

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 55

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1973

1 The House met, at eleven 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.:

Sir John Cramer, Mr Graham, Mr Kerin, Mr Lloyd, Mr MacKellar, Mr Morris, Mr Olley, 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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security), Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Davies, Mr Drury, Mr Killen and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Coates—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 Coates—from certain citizens of Tasmania praying that Parliament move swiftly to stop the flooding of Lake Pedder until the committee of inquiry brings down its report and recommendations.

Mr Garrick—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.

Mr Oldmeadow and Mr Wilson—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour)—

Mr Cameron laid upon the Table the following paper:

Report on seminar given by Mr J. Tilling at Monash University on 24 July 1972 concerning trends in the labour share of national product in post-war Australia.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Mr Barnard (Minister for the Army) laid upon the Table the following paper:

Army officers—Resignations—Note for Minister, dated 16 October 1973.

Questions without notice continued.

4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Wentworth asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Wentworth moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Mackellar speaking for a period not exceeding five minutes in relation to matters concerning him raised at question time in a reply by Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour).

Closure: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

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

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

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

AYES, 50

Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	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 McMahan	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Maisey	
Mr Drummond	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Giles

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

And so it was negatived.

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

Bureau of Transport Economics—Report on tenders for sleepers for the Trans-Australian Railway dated 12 October 1973.

Departure of settlers from Australia—Committee on Social Patterns of the Immigration Advisory Council—Final report dated July 1973.

Tourist Ministers' Council—Fifteenth Annual Conference, Norfolk Island, 9–10 July 1973—Record of decisions.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Sixteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.

- 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIA:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Dr Forbes had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to provide more adequately for the defence of the Australian nation". The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Dr Forbes addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 8 PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972-73.
- Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the role and activities of the Australian Tourist Commission. Mr Chipp, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 9 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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—
- 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 Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.
- Question—put and passed.
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 11 NATURAL GAS AND LIQUID FUEL RESOURCES—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 the acquisition and development of Australia's natural gas and associated liquid fuel resources with particular reference to the Woodside-Burmah oil company and the north-west ocean shelf of Western Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Natural gas and liquid fuel resources—Ministerial statement, 16 October 1973.
- Paper:* Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Connor—Mr Connor laid upon the Table the following paper:
- Letter, dated 2 October 1973, from Mr N. J. D. Williams, of the Woodside-Burmah oil company, to Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), relating to the relationship between the Government and Woodside-Burmah.
- Mr Morrison (Minister for Science) moved—That the House take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr Fairbairn be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Jacobi), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—
Mr I. L. Robinson addressing the committee—
Closure: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 56

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Closure: Mr Morrison (Minister representing the Minister for the Media) moved—
That the question be now put.

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

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Morrison, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1973-74: 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

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 12 September be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Departments of Customs and Excise, Primary Industry, Overseas Trade, and Secondary Industry.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education, \$145,351,000—debated.

Mr Oldmeadow addressing the committee—

It being fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

14 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly 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 half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

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

* On leave

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