

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1973

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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), Mr Morrison (Minister for Science), Mr Bennett, Sir John Cramer, Mr Edwards, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Kerin, Mr Lucock, Mr Reynolds, Mr Ruddock and Mr Turner—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 by serving, and to bring faith in God to the heart of the family and national life.

Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Dr Forbes, Mr Jarman and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation)—from certain residents of Newcastle, New South Wales, praying that the House repeal laws that violate the fundamental right to freedom and equality regarding homosexuals.

Mr Edwards—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take steps to ensure that the Government does not site a second international airport for Sydney in the Galston area or surrounding suburbs.

Dr Forbes—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 Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House acknowledge the right of every Australian child to equal grants of Government money spent on education and so instruct the proposed National Schools Commission.

Petitions received.

3 ABSENCE OF MINISTERS: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) informed the House of the absence of Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) and Mr Crean (Treasurer) from the sitting until later in the day because of their attendance at a meeting with the State Premiers.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Water Resources Council—Minutes of Fifteenth Meeting held at Hobart on 27 July 1973.

Lake Pedder Committee of Enquiry—Letters, dated 11 September and 3 October 1973, from Mr D. G. Hill, a member of the Committee, to Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation) relating to the engineering review of the Committee's Interim Report by the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation.

Prices Justification Tribunal—Report, dated 10 October 1973, relating to price increases of certain iron and steel products proposed by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited and Australian Iron and Steel Proprietary Limited.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Report for year 1972–73.

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Thirteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.

6 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Member named and suspended: The Deputy Speaker (Dr Jenkins) named the honourable Member for Mackellar (Mr Wentworth) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr Enderby (Minister for Secondary Industry) moved—That the honourable Member for Mackellar be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60

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

NOES, 50

Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bourchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahan	Mr Whittorn
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Maisey	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Giles

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at twenty-one minutes past twelve o'clock noon for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued on the question—That grievances be noted.

It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 7 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) BILL (No. 2) 1973: Mr Bryant (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Welfare and Advancement of the Aboriginal People of Australia.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bryant moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr I. L. Robinson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 9 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES) BILL 1973—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

Page 3, clause 10, sub-clause (2), line 20, leave out "one-tenth more or one-tenth less", insert "one-fifth more or one-fifth less".

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Daly, the House adopted the report.

- 10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT—TERMINAL BUILDING AND AIRCRAFT APRONS: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1972*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Development of terminal building and aircraft aprons at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.
Mr Johnson presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:
- MR SPEAKER, Message No. 121
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Charge upon the Export of Meat*", and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.
- The Senate, MAGNUS CORMACK,
Canberra, 10 October 1973 President
- Ordered—That the amendment requested by the Senate be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
- 12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MEAT EXPORT CHARGE COLLECTION BILL 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:
- MR SPEAKER, Message No. 122
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for the Collection of the Charges imposed by the 'Meat Export Charge Act 1973', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
- The Senate, MAGNUS CORMACK,
Canberra, 10 October 1973 President

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL LIBRARY BILL 1973: Message No. 125, dated 10 October 1973, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘National Library Act 1960–1967’*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:

10 October 1973—Message No. 124—Pay-roll Tax (Territories) 1973.

- 15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STATES GRANTS (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS) BILL 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 123

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to repeal section 6 of the ‘States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act 1965–1969’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

MAGNUS CORMACK,

Canberra, 10 October 1973

President

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 1, after clause 3, add the following new clause:

“4. After section 7 of the *States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act 1965–1969* the following section is inserted:—

Disallowance
of
amendment
of schedule
to scheme.

‘7A. (1) In this section, “amendment”, in relation to the schedule to the scheme in relation to a State, includes the substitution of another schedule for that schedule.

‘(2) The provisions of sections 48 and 49 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901–1973* (other than paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-section (1), sub-section (2) and sub-section (6) of the first-mentioned section) apply, by force of this section, to amendments of the schedules to the schemes in relation to the States in like manner as those provisions apply in relation to regulations.

‘(3) Where an amendment of the schedule to the scheme in relation to a State is disallowed, or is to be deemed to be disallowed, under a provision of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901–1973* as applied by sub-section (2), the schedule has effect as if the amendment had been revoked with effect from and including the date of the disallowance.’”

- No. 2—Page 1, Title, leave out “repeal section 6 of”, substitute “amend”.

On the motion of Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Cairns, the House adopted the report.

- 16 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration) asked leave to make a ministerial statement relating to immigration. Objection being raised, leave not granted.

17 STATEMENT BY MINISTER: Mr Daly (Leader of the House), by leave, made a statement concerning the proceedings proposed to be followed with respect to the ministerial statement relating to immigration.

Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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

Immigration—Statement by Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), dated October 1973.

19 SCHOOLS COMMISSION 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—

Mr Fraser moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate resumed on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

20 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 16 (1973): Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 16 (1973).

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

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

Tariff Board—Reports—

Resins of the propylene type.

Yarn for carpets; hydraulic cranes; scrapers; graders; and switchboards and control panels (New Zealand—Australia Free Trade Agreement).

Severally ordered to be printed.

22 SCHOOLS COMMISSION 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.

Ordered—That Mr Beazley (Minister for Education) be granted an extension of time.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Fraser moved the following amendment: Page 1, after the definition of "Australian Capital Territory" insert the following definition: "Australian Education Council" consists of the Australian Minister and every State Minister;".

Debate continued.

Question—That the definition proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr McMahan	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Maisey	
Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Giles

NOES, 60

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

And so it was negatived.
Clause agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr Fraser moved the following amendment: Page 2, omit sub-clause (2), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(2) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be the only full-time member, and two other members to be appointed directly by the Minister, seven members to be selected from a panel of ten to be nominated by the Australian Education Council, four members to be selected from a panel of seven to be nominated by the independent school authorities and one member from a panel of three to be nominated by the Australian Committee on Research and Development in Education.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60

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

NOES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr F. L. Robinson	Mr Giles

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Fraser moved the following amendment: Page 3, omit sub-clause (4), substitute the following sub-clause:

“(4) The Chairman and each member shall be appointed for a term not exceeding five years.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 12, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 13—

Mr Fraser, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 6, lines 23–25, omit the words “(1) The functions of the Commission are to inquire into, and to furnish information and advice to the Minister with respect to, the following matters:—”, substitute the following words:

“(1) The functions of the Commission are to inquire into, in co-operation with the State Departments of Education and the independent school authorities, and furnish information and advice to the Minister and to the State Ministers with respect to, the following matters:—”.

Page 6, sub-clause (1), omit paragraph (c), substitute the following paragraph:

“(c) Any terms and conditions that the Commission believes should be attached to grants to meet the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b).”.

Page 7, line 3, after the word “Minister” insert the words “or by the Australian Education Council”.

Page 7, omit sub-clause (2).

Page 7, omit sub-clause (3), substitute the following sub-clauses:

“(3) In the exercise of its functions the Commission shall have regard to the provision of education of high and equal quality to all children in Government or independent schools. Further, the Commission shall have regard to Article 26 of the United Nations Charter on human rights, a copy of which is set out hereunder:

ARTICLE 26.—1. Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

2. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.

3. Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

“(3A) Furthermore, in the exercise of its functions the Commission shall have regard to the need to provide increased and equal opportunities for education in all Australian schools. In pursuit of these objectives the Commission shall have regard to—

- (a) the obligation for governments to provide and maintain schools systems of the highest standard that are open to all children without fees;
- (b) the pre-eminent position of State Departments of Education in relation to their own schools;
- (c) the pre-eminent position of independent authorities in relation to their own schools;
- (d) the educational needs of handicapped children and handicapped young persons;
- (e) the needs of disadvantaged schools and of students at disadvantaged schools, and of other students suffering disadvantages in relation to education for social, economic, ethnic, geographic, cultural, lingual or similar reasons;
- (f) the need to encourage diversity and innovation in education in schools and in the curricular and teaching methods of schools;

- (g) the need to stimulate and encourage public and private interest in, and support for, improvements in primary and secondary education and in schools and school systems;
- (h) the desirability of providing special educational opportunities for students who have demonstrated their ability in a particular field of studies, including scientific, literary, artistic or musical studies; and
- (i) the need, in relation to primary and secondary education and in schools and school systems, to promote the economic use of resources.”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Snedden again moved—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Cooke	Mr Hamer	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O’Keefe	Mr England
Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr Giles

NOES, 58

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr Beazley moved the following amendment: Page 7, line 11, omit “Australian schools”, substitute “government and non-government schools in Australia”.

It being fifteen minutes past ten o’clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

- 23 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Privilege: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) raised a matter of privilege based upon an article published in the *Daily Telegraph* on Thursday, 11 October 1973, under the heading “Torres Strait scheme under attack” referring to a letter allegedly written by the Secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Mr Snedden produced a copy of the *Daily Telegraph* containing the article and gave the name of the printer and publisher of that newspaper.

Mr Speaker stated that he would consider whether a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege had been made out and would report his opinion on the matter at the next sitting.

Debate ensued on the question—That the House do now adjourn.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 October 1973, pursuant to statute:

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 182.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 197.

Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 196.

Honey Levy Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 193.

Honey Levy Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 194.

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 198.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for the development of Canberra and its environs—Australian Capital Territory.

Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 195.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, Nos. 190, 191, 192.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Berinson, Mr Fox*, Mr Garland*, Dr Klugman*, Mr Nixon and Dr Patterson.

* On leave

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