

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 82

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 1975

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- 1 The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable G. G. D. Scholes) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **BASS BY-ELECTION:** Mr Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the writ in connection with the by-election for the Bass Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on 3 June 1975.
 - 3 **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 Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Cohen, Mr Corbett, Mr Drury, Mr Erwin, Mr Garland, Dr Jenkins, Mr Macphee, Mr Nixon, Mr Oldmeadow, Mr Reynolds, Mr E. L. Robinson and Mr Street—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Corbett, Mr Hunt, Mr King, Mr Lusher, Mr McVeigh and Mr Sullivan—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the reserve price of wool be maintained at 250 cents a kilo.
 - Mr Corbett, Mr Drury, Mr Erwin and Mr Killen—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.
 - Mr Macphee and Mr Snedden—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Erwin, Mr Nixon and Mr Reynolds—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) immediately increase expenditure on solar energy research to an amount comparable with current expenditure on atomic energy research, (2) maintain expenditure at this level and (3) maintain CSIRO control of, and responsibility for, solar energy research until an appropriate commission has been established.
 - Mr L. R. Johnson and Dr Cass (Minister for Environment)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) cease the mining and export of uranium until safe disposal methods have been guaranteed, (2) increase expenditure on research into clean and inexhaustible sources of energy and (3) aid underdeveloped countries in their plea for a share of world energy resources.
 - Mr Cohen and Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House ask the Government to arrange for the Sydney-Newcastle expressway to be constructed on the west side of Lake Macquarie.

Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will (1) suspend mining, enrichment and selling of uranium until an inquiry is made into its effect on the environment and (2) begin research into alternative sources of energy.

Dr Jenkins—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 Snedden—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) reverse its decision to allow the P.R.G. to set up an information office in Australia, (2) resist efforts being made by the P.L.O. to set up a similar office and (3) refuse similar requests from the I.R.A. or other terrorist organisations.

Mr Viner—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Medibank scheme be not proceeded with.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Hallett Cove, South Australia, study—Report on investigation of the scientific, environmental and social issues relating to urban development, dated May 1975.

Industries Assistance Commission—Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Flat glass, table and kitchen glassware, dated 21 May 1975.

Leisure—An inappropriate concept for women?—Report by Robin Anderson with assistance from Sheryl Ward on a survey for the Young Women's Christian Association.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Final report and financial statements of the Export Payments Insurance Corporation, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July 1974 to 31 January 1975.

6 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Graham (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

One hundred and fifty-fourth Report—Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (Appropriation Acts 1973–74).

One hundred and fifty-fifth Report—Index to the First to the One hundred and forty-second Reports of the Committee.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Graham, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

7 HEALTH INSURANCE BILL (No. 2) 1975: Mr Hayden (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, as amended by the *Health Insurance Act 1975*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Statement by Member: Mr Chipp, by leave, made a statement in connection with the Bill.

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

- 8 AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS TRADING CORPORATION BILL 1975: Mr Crean (Minister for Overseas Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Overseas Trading Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, EDGECLIFF, N.S.W.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1974*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a telephone exchange at Edgecliff, N.S.W.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 SUPERIOR COURT OF AUSTRALIA 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.

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

AYES, 59

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

NOES, 56

Mr Adermann	Mr Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr J. 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 Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	
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 Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	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 Enderby (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1975:** 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 Connolly 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—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Stewart (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 **NORTHERN TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1975:** 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 Enderby (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **STATES GRANTS (BEEF INDUSTRY) BILL 1975:** 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.
 Several Members 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 Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr 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 Stewart
Mr Bowen	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Uren
Dr J. F. Cairns	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Dr Klugman	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Mr Fry	Mr Luchetti	Mr Willis
Mrs Child	Mr Fulton	Mr McKenzie	Mr Young
Mr Clayton	Mr Garrick	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	
Mr Cope	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr James
			Mr Nicholls

NOES, 53

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr Lusher	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sullivan
Mr Calder	Mr Hewson	Mr McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahan	Mr Wentworth
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Macphee	
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 Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 172, dated 20 May 1975, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Closure: Mr Nicholls moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr Bryant	Mr Duthie	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
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Mr C. R. Cameron	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Uren
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Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Ellicott	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

14 WOOL TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 5) 1975: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr J. F. Cairns (Treasurer), the Bills were together read a third time.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House:

4 June 1975—Message No. 220—Children's Commission 1975.

- 16 DAIRY PRODUCE BILL 1975: 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. 173, dated 28 May 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 Dr Patterson (Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 DAIRY PRODUCE SALES PROMOTION BILL 1975: 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.
- 18 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1975: 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 Hyde 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—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Enderby (Minister for Police and Customs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 9 to 11, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.
- 20 OMBUDSMAN BILL 1975: 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.
Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 21 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Enderby (Attorney-General) moved—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 4 June 1975:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, signed for Australia on 24 December 1974.

Pursuant to statute:

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Order dated 3 June 1975—G. C. Kennedy.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 89.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulation—1975—No. 11 (Canberra Hospitals Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Gorton, Mr Holten, Mr Millar, Mr Sherry and Mr Snedden.

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