AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 1974

- 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 Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Drury, Mr MacKellar and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
 - Mr Coates—from certain citizens of Australia praying that sub-clause 10 (3) of the Human Rights Bill 1973 be amended by adding the following words: "and no revenue derived in any way from any Australian citizen shall be appropriated by the Australian Government, or by a State Government, or by a Municipal Government, for the propagation or support of any religion".
 - Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government legislate to protect the whale from commercial exploitation.

Petitions received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation) and Mr Morrison (Minister for Science and Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to Papua New Guinea), Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property) was acting as Minister for Tourism and Recreation and Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation) was acting as Minister for Science.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—
 - Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition) having risen and addressed the House without being called by the Chair, and Mr Speaker having directed that Mr Snedden's remarks be deleted from the *Hansard* record—
 - Point of order: Mr Snedden raised a point of order as to Mr Speaker's authority to order part of the proceedings to be deleted from the Hansard record.
 - Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that, as Mr Snedden had not been given the call from the Chair, his remarks were not in order and they would not be included in the Hansard record.

Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Snedden moved—That the ruling be dissented from. Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put. Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

	Ayes,	60	•
Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Beazley	Mr Doyle	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr Birrell	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mr Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Dr Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin	
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Mulder	Tellers:
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Hansen
Mr Connor	Mr James	Mr Olley	Mr Nicholls
	Noes,	47	
Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Calder	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Cooke	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Mr Drummond	Mr Hamer	Mr McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Drury	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Tellers:
Mr Edwards	Mr Hunt	Mr Maisey	Mr Corbett
Mr Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 47				
Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair	
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden	
Mr Calder	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Street	
Mr Cooke	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth	
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Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn	
Mr Birrell	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Uren	
Mr Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Whan	
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam	
Dr Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin		
Dr Cass	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews		
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris		
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Mulder	Tellers:	
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Hansen	
Mr Connor	Mr James	Mr Olley	Mr Nicholls	

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

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

Bureau of Agricultural Economics—Report on price differentials in the meat market, dated March 1974.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Automatic dry-cleaning machines (By-law), dated 22 January 1974.

Galvanised steel coil (By-law), dated 16 January 1974.

Prices Justification Tribunal—Report, dated 28 March 1974, relating to price increases of certain iron and steel products proposed by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited and Australian Iron and Steel Proprietary Limited. Tariff Board—Report—Propylene oxide derivatives.

Tourist Ministers' Council—Special meeting, Sydney, 21 September 1973—Record of decisions.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1972-73.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Australian Wine Board—Forty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

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

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

7 DEFENCE FORCE DISCIPLINARY CODE—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Defence Force Disciplinary Code—Report of the 1973 Working Party.

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

Defence Force Disciplinary Code—Report—Ministerial statement, 2 April 1974.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 8 Messages from the Governor-General.—Assent to Bills: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
 - 21 March 1974—Message No. 6—States Grants (Technical Training Fees Reimbursement) 1974.
 - 22 March 1974-Message No. 7-

Social Services 1974.

Repatriation 1974.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1974.

- 25 March 1974—Message No. 8—Airlines Equipment 1974.
- 9 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION—COURSES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AT UNIVERSITIES— REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Universities Commission—Courses in special education at universities— Report, dated November 1973—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

Mr Fraser and Mr Hunt, by leave, also made statements with reference to the report.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOUSING: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Bonnett had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to provide adequate housing for the Australian people".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support— Mr Bonnett addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 MINERAL INDUSTRY—AUSTRALIAN EQUITY—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED: 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 papers (presented on 21 March), viz.:

Mineral industry—Australian equity—

Bureau of Mineral Resources—Discussion paper, dated August 1973.

Extract from Report No. 4 of 1968 by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics on overseas participation in the Australian mining industry.

Letter, dated 11 February 1974, from Mr L. C. Noakes, Acting Director, Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics, to Mr R. Sorby, Press Secretary to the Minister for Minerals and Energy.

Table of Australian equity in terms of value added for 1972.

Ministerial statement, 21 March 1974-

Debate resumed.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Hansen moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the House take note of the papers—was put accordingly, and passed.

12 International monetary system—Meeting of Committee of Twenty—Ministerial statement—Paper noted: 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 20 March), viz.:

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

Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

13 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 9, dated 18 March 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 12, page 4, line 2, omit "Corporation", substitute "Testing Authority".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Grassby, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCY 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 Kerin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 15 PARLIAMENTARY REFRESHMENT ROOMS STAFF—WORK STOPPAGE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to a union meeting of the staff of the Parliamentary Refreshment Rooms this morning which resulted in strike action and to the decisions reached and negotiations undertaken by the Presiding Officers in regard to the wage demands of the staff.
- 16 POVERTY IN AUSTRALIA—INTERIM REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Poverty in Australia—Interim Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Poverty, dated March 1974.

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

Poverty in Australia-Interim Report - Ministerial statement, 2 April 1974.

Dr Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

17 Australian Development Assistance Agency 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 Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

18 Message from the Governor-General, Proposed additional expenditure for service of the year 1973-74—Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1973-74: Message No. 10, dated 2 April 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1974, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1973-74, and the Appropriation Act (No. 3) 1973-74, 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 adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 Message from the Governor-General, Certain proposed additional expenditure 1973-74—Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 1973-74: Message No. 11, dated 2 April 1974, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1974, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Crean (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act* (No. 2) 1973-74, for certain expenditure in respect 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 adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 Australian Development Assistance Agency 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 Wilson addressing the House-

21 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 fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 April 1974, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—M. G. Evans.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 29.

Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 27.

Grants Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 35.

Honey Export Charge Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 34. Honey Levy Collection Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 31.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for-

Pipeline Authority purposes—Queensland.

Post office purposes—Allansford, Victoria.

Statements (2) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.

Marriage Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 28.

Navigation Act—Report by the Minister of cases in which the power of the Governor-General has been exercised under section 422A of the Act during 1973.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Education-J. T. Moltmann.

Primary Industry—A. F. S. Wyatt.

Science and Industry Research Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 33.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances-1974-

No. 4-Motor Traffic:

No. 5-Legal Practitioners.

No. 6—Small Claims.

Regulations-1974-

No. 3 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

No. 4 (Juries Ordinance).

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedules to the subsidies schemes in relation to the States, dated 23 March 1974.

Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 32.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bury, Mr Davies, Mr England, Mr McLeay, Mr Morrison and Mr Stewart.

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