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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 79

TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 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 Bonnett, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cooke, Mr Corbett, Mr Drummond, Mr Drury, Mr Giles, Mr Katter, Mr Killen, Mr McLeay, Mr McVeigh, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr Wentworth and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
 - Mr Cohen and Mr Edwards—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 Duthie and Mr Fairbairn—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.
 - Mr King and Mr McVeigh—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 Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House stop activities in Australia that contradict an anti-apartheid stance.
 - Mr Sinclair—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.
 - 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.
 - Mr Turner—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House will at once take steps to dedicate as a National Park an area of at least 1,436 square miles as recommended by the Northern Territory Reserves Board.

Petitions received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 Papers: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australia Day 1973—Observance—Report to the Minister for Immigration on Good Neighbour Council participation.
 - Human Rights—Government's actions and attitudes—Speech by Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) on 10 December 1973 at the Australian National University on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

International Court of Justice-Nuclear Tests Case-Australia v France-

Volume 1—Application instituting proceedings.

Volume 2—Request for interim measures of protection.

Volume 3—Application by Fiji to intervene preliminary stage.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Airlines Agreements Act—Ansett Transport Industries Limited—Airline activities—Financial statements for year 1972–73.

Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Twenty-eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972-73.

- 5 Message from the Governor-General—Assent to Bill: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
 - 7 December 1973—Message No. 118—Customs 1973.
- 6 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - 6 December 1973-Message-

No. 187—Pay-roll Tax Assessment 1973.

No. 188—States Grants (Advanced Education) (No. 2) 1973.

No. 189—States Grants (Advanced Education) (1.0. 3) 1973.

No. 190-States Grants (Advanced Education) ('Io. 4) 1973.

No. 191-States Grants (Universities) (No. 3) 19.3.

No. 192—Commission on Advanced Education 1973.

No. 193—Income Tax Assessment (No. 4) 1973.

No. 194-Income Tax Assessment (No. 5) 1973.

No. 195—Income Tax 1973 (without requests).

No. 196—Income Tax (Non-resident Dividends and Interest) 1973 (without requests).

No. 198-States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) (No. 2) 1973.

No. 199—Airlines Agreements 1973.

No. 200-Air Navigation (Charges) 1973.

7 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That during consideration of the matter referred to the Committee of Privileges on 6 December, Mr Garland be discharged from attendance on the committee and Mr Viner be appointed to serve in his place.

Question—put and passed.

8 Committee of Privileges: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the Committee of Privileges, when considering the matter referred to it on 6 December, have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Question-put and passed.

9 Leave of ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Prospect (Dr Klugman) on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POLICIES TO HALT INFLATION: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for the Government to now acknowledge that it must adopt positive policies to halt inflation and should announce its proposals to obtain support from the States and the public".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Snedden addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 Banking Bill (No. 2) 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 39 of the *Banking Act* 1959–1967, as amended by the *Banking Act* 1973.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

12 Message from the Senate—Export Incentive Grants Bill 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 186

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Export Incentive Grants Act 1971'", 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.

MAGNUS CORMACK.

The Senate,

Canberra, 6 December 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 2, insert the following new clause:

"2A. Section 3 of the Principal Act is repealed.".

Parts.

No. 2—Page 2, clause 3, after paragraph (b), insert the following paragraph:

"(ba) by inserting in sub-section (1), after the definition of 'marketing authority', the following definition:—

"meat" means fresh, chilled or frozen flesh or edible offal of bovine animals, sheep, goats or pigs, other than flesh or offal that has been canned, cooked or cured;"."

No. 3—Page 3, after clause 3, insert the following new clauses:

"3A. After section 4 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part I:—

'4A. (1) Where meat was or is exported from Australia on or Meat after 1 October 1973, the amounts of consideration receivable by any person in respect of the disposal of that meat shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Act.

'(2) The amount that would, but for this sub-section, be the value of export sales of any person for the base period in relation to the last grant year or, where applicable, that amount as varied in accordance with section 11, 21 or 22, shall be reduced by an amount equal to three-quarters of the amount or amounts, if any, included in that value by reason of the disposal of any meat.'.

"3B. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-sections (2) and (3) the word 'Where' and substituting the words 'Subject to sub-sections (3A) and 'wnership of business, &c. (3B), where';

(b) by inserting after sub-section (3) the following sub-sections:—

'(3A) Where, during the period that commenced on 1 July 1973 and ended on 30 September 1973, a person acquired a business from another person, whether by purchase or otherwise, then, in relation to so much of the amount of the value of export sales for a year of the base period in relation to either of those persons in relation to the last grant year as is attributable to the disposal of meat in the course of that business, subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of sub-section (3) have effect as if the last grant year comprised only that period.

'(3B) Where, on or after 1 October 1973, a person acquired or acquires a business from another person, whether by purchase or otherwise, subsections (2) and (3) do not apply in relation to so much of the amount of the value of export sales for the base period in relation to either of those persons in relation to the last grant year as is attributable to the disposal of meat.'; and

(c) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (4) the words 'under section 21' and substituting the words 'under section 4A or 21'.".

No. 4—Page 4, after clause 6, insert the following new clauses:

"6A. Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended-

Review of base period (a) by omitting from sub-section (1) the words 'and section 11' and substituting the words 'and sections 4A and 11'; and

(b) by omitting from sub-section (7) the words 'of section 11' and substituting the words 'of sections 4A and 11'.

"6B. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from Review of sub-section (1) the words 'from section 11' and substituting the words 'from sections 4A and 11'.".

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No. 5-Page 7, clause 11, lines 5 to 7, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

"11. (1) The amendments made by paragraph 3 (ba) and Application of sections 3A, 3B, 6A and 6B apply in relation to grants, and the issue of export certificates, in respect of the grant year that commenced on 1 July 1973.

"(2) The amendments made by the remaining provisions of this Act, other than section 2A, apply in relation to grants, and the issue of export certificates, in respect of the grant year that commenced on 1 July 1971 and each succeeding grant year.".

On the motion of Mr Crean (Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Martin reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr Crean, the House adopted the report.

13 Message from the Senate—Northern Territory Supreme Court Bill 1973: Message No. 182, dated 5 December 1973, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "An Act relating to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved-That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 14 Message from the Senate—Law Reform Commission Bill 1973: Message No. 197, dated 6 December 1973, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "An Act to Constitute a Law Reform Commission".
 - Bill read a first time.
 - Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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.
- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 16 Statement by Member: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) having asked leave to move a motion relating to the suspension of the standing orders, Mr Chipp, by leave, made a statement in connection with the granting of leave.
- 17 Suspension of standing orders—Bills—Limitation of debate: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in relation to the proceedings on the following Bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of all the Bills: Health Insurance Bill 1973, Health Insurance Commission Bill 1973, Hospitals and Health Services Commission Bill 1973, Petroleum and Minerals Authority Bill 1973 and Sewerage Agreements Bill 1973.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 18 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) declared that the Health Insurance Bill 1973, Health Insurance Commission Bill 1973, Hospitals and Health Services Commission Bill 1973, Petroleum and Minerals Authority Bill 1973 and the Sewerage Agreements Bill 1973 were urgent Bills.
 - Question—That the Bills be considered urgent Bills—put and passed.
 - Allotment of time: Mr Daly then moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:
 - (1) Health Insurance Bill 1973—
 - (a) For the second reading, until 5 p.m. this day.
 - (b) For the committee stage, until 5.15 p.m. this day.
 - (c) For the remaining stages, until 5.30 p.m. this day.
 - (2) Health Insurance Commission Bill 1973—For all stages of the Bill, until 6 p.m. this day.
 - (3) Hospitals and Health Services Commission Bill 1973—For all stages of the Bill, notwithstanding the order of the House of 1 March, until 10.30 p.m. this day.
 - (4) Petroleum and Minerals Authority Bill 1973-
 - (a) For the second reading, until 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 December.
 - (b) For the committee stage, until 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 December.
 - (c) For the remaining stages, until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 December.
 - (5) Sewerage Agreements Bill 1973—For all stages of the Bill, notwithstanding the order of the House of 1 March, until 10 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 December.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

19 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—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Chipp, viz.—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 resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered-That Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Ayes, 59

Limitation of debate: At five o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the second reading had expired—Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

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Mr Armitage	Mr Doyle	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Riordan
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Kerin	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Stewart
Dr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Thorburn
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Wallis
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	Mr Whan
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Tellers:
Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Mulder	Mr Hansen
Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls
	Noes	. 51	
Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbeirn	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Tellcrs:

Mr Peacock

Mr E. L. Robinson

Mr England

Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Drummond

Mr Drury

Further question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

Mr Hunt

Mr Jarman

Ayes, 59			
Mr Armitage	Mr Doyle	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Riordan
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Kerin	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Stewart
Dr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Thorburn
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr McKenzie	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Wallis
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	Mr Whan
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Tellers:
Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Mulder	Mr Hansen
Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

	Noes	s, 51	
Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Tellers:
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the Bill be flow read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: At half-past five o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

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

AYES, 60						
Mr Armitage	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds			
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan			
Mr Barnard	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes			
Mr Bennett	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry			
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart			
Mr Birrell	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Thorburn			
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti '	Mr Uren			
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wallis			
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Whan			
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	Mr Willis			
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris				
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison				
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder				
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow	Tellers:			
Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley	Mr Hansen			
Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson	Mr Nicholls			
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Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock			
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Sinclair			
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley			
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street			
Mr Calder	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner			
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner			
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McLeav	Mr Wentworth			
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn			
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson			
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Tellers:			
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr England			
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Fox			
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

20 HEALTH INSURANCE 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.

Limitation of debate: At six o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for all stages of the Bill had expired—Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

Ayes, 60

Mr Armitage	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Barnard	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Thorburn
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wallis
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	
Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow	Tellers:
Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley	Mr Hansen
Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson	Mr Nicholls
	Noes,	51	
Mr Adermann	Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robins
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Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Tellers:
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 21 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - 11 December 1973-Message-

No. 201—Canning-Fruit Charge 1973 (without requests).

No. 202—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) (No. 2) 1973.

- 22 Message from the Governor-General.—Assent to Bills: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
 - 11 December 1973-Message No. 119-

Pay-roll Tax Assessment 1973.

Income Tax Assessment (No. 4) 1973.

Income Tax Assessment (No. 5) 1973.

Income Tax 1973.

Income Tax (Non-resident Dividends and Interest) 1973.

States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) (No. 2) 1973.

23 FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS BILL 1973: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Corporations engaged in certain Financial Operations. Bill read a first time.

Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

24 CARE AND EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr L. F. Bowen (Acting Minister for Education), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Care and education of young children—Report of the Australian Pre-schools Committee, dated November 1973.

Mr Bowen, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Care and education of young children—Report—Ministerial statement, 11 December 1973.

Mr Fraser, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the papers.

Mr Bowen moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

25 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

11 December 1973-Message-

No. 205-States Grants (Rural Reconstruction) 1973.

No. 206—Honey Export Charge 1973 (without requests).

No. 207-Honey Export Charge Collection 1973.

No. 208-Honey Industry 1973.

No. 209-Egg Export Charges 1973 (without requests).

No. 210—Honey Levy (No. 1) 1973 (without requests).

No. 211—Honey Levy (No. 2) 1973 (without requests).

26 HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SERVICES 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.

Mr Chipp, who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave. Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At half-past ten o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for all stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

27 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—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.

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

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 248.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1973, No. 249.

Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired for-

Defence purposes---Canungra, Queensland.

Post office purposes-Streaky Bay, South Australia.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1973—No. 57—Education. Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Capital Territory—N. W. Braidwood.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—
1973—

No. 751—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 764—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 799—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†

No. 800-Australian Postmasters' Association and others.†

No. 801—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 802—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia; and Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.†

No. 803—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

No. 804—Australian Journalists Association.†

No. 805-Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

Nos. 806 and 807—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.†

No. 808—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 809—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.†

Nos. 810 and 811—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

Nos. 812 and 813—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

Nos. 814 and 815—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.†

No. 816—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers),†

No. 817—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.†

No. 818—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

No. 819-Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 820-Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 821—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 822—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†

No. 823—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.†

No. 824—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

No. 825—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.†

No. 826-Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.†

No. 827—Amalgamated Postal Workers Union of Australia.†

No. 828—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.†

Nos. 829 and 830—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†

No. 831—Professional Para-Medical Officers Association (Commonwealth Public Service)†.

Nos. 832 and 833—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.†
No. 834—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service
and another.†

No. 835-Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.†

No. 836—Postal Telecommunication Technicians Association (Australia).†

No. 837-Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†

No. 838—Telecommunication Technical Officer's Association, Postmaster-General's Department.†

Nos. 839 and 840—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.† Nos. 841 to 845—Non-Official Postmasters Association of Australia.

No. 846—Australian Journalists Association.†

No. 847—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.†

No. 848—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.†

No. 849—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

No. 850—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.†

No. 851—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

No. 852—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.†

No. 853—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.†

(† Determinations are accompanied by statement of the Arbitrator regarding inconsistency with the law.)

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

* On leave

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