

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 9

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 1974

1 The House met, at three o'clock p.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 Bonnett, Mr Corbett, Mr Drury, Mr England, Dr Forbes, Mr McLeay and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Bonnett—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 Edwards—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will 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 Street—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Australian flag be kept in its present form and "God Save The Queen" be retained as the national anthem.

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.

Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the official status of the post office at Cowell, South Australia.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Broadcasting Commission—Report by McKinsey and Company, Inc. on the use of Australian Broadcasting Commission resources, dated November 1973.

5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the House, at its rising tomorrow, adjourn until Tuesday, 2 April at eleven o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair, unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

6 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM—MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF TWENTY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Crean (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the meeting of the Committee of Twenty concerning reform of the international monetary system held in Rome in January 1974, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

International monetary system—Meeting of Committee of Twenty—Ministerial statement, 20 March 1974.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—IMMIGRATION POLICY—CHANGES: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Fraser had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to inform the House adequately of changes in immigration policy and of the consequences of those changes”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Fraser addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.

Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour) addressing the House—

Member named: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Scholes) named the honourable Member for Kooyong (Mr Peacock) for defying the Chair.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Kooyong be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr Peacock having apologised to the Chair, the motion for the suspension of the honourable Member for Kooyong was withdrawn, by leave.

The time allowed to Mr Cameron by standing order 91 for his speech having expired—
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Cameron speaking for a further period not exceeding 10 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 FISHERIES (PAPUA NEW GUINEA BOATS) BILL 1974: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industry) 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 WOOL INDUSTRY 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.

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

- 10 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1974: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Social Services.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 REPATRIATION BILL 1974: Mr Barnard (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920–1973* so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions payable to certain persons, and for other Repatriation purposes, and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of certain payments resulting from those amendments.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1974: Mr Jones (Minister for Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940-1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 SOCIAL SERVICES 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.

Mr Cohen addressing the House—

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: It being half-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 tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 March 1974, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Department of Labour purposes—Burnie, Tasmania.
Post office purposes—
Botany, New South Wales.
Eastwood, New South Wales.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Davies, Mr Fulton, Mr Staley and Mr Whittorn.

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