the Division of Flinders praying that the House acknowledge the right of every Australian child to equal grants of Government money spent on education.

Mr Mulder—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House see that television is used to build into the nation integrity, teamwork and a sense of purpose of serving, and to bring faith in God to the heart of the family and national life.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Tariff Board—Report—Metallised Planar Forms of Vinyl Chloride—By-law.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Forty-ninth Annual Report, for year 1972-73.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1972-73.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1972-73.

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

11 September 1973—Message—

No. 105—Royal Style and Titles 1973.

No. 106—Commonwealth Teaching Service 1973.

- 6 STATES GRANTS (HOME CARE) BILL 1973: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Home Care) Act 1969*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hayden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Chipp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOANS GUARANTEE BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Giving of Guarantees by Australia with respect to Loans to be raised Overseas by Papua New Guinea, and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean 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.
- 8 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1973: Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902–1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 9 POST AND TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS BILL 1973: Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain Regulations under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 10 POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL 1973: Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 11 PALMERSTON ARTERIAL ROAD, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr L. R. Johnson (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 Palmerston arterial road at Darwin.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1973–74—BUDGET DEBATE: The order of the day having been read 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 Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House expresses disapproval of the Budget because it is economically irresponsible in that:
(1) with inflationary pressures intense it fails to adopt any policy to bring inflation under control;
(2) with resources already under strain it applies wrong economic principles by overloading resources further by expansionary public sector spending;

- (3) it permits the tax burden to accelerate to an unprecedented level;
- (4) it is a further step in the attack on the Federal system of government by Labor which aims to centralise all decisions in Canberra;
- (5) it jeopardises the future growth of living standards and economic development of the nation;
- (6) it unfairly discriminates against the rural community and discourages decentralisation;
- (7) it does not provide a framework of social equity, and
- (8) it fails to honour election promises”—

Debate resumed.

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

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BILL 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 104

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Citizenship Act 1948–1969’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate insists upon its Amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives and has disagreed to the Amendment made by the House of Representatives in place thereof, and has agreed to the Amendment made by the House of Representatives to Clause 5.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect of the Senate’s Amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11 September 1973

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration) moved—That the House of Representatives does not insist on its amendment made in place of the amendment of the Senate to clause 19 of the Bill and agrees to the original amendment made by the Senate to that clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr Grassby, the House adopted the report.

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- (4) it is a further step in the attack on the Federal system of government by Labor which aims to centralise all decisions in Canberra;
- (5) it jeopardises the future growth of living standards and economic development of the nation;

- (6) it unfairly discriminates against the rural community and discourages decentralisation;
 (7) it does not provide a framework of social equity, and
 (8) it fails to honour election promises”—

Debate resumed.

Mr McVeigh rising to address the House—

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, 58 | | | |
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| Mr Armitage | Mr Crean | Mr James | Mr Oldmeadow |
| Mr Ashley-Brown | Mr Cross | Dr Jenkins | Mr Olley |
| Mr Barnard | Mr Doyle | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Reynolds |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Duthie | Mr L. R. Johnson | Mr Riordan |
| Mr Bennett | Mr Enderby | Mr Jones | Mr Scholes |
| Mr Berinson | Dr Everingham | Mr Keating | Mr Stewart |
| Mr Birrell | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Keogh | Mr Thorburn |
| Mr L. F. Bowen | Mr Fulton | Mr Kerin | Mr Uren |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Garrick | Mr Lamb | Mr Wallis |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Grassby | Mr McKenzie | Mr Whan |
| Dr Cass | Dr Gun | Mr Martin | Mr Willis |
| Mr Coates | Mr Hayden | Mr Mathews | |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Hurford | Mr Morris | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Collard | Mr Innes | Mr Morrison | Mr Hansen |
| Mr Connor | Mr Jacobi | Mr Mulder | Mr Nicholls |
| NOES, 46 | | | |
| Mr Adermann | Mr Drury | Mr Jarman | Mr Nixon |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Edwards | Mr Katter | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Erwin | Mr Kelly | Mr I. L. Robinson |
| Mr Bourchier | Mr Fairbairn | Mr Killen | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bury | Mr Fisher | Mr King | Mr Street |
| Mr Calder | Mr Fraser | Mr Lloyd | Mr Viner |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Graham | Mr Lynch | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Hallett | Mr MacKellar | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Cooke | Mr Hamer | Mr McLeay | |
| Mr Corbett | Mr Hewson | Mr McMahan | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Sir J. Cramer | Mr Holten | Mr McVeigh | Mr England |
| Mr Drummond | Mr Hunt | Mr Maisey | Mr Giles |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

| AYES, 59 | | | |
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| Mr Ashley-Brown | Mr Cross | Mr James | Mr Oldmeadow |
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| Mr Bryant | Mr Fulton | Mr Kerin | Mr Uren |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Garrick | Mr Lamb | Mr Wallis |
| Dr Cass | Mr Grassby | Mr McKenzie | Mr Whan |
| Mr Coates | Dr Gun | Mr Martin | Mr Willis |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Hayden | Mr Mathews | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Collard | Mr Hurford | Mr Morris | Mr Hansen |
| Mr Connor | Mr Innes | Mr Morrison | Mr Nicholls |

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| Mr Anthony | Mr Edwards | Mr Katter | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Erwin | Mr Kelly | Mr I. L. Robinson |
| Mr Bouchier | Mr Fairbairn | Mr Killen | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bury | Mr Fisher | Mr King | Mr Street |
| Mr Calder | Mr Fraser | Mr Lloyd | Mr Turner |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Graham | Mr Lynch | Mr Viner |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Hallett | Mr MacKellar | Mr Wentworth |
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| Sir J. Cramer | Mr Holten | Mr McVeigh | Mr England |
| Mr Drummond | Mr Hunt | Mr Maisey | Mr Giles |

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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

- Parliament.
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and } together.
- Department of the Special Minister of State }
- Department of the Treasury, and } together.
- Advance to the Treasurer }
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs.
- Attorney-General's Department.
- Department of the Capital Territory, and } together.
- Department of the Northern Territory }
- Department of Civil Aviation, and } together.
- Department of Transport }
- Department of Customs and Excise; } together.
- Department of Primary Industry; }
- Department of Overseas Trade, and }
- Department of Secondary Industry }
- Department of Education.
- Department of the Environment and Conservation.
- Department of External Territories, and } together.
- Department of Foreign Affairs }
- Department of Health; } together.
- Repatriation Department, and }
- Department of Social Security }
- Department of Housing; } together.
- Department of Services and Property, and }
- Department of Works }
- Department of Immigration, and } together.
- Department of Labour }
- Department of Northern Development.
- Department of Minerals and Energy.
- Department of the Media.
- Postmaster-General's Department.
- Defence Services—
- Department of Defence; } together.
- Department of the Navy; }
- Department of the Army; }
- Department of Air; }
- Department of Supply, and }
- General Services }

Department of Science.
 Department of Tourism and Recreation.
 Department of Urban and Regional Development.
 Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$6,741,000—
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

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

Proposals for Australian Companies and Securities Legislation—

Comments from the American experience—Report by Professor L. Loss, dated 13 July 1973.

Statement by Senator Murphy (Attorney-General) on the report by Professor Loss.

16 DEATH PENALTY ABOLITION 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.

Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) addressing the House—

17 ADJOURNMENT: It being fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1973—No. 2—Interpretation.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance—1973—No. 1—Interpretation.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Cairns, Mr Daly, Dr Forbes, Mr Fox, Mr Garland, Dr Klugman, Mr Luchetti, Mr Luccock, Dr Patterson, Mr Sherry and Mr Staley.

J. A. PETTIFER,
 Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives