

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 9

THURSDAY, 25 JULY 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 Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Drury, 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 Bennett and Mr Garland—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Parliament (1) take any steps necessary either to direct the Commonwealth Banking Corporation to preserve and restore the Palace Hotel, St George's Terrace, Perth, or itself to acquire, preserve and restore the hotel on its present site and (2) make available any funds necessary to purchase the entire contents of the hotel from the owners.

Dr Edwards—from the Hornsby Legacy War Widows praying that the Government immediately restore all travelling concessions to war widows.

Mr Garland—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 Hodges—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 Staley—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government immediately increase, as an interim measure, current grants made to children in non-government schools to at least 50 per cent of the cost of educating children in government schools.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Albury-Wodonga Development—Agreement, dated 28 June 1974, between the Governments of Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, relating to financial assistance for the development of the Albury-Wodonga area.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1972-73.

Dartmouth Dam Project—Evaluation by the Department of the Environment and Conservation, dated 18 April 1974.

Integration of Medical Services of the Armed Forces—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated March 1971.

Modern Housing Techniques—Interim Report of Australian Government Task Force, dated June 1974.

River Murray Working Party—Steering Committee—Summary of decisions of first meeting held at Canberra on 7 November 1973.

Tri-Service Academy within Australia—Report by Tertiary Education (Services' Cadet Colleges) Committee, dated January 1970.

Water resources—Transcript of proceedings of conference of Australian and State Government Ministers held at Canberra on 7 November 1973.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

National Health Act—Third Annual Report on the operations of the registered Medical and Hospital Benefits Organizations, for year 1972–73.

- 5 ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1973–74—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: Mr Crean (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Advance to the Treasurer for year 1973–74—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1973.

Ordered—That the statement be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House at the next sitting.

- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

24 July 1974—Message—

No. 9—Extradition (Foreign States) 1974.

No. 10—International Monetary Agreements 1974.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AGED PERSONS—ACCOMMODATION AND CARE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Lloyd had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The attitude of the Government to the accommodation and care for the aged in aged persons homes and nursing homes, which is creating a crisis situation".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lloyd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 HOURS OF MEETING: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That for the remainder of the year, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at half-past ten o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair, on each Wednesday at twelve o'clock noon and on each Thursday at ten o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 AFFIRMATION BY MEMBER: Ian Malcolm Macphee made and subscribed the affirmation required by law.

- 10 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1974: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Conciliation and Arbitration in relation to the Amalgamation of Organizations.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (NO. 2) 1974: Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Conciliation and Arbitration in relation to the Certification of Agreements and the Operation and Cancellation of Certified Agreements.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Cameron moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 MEMBER SWORN: Peter Hertford Drummond made and subscribed the oath required by law.
- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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 McMahan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 15 MEMBER SWORN: Henry Arthur Hewson made and subscribed the oath required by law.
- 16 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 3, line 10, after “industrial relations” insert “, urban and regional development”.

On the motion of Dr Edwards, the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Page 3, after sub-section (4) of proposed section 8 insert the following sub-section:
“ (4A) The Corporation shall not, in the performance of its functions, seek to engage in an enterprise or project without the participation of another person or other persons except on a temporary basis or in a case where the Minister has taken action under sub-section (6) of section 8A in relation to the enterprise or project.”

On the motion of Dr Cairns, the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Page 4, lines 4–6, omit paragraph (a), substitute the following paragraph:

“ (a) the acquisition is necessary to prevent foreign persons from acquiring a controlling interest in the company; or ”

On the motion of Dr Cairns, the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Page 4, at the end of proposed section 8 add the following sub-sections:

“ (6) A reference in paragraph (5) (a) to foreign persons acquiring a controlling interest in a company is a reference to foreign persons becoming the owners of a substantial number of voting shares in the company within the meaning of the *Companies (Foreign Take-overs) Act 1972–1973*.

“(7) In this section, “foreign person” has the same meaning as in the *Companies (Foreign Take-overs) Act 1972-1973*.”

On the motion of Dr Edwards, the following further amendment was made, after debate: Page 6, lines 45 and 46, omit “Minister appoints including a person appointed on the nomination of the Minister for Minerals and Energy”, substitute “Governor-General appoints”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

17 NATIONAL INVESTMENT FUND 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—Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

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 Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 5, page 3, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:

“(4) The Corporation shall not issue investment bonds within Australia if, in the event of the issue of those bonds, the amount remaining after deducting from the sum of the amount paid to the Corporation for the purchase within Australia of investment bonds any amounts paid by the Corporation for the redemption or repurchase of those last-mentioned investment bonds would exceed \$500,000,000.”

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Berinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 POST AND TELEGRAPH 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 by Mr Nixon who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with until the Government presents its total program to deal with inflation and to enable the full inflationary effect of the proposals contained in the Bill to be determined”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Bowen	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Enderby	Mr Kerin	Mr Stewart
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Clayton	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

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Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Gorton	Mr Lusher	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hodges	Mr McLay	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	
Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr Hyde	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Wentworth addressing the House—

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

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

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

19 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

20 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (No. 2) 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.

Assent to Bill: Mr Speaker informed the House that this afternoon, accompanied by the Attorney-General and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, he waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, the Honourable Sir John Kerr, and personally presented for the Royal Assent the Statute Law Revision Bill 1974 which was the first Bill ready for presentation following the swearing-in of His Excellency. His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, was pleased to assent to the Bill which is now Act No. 20 of 1974—Message No. 4.

Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 5, dated 23 July 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 Hayden (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

21 PRICES—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on Prices:

Mrs Child, Mr Hurford, Mr Whan and Mr Willis had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Hodges and Mr Howard had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr King had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in this House.

Senators Coleman and Gietzelt had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator Chaney had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senator Scott had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in that House.

22 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Mr Fry, Mr Kerin and Mr Whan had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Howard had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Fisher had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in this House.

Senators Devitt and Milliner had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senator Sir Kenneth Anderson and Senator Marriott had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in that House.

23 NORTHERN TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Senators and Members to be members of the Joint Committee on the Northern Territory:

Mr FitzPatrick, Mr James and Mr Wallis had been nominated by the Prime Minister, Mr Kelly had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Calder had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in this House.

Senators Keeffe and McLaren had been nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator Marriott had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Senator Sheil had been nominated by the Leader of the Australian Country Party in that House.

24 EDITORIAL IN THE 'DAILY MIRROR' OF 24 JULY 1974—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker made a statement relating to an editorial appearing in the *Daily Mirror* of 24 July 1974, reflecting on Members of the House.

25 REPATRIATION BILL (NO.2) 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. 6, dated 23 July 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 Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation), the Bill was read a third time.

26 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL (NO. 2) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), the Bill was read a third time.

27 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 Tuesday next at half-past ten 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 25 July 1974, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificates—B. J. Armstrong, L. F. N. Leman.

Education Research Act—Australian Advisory Committee on Research and Development in Education—Third Annual Report, for year 1972-73.

Papua New Guinea (Application of Laws) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1974, No. 120.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Labour—J. J. Thoday.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Connor, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Garrick, Mr Giles and Mr Sherry.

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