

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1974

1 The House met, at fifteen minutes past two 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 Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), Mrs Child and Mr Kerin—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take urgent steps to ensure that further mining and export from Australia of uranium, except for bio-medical purposes, be banned and that the Australian Atomic Energy Commission be transformed into an Australian Energy Commission.

Mr Crean (Treasurer) and Mr Oldmeadow—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to restore education benefits to parents, at least to the 1973-74 level, either by increasing taxation deductions or through taxation rebates.

Mr Holten—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Family Law Bill be debated and passed as soon as possible.

Mr Holten—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and distress are occurring.

Mr Jarman—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 Kerin—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government forthwith return to the States all moneys raised by way of taxes and excise on petroleum products.

Mr McLeay—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Fourteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1973-74.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

21 November 1974—Message No. 91—Local Government Grants 1974.

6 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 November 1974—Message No. 79—

Loans (Australian National Airlines Commission) 1974.

Loans (Qantas Airways Limited) 1974.

Airline Equipment (Loan Guarantee) 1974.

22 November 1974—Message No. 80—Local Government Grants 1974.

7 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cross (Chairman) brought up the First Report from the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs on the present conditions of the Yirrkala people, together with minutes of proceedings of the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

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

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT—EXTERNAL INFLUENCES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The dangerously misconceived view held by the Treasurer designate that Australia's high level of inflation and unemployment are derived from external economic events".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lynch addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ASSISTANCE) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hunt, viz.*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill the House is of the opinion that the Government's action in reducing the grant to the State of Queensland by \$3,190,000 is contrary to the best interests of the Aboriginal people of Queensland and that the Government should take immediate steps to grant to that State a further sum of \$3,190,000 as promised in the Budget"—

Debate resumed.

Mr MacKellar rising to address the House—

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

NOES, 53

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 61

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	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whan
Mrs Child	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Clayton	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Coates	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 53

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

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.

On the motion of Mr Bryant (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

10 ABORIGINAL LOANS COMMISSION 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 Bryant (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

11 ELECTORAL LAWS AMENDMENT 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.

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	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Garrick	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	
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 48

Mr Adermann	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lucock	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Erwin	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Dr Forbes	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Howard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Millar	
Mr Corbett	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drummond	Mr Killen	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr King	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Dr Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Garland

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Daly (Minister for Services and Property) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Killen moved, as an amendment—That the word “now” be omitted from, and that the words “this day six months” be added to, the question.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Nicholls 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, 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	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Thorburn
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fry	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Garrick	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	
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr James
Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 51

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

12 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

13 APPROPRIATION (URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT) 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.

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 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 November 1974, pursuant to statute:

Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 213, 214.

Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1974, Nos. 211, 212.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1974—

No. 672—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 673—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 674—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 675—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.

No. 676—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.

Nos. 677 and 678—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

No. 679—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 680—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 681—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

Nos. 682 and 683—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia and Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.

No. 684—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.

(† Not accompanied by statement)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1974—No. 29 (Apprenticeship Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Chipp, Dr Everingham, Mr Fraser, Mr Hewson and Mr Katter.

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