

AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 66

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 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.:

Mr Adermann, Mr Berinson, Mr Bonnett, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Corbett, Mr Drury, Dr Gun, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Mr Killen, Mr McLeay, Mr McVeigh, Mr Peacock, Mr Reynolds, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr Viner and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing), Mr Bouchier, Sir John Cramer, Mr MacKellar, Mr Peacock, 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 Crean (Treasurer), Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Gorton, Mr Jarman, Mr Oldmeadow, Mr Peacock 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.

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

Mr Fisher—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House move to make available to the New South Wales and Victorian Governments a special grant for the construction of a bridge over the Murray River linking Buronga, New South Wales, and Mildura, Victoria.

Mr Peacock—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

National Estate—Principles and Policies—Submission to the task force by the Department of Urban and Regional Development, dated November 1973.

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

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S MONETARY POLICY:
Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The ineffectual and potentially harmful effects of the Government's monetary policy to counter inflation".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Lynch addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 7 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT RELATING TO AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN 'THE SUN', 18 SEPTEMBER 1973: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Committee of Privileges relating to an article published in *The Sun*, 18 September 1973—
Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House agrees: (a) with the committee in its findings; (b) that, in view of the death of Mr B. J. Tier, the former editor of *The Sun*, no further action be taken with respect to the committee's recommendation seeking publication of an apology, and (c) that Mr Speaker should communicate with the President of the Parliamentary Press Gallery as recommended by the committee.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 RESEARCH LABORATORY, NORTH CLAYTON (MONASH), VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK:
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*, 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 a research laboratory at North Clayton (Monash), Vic.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1973–74—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1973–74: Message No. 93, dated 13 November 1973, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1974, for which interim provision is necessary, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1974.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Crean, the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 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.

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In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Health, \$65,797,000—

Repatriation Department, \$507,387,000—

Department of Social Security, \$86,084,000—

together further debated.

Mr Hamer rising to address the committee—

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 proposed expenditures be agreed to —was put accordingly, and passed.

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 Immigration and Labour.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Northern Development, \$1,198,000—debated and agreed to.

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 expenditure for the Department of Minerals and Energy.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Media, \$90,040,000—debated.

Several Members rising to address the committee—

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 proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Postmaster-General's Department, \$18,170,000—debated.

Closure: Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General) moved—That the question be now put.

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

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

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendment made by the House in the following Bill: 13 November 1973—Message No. 151—Public Works Committee 1973.

12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Garland*, Mr Kelly, Dr Klugman* and Mr Whan.

* On leave

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