

## AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 91

TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 1975

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- 1 The House met, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable G. G. D. Scholes) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Berinson (Minister for Environment), Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Calder, Mr Drury, Mr Millar, Mr Snedden, Mr Sullivan, Mr Wentworth and Mr Whan—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House either decrease or reject proposed increases in postal and telephone charges.
- Mr Bungey, Mr Connolly, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay and Mr Millar—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.
- Mr Bryant (Minister for the Capital Territory), Mr Jarman and Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Cadman, Mr Mathews and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House ensure that the Government (1) prohibit the export of mineral sands from Fraser Island and (2) assist the Queensland Government and other bodies to conserve the natural environment of Fraser Island for the benefit of the people of Australia.
- Mr Beazley (Minister for Education)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that Parliament continue and actively promote the school cadet movement.
- Mr Drury—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government reduce the cost of the subscription to *Hansard*.
- Mr MacKellar—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 MacKellar—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 Nixon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House grant \$200,000 to the Shire of South Gippsland, Victoria, for maintenance of services at the 1972 level and that it increase this grant annually in line with the inflation rate.
- 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 Ruddock—from certain students of Macquarie University, New South Wales, and certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to provide radio station 2JJ with facilities to service the whole Sydney region.
- Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Enderby (Attorney-General), Senator J. R. McClelland (Minister for Labor and Immigration) was acting as Attorney-General and Mr Bowen (Minister for Manufacturing Industry) would represent the Acting Attorney-General and the Minister for Police and Customs in this House.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Crafts in Australia—Committee of Inquiry—Report, dated 6 March 1975—

Volume 1—Report.

Volume 2—Appendices.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Gas fired instantaneous water heaters (By-law), dated 2 June 1975.

Social welfare in Australia—Possibilities—Report by the Priorities Review Staff, dated July 1975.

Universities Commission and Commission on Advanced Education—Panel to advise on arrangements for amalgamation—Report, dated 8 August 1975—  
Report.

Statement by Mr Beazley (Minister for Education).

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 1—  
Complaints against police, dated 7 August 1975.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Fifty-second  
Annual Report, for year 1974–75.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Tenth Annual Report, for year 1974–75.

Social Welfare Commission Act—Social Welfare Commission—Report, dated  
August 1975—Care of the aged.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN AUSTRALIA—

FREE SPEECH: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr MacKellar had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The immorality of the Government's decision to deny the right of free speech and expression to specific Vietnamese refugees in Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr MacKellar addressed the House.

*Paper:* Mr Morrison (Minister for Defence), during his speech, by leave, presented the following paper:

Colombo Plan—Council for Technical Co-operation in South and South-East  
Asia—Form of nomination for training.

Discussion continued.

Mr Wentworth rising to address the House—

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

7 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1975–76—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "the House condemns the Budget because it does not provide an adequate program to defeat inflation and relieve unemployment nor does it restore confidence in the private sector of the economy"—

Debate resumed.

Mr Dawkins addressing the House—

8 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.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 September 1975, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (2) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under section 7 (1) of the Act.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Social Security—J. R. Griffin.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1975—

No. 572—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.

No. 573—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 574—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 575—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.

No. 576—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and others.

No. 577—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 578—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

No. 579—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.

States Grants (Nature Conservation) Act—Agreement, dated 20 June 1975, between the Australian and Tasmanian Governments relating to financial assistance to Tasmania for land acquisition for nature conservation purposes (Badger Island).

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-law, dated 17 July 1975—Telecommunications (Staff).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Collard, Mr Enderby, Mr England, Mr Erwin, Dr Forbes, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hayden, Mr Hurford, Mr Kerin, Mr Luchetti, Mr Ruddock and Mr Thorburn.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives