

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 51

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 1975

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 Jones (Minister for Transport), Mr Armitage, Mr Bennett, Mr K. M. Cairns, Mrs Child, Mr Clayton, Mr Corbett, Mr Cross, Mr Drummond, Mr Drury, Mr England, Mr Garland, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr Killen, Mr Lucock, Mr McVeigh, Mr Nicholls, Mr Oldmeadow, Mr Reynolds, Mr Riordan, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Sullivan and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House amend the Family Law Bill.

Mr England, Mr Hodges, Mr Mathews and Mr E. L. Robinson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House oppose the Family Law Bill.

Mr King and Mr Mathews—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian Advisory Committee on the Environment—Report No. 4, dated December 1974—Land use in Australia.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Forty-third Annual Report, and statement of receipts and expenditure certified by the Auditor-General, for year 1973-74.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S RURAL POLICIES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the Australian Country Party) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The effect on productivity and employment caused by the Government's rural policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
15 February 1975—Message No. 117—National Health 1975.
- 7 LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1975: Mr Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Dr J. F. Cairns (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a sum not exceeding \$4,000,000 for a Defence Purpose, namely, Financial Assistance to South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Stewart moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL (No. 2) 1975: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953–1974*, as amended by the *National Health Act 1975*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hayden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL BILL 1975: Mr Bowen (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian War Memorial Act 1962–1973*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That notices Nos. 4 and 5 and orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 11 MINERALS (SUBMERGED LANDS) 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.
Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	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 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	Tellers:
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 52

Mr Adermann	Mr Fisher	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Dr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hewson	Mr McMahan	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wentworth
Mr Connolly	Mr Holten	Mr Macphee	
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 Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England

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

- 12 MINERALS (SUBMERGED LANDS) (ROYALTY) 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 Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 NATIONAL HEALTH 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 118, dated 13 February 1975, 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.

Rescission of resolution on third reading—Third reading: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the resolution of the House this day on the third reading of the National Health Bill 1974 [No. 2] be rescinded and that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—be again put to the House forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 63

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	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 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	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 52

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

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

- 14 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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.

Mr Macphee rising to address 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 second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 62

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jones	Mr Riordan
Mr Berinson	Mr Dawkins	Mr Keating	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 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, 53

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

Mr Fraser, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 6—

Pages 5 and 6, proposed section 158L, omit sub-sections (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6), substitute the following sub-sections:

“(2) A ballot referred to in the last preceding sub-section shall be a secret ballot by postal voting and the Industrial Registrar shall—

- (a) conduct the ballot himself;
- (b) direct a Deputy Industrial Registrar or an officer employed in a Registry to conduct the ballot; or
- (c) make arrangements with the Chief Australian Electoral Officer for the conduct of the ballot by an Australian Electoral Officer or by a Returning Officer holding office under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918–1973*.

“(3) A copy of the scheme of amalgamation submitted under this Part or, if the scheme has been amended in accordance with this Part, of the scheme as so amended, shall accompany each ballot paper sent to a person entitled to vote at the ballot.

“(4) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, the roll of voters for a ballot shall be a roll of the persons who were members of the organization on the day on which the Industrial Registrar gave his approval under the last preceding section.

“(5) The name of a member shall not be included in the roll if—

- (a) he became a member more than twelve months before the day referred to in the last preceding sub-section; and
- (b) he is, on that day, an unfinancial member within the meaning of the rules of the organization and has been such an unfinancial member at all times during the period of twelve months ending on that day.

“(6) Subject to this section, a ballot referred to in this section shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations.”.

Page 6, omit proposed section 158M, substitute the following section:

“158M. Where an amalgamation is submitted to ballots in accordance with this Part, the amalgamation shall be taken to be approved if, in each of the ballots—

- (a) ballot papers are received by the person conducting the ballot, on or before the day fixed for the closing of the ballot, from at least one-half of the members on the roll of voters; and
- (b) more than one-half of the members who record formal votes on those ballot papers vote in favour of the amalgamation.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53

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

NOES, 61

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

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 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.

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

AYES, 59

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

NOES, 51

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.

16 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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.

17 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 ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 February 1975, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (3) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.

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

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