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No. 7

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 1974

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 Corbett, Mr Drury, Dr Forbes, Mr McLeay, 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 Bennett—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government ensure that the publication and availability of pornographic literature and films are restricted and that people are made aware of the dangers to the community of such material.

Mr Cohen—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House not proceed with the Human Rights Bill.

Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government legislate to protect the whale from commercial exploitation.

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 Ruddock—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Education Council—Report by Mr Beazley (Minister for Education) on conference held at Hobart, 28 February to 1 March 1974.

Australian Universities Commission—Report on the proposal of the Government of Victoria for a fourth university in Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo, dated December 1973.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5—Reports for year 1972–73.

States Grants (Independent Schools) Act—Statement of payments for year 1972.

5 MIGRATION POLICIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER: Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to allegations in Australia and Fiji concerning Australia's migration policies following the deportation of twelve Fijians, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Deportation of Twelve Fijians—Report by Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration). Mr Fraser and Mr Lucock, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

Mr Grassby asked leave to make a further statement in connection with the matter. Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property) asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 6 PAPUA NEW GUINEA—MOVES TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Morrison (Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to Papua New Guinea), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to moves towards independence for Papua New Guinea on 1 December 1974.

Mr Peacock, Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) and Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

- 7 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to resume consideration of each of the following Bills which were transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence during the last session of the Parliament:

13 March 1974—Message—

No. 4—Australian Industry Development Corporation 1973.

No. 5—National Investment Fund 1973.

No. 6—Petroleum and Minerals Authority 1973.

- 8 WOOL INDUSTRY BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Industry Act 1972–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Patterson 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.

- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That notice No. 2 and orders of the day Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SOUTH-EAST ASIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Daly (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 7 March*), viz.:

Prime Minister's visit to South-East Asia—Ministerial statement, 7 March 1974—*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech*: Mr Morrison (Minister for Science) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 25 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

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

- 11 TRADE PRACTICES BILL 1973—REQUEST TO SENATE FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION: Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice—That a message be sent to the Senate requesting the Senate to resume consideration of the Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act relating to certain Trade Practices", which was transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence during the last session of the Parliament, the proceedings on such Bill having been interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL TRAINING FEES RE-IMBURSEMENT) BILL 1974: 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 3, dated 28 February 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), the Bill was read a third time.

13 RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1974: 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.

Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

14 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Majesty The Queen be agreed to:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire to thank you for the Gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

The presence in Australia of Your Majesty and of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip has once again brought the greatest pleasure to Your Australian people. We, their representatives in this House, are grateful for this opportunity to re-affirm our allegiance to you as our Queen—*And on the amendment moved by Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), viz.—That the following words be added to the Address: “, but the House of Representatives is of the opinion and regrets that Your Majesty was not informed by the Government of the true position in Australia in that it has:*

- (1) created an intolerably high level of inflation and has taken no effective steps to stop it;
- (2) caused uncertainty and in its management of the economy is creating social inequities;
- (3) attempted to change the Federal system of the Australian Constitution by diminishing the responsibility of the States;
- (4) injured rural industries and the communities they support;
- (5) pursued defence and foreign policies which have seriously weakened our defence capacity, and
- (6) failed to fulfil the expectations of the Australian people because of its administrative incompetence”—

Debate resumed.

15 ADJOURNMENT: It being half-past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned 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 14 March 1974, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1974—No. 2—Spear Guns Control.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Labour—W. F. Bird, J. Delaney.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1974—No. 3—Seaweed Protection.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bonnett, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Gorton, Mr Keating and Mr Nixon.

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