

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 49

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 1975

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- 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 L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), Mr Morrison (Minister for Science), Mr Adermann, Mr K. M. Cairns, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cross, Mr Drury, Mr England, Dr Forbes, Mr Fry, Mr Giles, Mr Hodges, Mr Kelly, Mr Luchetti, Mr Lusher, Mr McMahon, Mr McVeigh, Mr Millar, Mr Mulder, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Thorburn and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill.
 - Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Bonnett, Mr Fisher, Mr Fraser, Mr Fry, Mr Gorton, Dr Jenkins, Mr King, Mr Lusher and Mr Mathews—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House oppose the Family Law Bill.
 - Dr Cass (Minister for the Environment and Conservation), Mr King, Mr Morris and Mr Street—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House pass the Family Law Bill.
 - Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence)—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 Mulder—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government give urgent consideration to proposals for the organising of fields of labour to alleviate unemployment.
 - Mr Staley—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government increase child endowment.
 - Mr Wentworth—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Members in Parliament call for and hold a general election forthwith.
 - Petitions received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Tourist Ministers' Council—Sixteenth Annual Conference, Sydney, 18 October 1974—Record of decisions.The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
 - States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act—Fifth Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1973-74.
 - 5 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.

Mr Wentworth moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and in particular the House notes with distaste the evasive and contemptuous attitude of the Prime Minister within it, and his custom of making deliberately misleading statements with the objective of deceiving both it and the electorate”.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

AYES, 54

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

NOES, 62

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Riordan
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Duthie	Mr Keogh	Mr Sherry
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	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

And so it was negatived.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—AUSTRALIAN FILM COMMISSION BILL 1975 AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 1975: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the presentation and consideration of an Australian Film Commission Bill 1975 and a Public Service Acts Amendment Bill 1975.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 1975: Mr Bowen (Minister assisting the Prime Minister in matters relating to the Public Service) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Public Service.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 AUSTRALIAN FILM COMMISSION BILL 1975: Mr Morrison (Minister representing the Minister for the Media) presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Film Commission.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 AUSTRALIAN HOUSING CORPORATION BILL 1975: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Housing Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 RACIAL DISCRIMINATION BILL 1975: Mr Enderby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Elimination of Racial and other Discrimination.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 ELECTORAL 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, 60

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

NOES, 51

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—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 Daly (Minister for Services and Property), the following amendment was made, after debate: (Clause 3, page 11, lines 13–31, omit sub-section (1) of proposed section 153G, substitute the following sub-sections:

“(1) In this section, a reference to a gift, in relation to a return, does not include a reference to a gift the value of which is less than \$100 unless the value of the gift, together with the value of any other gift or gifts made by or on behalf of the same donor during the period to which the return relates, exceeds an aggregate value of \$100.

“(1A) Within 12 weeks after the day fixed for the polling for an election, every person who was at any time the official agent of a candidate for the election shall file with the Chief Australian Electoral Officer a return in the form prescribed, setting out—

(a) particulars of—

(i) all gifts authorized by him as provided by section 151; and

(ii) all gifts received by him on behalf of, by arrangement with, or with the concurrence of, the candidate,

during that time and the names and addresses of the persons by whom the gifts were made and the amount or value of each gift; and

(b) particulars of all electoral expenditure authorized by him as provided by section 146 during that time, the names and addresses of the persons by whom the expenditure was incurred and the amount of the expenditure incurred by each of them.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

13 FAMILY LAW 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 Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), viz.—*That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the Bill should give expression to the following principles—

(a) that the family is the basic and stable unit of the Australian society;

(b) that marriage should be buttressed;

(c) that marriage should be permanent and secure;

(d) that full and proper recognition be given to the status and rights of a woman as wife and mother;

(e) that there should be full and proper protection of the wife and children in the event of the dissolution of a marriage;

(f) that there is need for children to be reared and cared for by a present parent, and

(g) that marriage should be dissolved only when a Court is satisfied on objective grounds that the marriage has irretrievably broken down or that the parties have lived separately and apart for not less than two years”—

Debate resumed.

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

- 14 ROAD SAFETY—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cohen, by leave, made a statement relating to recommendations of the Standing Committee on Road Safety concerning the adoption of lower absolute speed limits for all States in Australia.
- 15 CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES INDUSTRY BILL 1975: Mr Enderby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Corporations and the Securities Industry.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Enderby moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Ellicott), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 February 1975, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariff—Orders—Developing country—

No. 5 (1974).

Nos. 1, 2 (1975).

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

No. 691—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 692—Australian Workers' Union.†

No. 693—Amalgamated Postal Workers Union of Australia.†

No. 694—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 695—Professional Para-Medical Officers Association (Commonwealth Public Service).

Nos. 696 and 697—Professional Musicians Union of Australia.

No. 698—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 699—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

Nos. 700 and 701—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 702—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 703—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 704—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†

No. 705—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.†

No. 706—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 707—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 708—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 709 and 710—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 711—Telecommunication Technical Officer's Association, Postmaster-General's Department.

No. 712—Federal Firefighters' Union.

No. 713—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†

Nos. 714 and 715—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

- No. 716—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 717—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
No. 718—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 719—Australian Workers' Union.†
No. 720—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 721—Australian Licenced Aircraft Engineers Association.
No. 722—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.†
No. 723—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†
No. 724—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service and Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 725—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 726—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†
No. 727—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
No. 728—C.S.I.R.O. Laboratory Craftsmen Association.
No. 729—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.
No. 730—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
No. 731—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 732—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.
No. 733—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
No. 734—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 735—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 736—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
No. 737—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 738—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
Nos. 739 and 740—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 741—Postal Telecommunication Technicians Association (Australia).
No. 742—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 743—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization Technical Association.
No. 744—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
Nos. 745 to 757—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
No. 758—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†
No. 792—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.
No. 793—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†
Nos. 794 and 795—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
No. 796—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.
No. 797—Australian Workers' Union.
No. 798—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
No. 799—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.
No. 800—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.
No. 801—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 802—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.†
No. 803—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.
No. 804—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 805—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
Nos. 806 and 807—Amalgamated Postal Workers Union of Australia.
No. 808—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 809—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
No. 810—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.

- No. 811—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginen.
No. 812—Australian Workers' Union.
No. 813—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia and Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
No. 814—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 815—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
Nos. 816 and 817—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
Nos. 818 and 819—Non-Official Postmasters Association of Australia.†
No. 820—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 821—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.†
No. 822—Australian Workers' Union.†
Nos. 823 and 824—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†
No. 825—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
No. 826—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 827—Telecommunication Technical Officer's Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
No. 828—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 829—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
No. 831—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia and Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
No. 832—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
No. 833—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.†
No. 834—Telecommunication Technical Officer's Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
No. 835—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 836—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
No. 837—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.
No. 838—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 839—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
(† Not accompanied by statement)

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Chipp, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Fraser, Mr Keating, Mr Lloyd and Mr Wilson.

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