

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 84

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 1975

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the resolution of 5 June last. Mr Speaker (the Honourable G. G. D. Scholes) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 RETURN TO WRIT—BASS DIVISION: Mr Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which he had issued on 4 June for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Bass, in the State of Tasmania, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honourable Lance Herbert Barnard, and that, by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Kevin Eugene Newman had been elected.
 - 3 MEMBER SWORN: Kevin Eugene Newman was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
 - 4 DEATH OF SENATOR B. R. MILLINER: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Senator B. R. Milliner, and moved—That this House expresses its profound regret at the death on 30 June 1975 of Bertie Richard Milliner, a Senator for the State of Queensland since 1968, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and extends its deepest sympathy to his widow and family.
And Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) and other honourable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
 - 5 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Corbett, Mr Hewson, Mr Hodges, Mr Kerin, Mr Killen, Mr MacKellar, Mr Millar, Mr Reynolds, Mr Snedden and Mr Sullivan—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Fraser, Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Jacobi, Mr Macphee and Mr Wilson—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.
 - Mr Fraser, Mr Howard, Mr Hewson, Mr MacKellar and Mr Sullivan—from certain citizens of Australia in terms similar to the last preceding petition.
 - Dr J. F. Cairns, Mr Graham and Mr MacKellar—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 Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy) and Mr Killen—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House (1) support a moratorium on whaling, (2) support research into marine biology and alternatives to whale products (3) close down whaling operations at Cheynes Beach, Western Australia, (4) ban the import of all whale products and (5) encourage the end of whaling throughout the world.

Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government (1) suspend sales of uranium to any country engaged in violent conflict, (2) suspend the mining of uranium except that used for medical purposes and (3) encourage research into safer sources of energy.

Mr Fraser—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.

Mr Bennett—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House support the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.

Dr J. F. Cairns—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House endorse the report entitled "A case for assistance to the Farmers of the isolated districts of East Gippsland".

Mr Lusher—from certain citizens and foreign students in Australia praying that the House ensure the political and other rights of foreign students who study in Australia.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens and foreign students in Australia praying that the House agree to the changes proposed by the Australian Union of Students to the tertiary education scheme.

Mr Snedden—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government increase child endowment in the next Budget.

Petitions received.

6 MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House of the following ministerial changes:

Mr Whitlam had been appointed also Minister for Environment.

Mr Hayden had been appointed Treasurer.

Senator D. McClelland had been appointed Special Minister of State and Manager of Government Business in the Senate.

Dr Patterson had been appointed Minister for Northern Australia.

Mr C. R. Cameron had been appointed Minister for Science and Consumer Affairs.

Mr Bowen had been appointed Minister for Manufacturing Industry.

Senator Wheeldon (Minister for Repatriation and Compensation) had been appointed also Minister for Social Security.

Mr L. R. Johnson had been appointed Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Senator J. R. McClelland had been appointed Minister for Labor and Immigration and Minister assisting the Prime Minister in matters relating to the Public Service.

Dr Cass had been appointed Minister for the Media.

Senator Cavanagh had been appointed Minister for Police and Customs.

Mr Morrison had been appointed Minister for Defence and Minister assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to the Islands of the Pacific.

Mr Riordan had been appointed Minister for Housing and Construction and Minister assisting the Minister for Urban and Regional Development.

Mr Whitlam also stated that, in this House, Dr Patterson would represent the Minister for Agriculture, Mr Bowen would represent the Special Minister of State and the Postmaster-General, Mr Enderby (Attorney-General) would represent the Minister for Police and Customs, Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation) would represent the Minister for Social Security and the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation and Mr Riordan would represent the Minister for Labor and Immigration.

7 MATTER OF SPECIAL INTEREST—OVERSEAS LOAN NEGOTIATIONS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) indicated to the House that it was proposed to discuss a matter of special interest relating to overseas loan negotiations on which it was not desired to formulate a motion in express terms.

Mr Whitlam then moved—That the time allotted to the debate on overseas loan negotiations be until 10 p.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam and Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) each speaking for a period not exceeding 60 minutes in the debate on overseas loan negotiations.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Whitlam moved—That the matter of overseas loan negotiations be considered by the House.

Papers: Mr Whitlam, during his speech, by leave, presented the following papers:

Overseas loan negotiations—

Letters from the Prime Minister, dated 6 June 1975, to:

- (a) The Hon. J. F. Cairns, M.P.;
- (b) The Hon. W. G. Hayden, M.P.;
- (c) Mr J. L. Menadue, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- (d) Sir Frederick Wheeler, C.B.E., Secretary, Department of the Treasury;
- (e) Mr C. W. Harders, O.B.E., Secretary, Attorney-General's Department.

Replies, together with attachments, to the Prime Minister from:

- (a) Dr Cairns, dated 12 June 1975;
- (b) Mr Hayden, dated 13 June 1975;
- (c) Mr Menadue, dated 11 June 1975;
- (d) Sir Frederick Wheeler, dated 11 and 20 June 1975;
- (e) Mr Harders, dated 14 June 1975.

Memorandum from Mr M. H. Byers, Q.C., Solicitor-General of Australia, commenting on the above replies, dated 20 June 1975.

Cable from Washington, dated 10 June 1975, forwarded with compliments slip from Mr Menadue to Dr Cairns on 10 June 1975.

Letter from the First Secretary (Financial) of the Embassy of Australia, Washington, to Mr A. R. G. Prowse, Department of the Treasury, dated 10 June 1975, together with attachments forwarded with compliment slip from Mr Menadue to Dr Cairns on 18 June 1975.

Letter, dated 25 June 1975, from Dr Cairns to Mr Menadue, with attachments. Prime Minister's Press Statement No. 528, dated 1 July 1975.

Letter, dated 2 July 1975, from Dr Cairns to the Prime Minister, with attachments. Letter, dated 2 July 1975, from the Prime Minister to Dr Cairns.

Mr Whitlam moved, by leave—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908–1974*, authorises the publication of papers relating to overseas loan negotiations presented to the House by the Prime Minister this day.

Question—put and passed.

Debate on original question continued by Mr Fraser who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House—

- (a) takes note of public concern about the Government's overseas loan raisings;
- (b) does not consider the Prime Minister's statement or the selective tabling of documents adequately allays concern or restores public confidence, and
- (c) calls for the immediate appointment of a Royal Commission”.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches: Mr Daly moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Connor (Minister for Minerals and Energy), Mr Anthony (Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Dr J. F. Cairns each speaking in the debate for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Papers: Mr Connor, during his speech, by leave, presented the following papers:

Overseas loan negotiations—

Borrowings by the Liberal/Country Party Government 1967–1972—Loan borrowing expenses.

Draft acceptances—

Taken by Mr T. H. Khemlani, Manager, Dalamal & Sons (Commodities) Limited, on 16 December 1974 after discussion with Commonwealth officers.

Dated 21 December 1974.

Letters—

From Mr P. J. C. Firth, Director, Johnson Matthey Bankers Limited, to the High Commissioner for Australia in Hong Kong, dated 6 November 1974.

From Sir Lenox Hewitt, O.B.E., Secretary, Department of Minerals and Energy, to Mr Khemlani, dated 12 November 1974.

To Mr Khemlani, dated 16 December 1974.

From Mr Connor to Mr Khemlani, dated 22 March 1975.

Memorandum, dated 8 December 1974, from Mr J. H. Broinowski to Sir Lenox Hewitt, and attachment.

Teleprinter messages—

From Mr Charles Drover to Sir Lenox Hewitt, dated 11 November 1974.

From Mr Connor to Mr Khemlani, dated 3, 20 and 21 December 1974.

From Mr Khemlani to Mr Connor and Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labor and Immigration), dated 1 December 1974.

From Mr Khemlani to Mr Connor, dated 3 December 1974.

From Mr Connor to Mr N. Senn, Vice-President, Union Bank of Switzerland, Zurich, dated 20 December 1974.

From Mr Connor to the Moscow Narodny Bank, London, dated 31 January, 7, 27 and 28 February 1975.

From the Moscow Narodny Bank, London, to Mr Connor, dated 30 January and 27 February 1975.

From Mr Connor to the Seattle First National Bank (Switzerland), Zurich, dated 26, 27 and 28 February 1975.

From the Seattle First National Bank (Switzerland), Zurich, to Mr Connor, dated 21, 25 and 27 February 1975.

Treasury statement on unsolicited offers of overseas funds.

Mr Daly moved, by leave—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908–1974*, authorises the publication of papers relating to overseas loan negotiations presented to the House by the Minister for Minerals and Energy this day.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Papers: Dr Cairns, during his speech, by leave, presented the following papers:

Overseas loan negotiations—Statutory declaration made by Mr Leslie Nagy of Roseville, N.S.W., dated 8 July 1975, and attachments.

Mr Daly moved, by leave—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908–1974*, authorises the publication of papers relating to overseas loan negotiations presented to the House by the honourable Member for Lalor this day.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Ellicott be granted an extension of time,

Ordered—That Mr Bowen (Minister for Manufacturing Industry) be granted an extension of time.

Papers: Mr McMahon, during his speech, by leave, presented the following papers:

Overseas loan negotiations—Press releases (20) relating to the procurement of overseas loans between 1966 and 1969.

Debate continued.

Mr Jones (Minister for Transport) rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia) 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, 61

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

NOES, 64

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr Jones addressed the House.

At ten o'clock p.m., the time allotted to the debate having expired, Mr Daly withdrew the motion moved by Mr Whitlam, and the amendment moved by Mr Fraser lapsed.

8 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 19 August next, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Killen rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Daly 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, 64

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

NOES, 61

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 19 August next, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 July 1975, pursuant to statute:

Beaches, Fishing Grounds and Sea Routes Protection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 115.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1975—No. 2—Criminal Procedure Code.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—W. R. Hewton.

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 121.

Defence Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 90.

Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 103.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 118.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 99, 101.

Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 96.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for—

Airport purposes—Williamstown, New South Wales.

Construction purposes—Darwin, Northern Territory (2).

- Development of Canberra and its environs—Australian Capital Territory (2).
 Development of Katherine—Katherine, Northern Territory.
 Navigational aids installation—Tailem Bend, South Australia.
 Pipeline Authority purposes—New South Wales.
 Telephone purposes—Williamstown, South Australia.
 Water storage and supply purposes—Googong, New South Wales.
 Statements (4) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.
- National Health Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 100.
 Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114.
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1975—No. 16—Hospitals and Medical Services.
 Papua New Guinea (Members of the Forces Benefits) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 98.
 Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 91, 92.
 Pollution of the Sea by Oil Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 116.
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, Nos. 106, 120 and 122.
 Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department—
 Capital Territory—D. B. Adamson.
 Media—R. A. Perry.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 117.
 Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 93.
 Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 94.
 Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 95.
 Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 97.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1975—
 No. 14—Lake Burley Griffin.
 No. 15—Co-operative Societies (No. 2).
 Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 119.
 Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 104.
 Trade Practices Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 102.
 Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—
 Agreements relating to financial assistance to—
 New South Wales for urban expansion and redevelopment (Woolloomooloo), dated 27 June 1975.
 Queensland for year 1974–75 for—
 Flood mitigation, dated 27 June 1975.
 Sewerage (Support activities).
 Tasmania for year 1974–75 for—
 Sewerage (Support activities).
 Urban expansion and redevelopment, dated 17 June 1975.
 Urban expansion and redevelopment (Strategic Development Study).
 Urban expansion and redevelopment (Tamar Region).
 Victoria for year 1974–75 for—
 Sewerage (Support activities).
 Urban expansion and redevelopment, dated 11 June 1975.

Western Australia for year 1974–75 for—
Sewerage (Support activities).

Urban expansion and redevelopment, dated 10 May 1975.

Supplementary agreements relating to financial assistance for year 1974–75 to—
New South Wales and Victoria for urban expansion and redevelopment
(Albury-Wodonga), dated 24 June 1975.

Victoria for sewerage, dated 23 June 1975.

Western Australia for—

Sewerage, dated 19 June 1975.

Urban expansion and redevelopment, dated 11 June 1975.

Whaling Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1975, No. 105.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except
Mr Gorton.

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