

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER 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 Dawkins and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Mr Nicholls and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take action against the Government's decision to recognise the sovereignty of the Soviet Union over the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Mr Enderby (Minister for Manufacturing Industry)—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the House urge the Government not to proceed with the introduction of self-government for the Australian Capital Territory until the residents of the Territory are consulted, by means of a referendum, on the issue.

Mr Bennett—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.

Mr King—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House ask the Australian Commission on Advanced Education to consider in its 1976-78 Triennium Report an allocation of funds for the provision of Union Facilities at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Mr Morris—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 Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the law be amended to allow taxpayers to deduct from income, for income tax purposes, all rates and taxes paid by them in respect of their primary home or land bought for the purpose of building thereon.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Aircraft cabin interior materials—Flammability, smoke and toxicity—Report of Department of Civil Aviation/Airlines working group dated 5 December 1973.

Boxing and other combat sports—Report on the Interdepartmental Committee inquiry.

Industries Assistance Commission—Glass and glassware—Report dated 23 May 1974, together with related correspondence dated 23 August and 3 September 1974 between Mr G. A. Rattigan, c.B.E., Chairman of the Commission, and the Standing Interdepartmental Committee on Assistance to Industries.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1973–74.

Dairying Research Act—Dairying Research Committee—  
First Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Second Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Seventeenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1973–74.

Mr Peacock asked leave to make a statement in connection with the report of the National Capital Development Commission.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 15 October, at half-past ten 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 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.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

7 NATIONAL COMPENSATION BILL 1974: Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Provision for the Payment of Benefits in respect of Incapacity as the Result of Sickness (including Personal Injury), for the Payment of Widows' Pensions and certain other Benefits, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen 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.

8 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL (NO. 2) 1974: Dr Cass (Minister representing the Minister for the Media), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942–1973*, as amended by the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1974*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Cass 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 BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES BILL 1974: Dr Cass (Minister representing the Minister for the Media) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act 1964–1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Cass 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.

- 10 TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES BILL 1974: Dr Cass (Minister representing the Minister for the Media) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Television Stations Licence Fees Act 1964-1966*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Dr Cass 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.
- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 BOOK BOUNTY 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. 45, dated 26 September 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:  
 3 October 1974—Message—  
 No. 61—States Grants (Universities) 1974.  
 No. 62—Universities Commission 1974.  
 No. 63—Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy 1974.
- 14 REMUNERATION TRIBUNALS 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. 46, dated 19 September 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*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.  
 On the motion of Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), the following amendment was made: Clause 9, page 6, line 35, after "corporation" insert "or an office or appointment as a member of a body established to manage, conduct or control the business or affairs of, or otherwise to perform functions in relation to, such a corporation".  
 Bill, as amended, agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr Bowen, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 REFRIGERATION COMPRESSORS BOUNTY 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. 47, dated 26 September 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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the Bill was read a third time.

16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1974-75—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Snedden (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House is of the opinion that the Budget fails to tackle Australia’s economic crisis, in that:

- (1) unemployment is permitted to grow and the prospect for school leavers is prejudiced,
- (2) inflation is accelerated,
- (3) existing poverty is ignored and new poverty is created,
- (4) personal income tax is increased 45 per cent,
- (5) living standards will be lowered,
- (6) private enterprise is stifled,
- (7) Government power is further centralised,
- (8) individual incentive and thrift is penalised, and
- (9) a double tax is levied on estates;

and because the Government:

- (a) has made the Budget a socialist vehicle to intensify the attack on the States and break down the free enterprise system,
- (b) believes the absurdity that the Government can spend without people paying or can build without people producing, and
- (c) has preached private restraint but has threatened its achievement by its own Government extravagance”—

Debate resumed.

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

18 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT: Mr McKenzie (Chairman) brought up the Second Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

#### SECOND REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General’s Report thereon, for year 1973-74.

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for year 1973-74.

Australian Industry Development Corporation—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1973-74.

Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1973-74.

Australian Council for the Arts—First Annual Report for 1973.

Australian National University Act—Report of the Council of the Australian National University, for 1973.

- Book Bounty Act—Return for year 1973–74.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Forty-eighth Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1973.
- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for 1973.
- Cities Commission—Occasional Paper No. 1 of the Cities Commission entitled "Overseas Experts' Reports 1973", dated July 1974.
- Commonwealth Banks Act—Annual Reports and financial statements of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Commonwealth Railways—Financial and Statistical Bulletin, for year 1972–73.
- Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Annual Report of the Commonwealth Teaching Service Commissioner, for 1973.
- Compensation and Rehabilitation in Australia—Report of the National Committee of Inquiry—Volume 2—Rehabilitation and Safety.
- Co-ordinated Industrial Organisations—Report of the Committee of Inquiry.
- Defence Act—Report of the Royal Military College of Australia, for period 1 February 1973 to 31 January 1974.
- Department of Education—Report for 1973.
- Department of Health—Report of the Director-General, for year 1973–74.
- Department of Tourism and Recreation—Annual Report for year 1973–74.
- Department of Supply—Report for period 1 July 1973 to 11 June 1974.
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Fiftieth Annual Report of the Australian Dried Fruits Control Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Electric Cars—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics on Electric Cars, dated June 1974.
- Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Export Payments Insurance Corporation, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Twentieth Annual Statement concerning operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1973–74.
- Grants Commission Act—First Report on Financial Assistance for Local Government, dated 9 August 1974.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
- Glass fibre rovings and chopped strand mat (Dumping and Subsidies Act), dated 31 July 1974.
  - Gloves, mittens or mitts, dated 11 June 1974.
  - Industrial tractors, dated 4 June 1974.
  - Wood working and metal working machinery, etc.; gas welding, etc., equipment and electrical welding, etc., equipment; industrial and laboratory furnaces and ovens, etc., dated 28 June 1974.
- International Court of Justice—Nuclear Test Case, *Australia v. France*—Memorial of the Government on the questions of Jurisdiction and Admissibility of the Australian Application instituting the proceedings, dated November 1973.
- International Labour Organisation—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates to the 58th Session of the International Labour Conference, held at Geneva, 6 to 27 June 1973.
- Hospitals and Health Services Commission Act—Report of the Hospitals and Health Services Commission, for year 1973–74.
- Hospitals in Australia—Report dated 10 April 1974.

- Law of the Sea—Report of the Australia Delegation to the Second Session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, held at Caracas from 20 June to 29 August 1974.
- Meat Industry Act—Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Medical Education—Report from the Hospitals and Health Services Commission on Continuing Medical Education, dated August 1974.
- Metal Working Machine Tools Bounty Act—Return for year 1973–74.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—Fifty-first Annual Report of the National Debt Commission, for year 1973–74.
- National Estate—Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the National Estate.
- National Fitness Act—Annual Report, for year 1973–74.
- Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1973–74.
- Norfolk Island—Report for year 1972–73.
- Papua New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the administration of Papua New Guinea, for year 1972–73.
- Poultry Industry Act—Ninth Annual Report on the operation of the Act, for year 1973–74.
- Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1973–74.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Annual Report of the Postmaster-General's Department, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Post Office Prospects and Capital Programme, for year 1974–75.
- Prices Justification Act—First Annual Report of the Prices Justification Tribunal, for year 1973–74.
- Public Service Act—Fiftieth Annual Report of the Public Service Board, for year 1973–74.
- Reserve Bank Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Twenty-sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1973–74.
- Services Trust Fund Act—  
 Report of the Australian Military Forces Trust Fund, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 1 July to 31 December 1973.  
 Report by the Trustees of the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 1 July to 31 December 1973.  
 Report by the Trustees of the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 1 July to 31 December 1973.
- Schools Commission—Report by the Schools Commission on supplementary funds for programmes administered by the Commission, dated August 1974.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1973–74.
- Social Services Act—Second Annual Report of the Director-General of Social Security, for year 1973–74.
- States Grants (Technical Training) Act—Statement by the Minister of Payments made under the Act, for year 1972–73.

Technical and further education in Australia—Report of Committee, dated April 1974.

Weapons Research Establishment—Annual Report, for year 1973–74.

DAVID MCKENZIE,  
Chairman

3 October 1974

Mr McKenzie moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

19 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, 15 October, at half-past ten 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.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 3 October 1974, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for Pipeline Authority purposes—  
New South Wales.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Bouchier, Mr Collard, Mr Corbett, Mr Crean, Mr England, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Keogh, Mr Killen, Mr McLeay, Mr Morrison, Mr Whitlam and Mr Wilson.

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