

## AUSTRALIA

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 17

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 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.:

Dr Edwards, Mr Fairbairn and Mr Luchetti—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with existing television program standards or to permit easier entry into Australia, or production in Australia, of pornographic material.

Mr Martin, Mr Morris and Mr Reynolds—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government hasten to introduce a universal health scheme so that health care services in Australia can function efficiently and economically.

Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration) and Dr Edwards—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government increase child endowment in the September Budget.

Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government (1) to grant at least \$10 million immediate emergency aid to the Sahelian region of Africa and continue to assist in the long term agricultural and social development of the region and (2) to take a leading part in initiatives to set up world food and fertilizer funds at the World Food Conference in November.

Mr C. R. Cameron—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reverse the Governments decision to recognise the sovereignty of the Soviet Union over the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Mr K. M. Cairns—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Family Law Bill.

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

Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take measures to upgrade the quality of television programs and ban undesirable films from cinemas.

Mr Young—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House disallow, as a matter of principle, the Government's recognition of the annexation by the Soviet Union of the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Interim Annual Report for year 1973-74.

Australian Egg Board—Interim report for year 1973-74.

- Australian Forestry Council—Thirteenth Meeting, Melbourne, 28 June 1974—  
Summary of resolutions and recommendations.
- Australian Honey Board—Interim Annual Report for year 1973–74.
- Australian Meat Research Committee—Interim Annual Report for year 1973–74.
- Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—Interim Annual Report for year  
1973–74.
- Department of Supply—Report for period 1 July 1973 to 11 June 1974.
- Electric cars—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of  
Transport, dated July 1974.
- International Court of Justice—Nuclear Tests Case—Australia v. France—  
Questions of jurisdiction of Court and admissibility of Australian application—  
Memorial of the Government of Australia dated November 1973.  
Verbatim record of oral proceedings, 4–6, 8, 9 and 11 July 1974.
- Medical Education—Report by Hospitals and Health Services Commission on  
continuing medical education dated August 1974.
- National Estate—Report of Committee of Inquiry.
- United Nations—Third Conference on the Law of the Sea, Second Session, Caracas,  
20 June to 29 August 1974—Report of the Australian Delegation.
- Weapons Research Establishment—Annual Report for year 1973–74.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

- Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Forty-  
eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-  
General's Report, for 1973.
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—  
Fiftieth Annual Report, for year 1973–74.
- Prices Justification Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—First Annual Report, for  
period 1 August 1973 to 30 June 1974.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering  
Corporation—Fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the  
Auditor-General's Report, for year 1973–74.

Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), by leave, made a ministerial  
statement in connection with the report of the Committee of Inquiry into the National  
Estate.

Mr Hunt, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ROYAL COMMISSION INTO ALLEGED  
PAYMENTS TO MARITIME UNIONS: Mr 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 failure of the Government, in formulating the terms of  
reference for the Royal Commission into alleged indemnity payments involving  
maritime unions, to include—

- (1) Charges that the Minister for Transport had approved the indemnity payments  
twelve months ago,
- (2) The silence of the Minister for Labor and Immigration and the Minister for  
Transport from 26 July to early September when publicity was given to  
indemnity payments,
- (3) The failure of both Ministers to take appropriate action under the law".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Fraser addressed the House.

Ordered—That Mr Jones (Minister for Transport) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr Nixon be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the House—

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 62

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

7 PRICES—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Hurford (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on Prices:

Report on prices of household soaps and detergents, together with minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Mr Hurford and Mr King, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

8 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY BILL 1974: Dr J. F. Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act 1966-1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

9 PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Guarantee by Australia of the Discharge of the Obligations of the Government of Papua New Guinea under a Loan Agreement made with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 STATES GRANTS BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants Act 1973* to grant additional Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 WOOL MARKETING (LOAN) BILL 1974: Mr Crean (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize certain Advances to the Australian Wool Corporation and to authorize the Borrowing of certain Moneys by the Treasurer.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 STATES GRANTS (BEEF CATTLE ROADS) BILL 1974: Dr Patterson (Minister for Northern Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Beef Cattle Roads) Act 1968*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Patterson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 13 UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION BILL 1974: Mr Beazley (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Universities Commission Act 1959–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 REMUNERATION TRIBUNALS BILL 1974: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 15 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1974 [No. 2]: 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.

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

- 16 POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL 1974 [No. 2]: 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.

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

Children's Commission—Establishment—Statement by Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State) dated 19 September 1974.

18 WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION 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 Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill this House (1) expresses its concern at the arbitrary nature of discussions with the Australian Wheat Federation and Agricultural Council on details of the new stabilization proposals, and (2) because of industrial disruption beyond the control of the industry, deplors the Government's failure to take the action necessary to enable pool payments foreshadowed for the 1973–74 crop to be made to growers”.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 60

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

NOES, 48

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Fraser	Mr Lusher	Mr Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McLeay	
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Drummond	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Edwards	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr O'Keefe	Mr I. L. Robinson

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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 28, dated 18 July 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.

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*In the committee*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 2, lines 25 and 26, omit “a date to be fixed by Proclamation”, substitute “the day on which it receives the Royal Assent”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 24, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 25—

On the motion, by leave, of Dr Patterson, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Page 15, lines 6–13, omit paragraphs (a) and (b), substitute the following paragraphs:

- “ (a) wheat which is quota wheat in relation to the relevant season;
- (b) any other wheat of the relevant season or of an earlier quota season delivered in the relevant season that is declared by the Board to have been sold by the Board, by way of export sale or sale for export, at a premium on the price of Australian standard white wheat, and paid for in full, during the relevant season; and
- (c) any other wheat, being wheat of an earlier quota season, that—
  - (i) was delivered to the Board before the relevant season;
  - (ii) was not included in the pool for a season before the relevant season; and
  - (iii) is declared by the Board to have been sold by the Board, and paid for in full, before or during the relevant season.”

Page 15, line 21, after “paragraph (3) (b)” insert “or (c)”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

19 WHEAT PRODUCTS EXPORT ADJUSTMENT 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 Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the Bill was read a third time.

20 WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE 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 Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the Bill was read a third time.

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 Tuesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 September 1974, pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1974—Nos. 17 and 18  
(Motor Traffic Ordinance).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Chipp, Mr Corbett, Mr England, Mr Fry, Mr Garland, Mr Jarman and Mr Viner.

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