

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 78

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 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 PRIVILEGE—LETTER TO THE EDITOR, 'THE SUN NEWS-PICTORIAL'—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Mathews raised a matter of privilege based upon a letter fraudulently written in his name to the editor of *The Sun News-Pictorial* which was referred to in an article in that newspaper of Thursday, 6 December 1973. Mr Mathews produced a copy of the letter and a copy of *The Sun News-Pictorial* of Melbourne containing the article.

Mr Mathews then moved—That the matter of the letter, dated 2 December 1973, written to the editor, *The Sun News-Pictorial*, in the name of the honourable Member for Casey and published in that newspaper on 6 December 1973 be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Mr Adermann, Mr Bonnett, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Corbett, Mr Drummond, Mr Drury, Dr Gun, Mr Katter, Mr Killen, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay, Mr McVeigh, Mr Morris, 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 Berinson, Mr Chipp, Dr Forbes, Mr Gorton, Mr Luchetti and Mr McVeigh—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 and Mr King—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to include "God Save The Queen" in any referendum or poll to decide a national anthem.

Mr McKenzie and Mr Ruddock—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)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government send needed forms of aid to help relieve the crisis in Ethiopia.

Mr Enderby (Minister for Secondary Industry)—from certain citizens of Canberra praying that the Occasional Care Centre of the Department of the Capital Territory in Civic Centre, Canberra be retained for occasional child care.

Petitions received.

4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Dr Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), Mr L. F. Bowen (Postmaster-General) would act as Minister for Overseas Trade and would represent the Minister for Customs and Excise in this House.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Citizenship and settlement—Policy and objectives—Statement by Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), dated 6 December 1973.

Department of Science—Project SCORE (Survey and Comparisons of Research Expenditures)—Final summary report on research and development expenditures by Australia in 1968–69.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—Tenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.

Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Fourteenth Annual Statement, for year 1972–73. States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act—Fourth Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1972–73.

Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972–73.

7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Fulton (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed development of the international terminal building and aircraft aprons at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (Tenth report of 1973).

Ordered to be printed.

8 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour) asked leave to make a ministerial statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

9 NATIONAL ANTHEM: Mr MacKellar moved, pursuant to notice—That, in the opinion of this House, Australia's national anthem should not be changed without a total vote of the Australian people on suggested alternative anthems including "God Save The Queen".

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1 be extended.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*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)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	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 Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hewson	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox

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

And so it was negatived.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, government business was called on.

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

Tariff Board—Report—Brandy.

Ordered to be printed.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS) BILL 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 185

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Schools*", and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,

MAGNUS CORMACK,

Canberra, 5 December 1973

President

Ordered—That the amendment requested by the Senate be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

12 PRICES—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Hurford (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on Prices:

Report on price of meatmeal, together with minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hurford, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

13 AUSTRALIAN BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES STUDY—INTERIM COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:

Mr Morrison (Minister for Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the establishment of an interim council to study Australian biological resources.

Mr Fox, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

14 CANNING-FRUIT CHARGE 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.

15 HEALTH INSURANCE 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 Chipp speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed by Mr Chipp who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of the opinion that the existing health scheme is one of the best and most efficient in the world and that therefore this Bill and associated Bills should be withdrawn, because the Government’s alternative proposals to the existing health scheme will (a) lower the quality of medical care for Australian families, (b) increase total costs for the Government and thus for taxpayers, (c) increase total costs for the majority of taxpayers, because they could only maintain the present quality of their health care by additional heavy commitments for private insurance, (d) reduce freedom of choice, (e) jeopardize the future of religious, private and country hospitals and (f) by design and intent be the first stage of nationalisation of health and medical care in Australia”.

Debate continued.

16 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 Tuesday next at eleven o’clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 December 1973, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 246.

Air Navigation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 247.

Australian Commission on Advanced Education Act and other specified Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 225.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 245.

High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 244.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 229.

Navigation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 234.

Papua New Guinea (Application of Laws) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 243.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 224.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1973—No. 47—Annual Holidays (No. 2).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Dr Cairns, Mr Garland\*, Mr Graham, Mr Jarman, Mr Jones, Dr Klugman\*, Dr Patterson and Mr Wilson.

\* On leave

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