

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 93

THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 1975

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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Dr Cass (Minister for the Media), Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), Mr Bouchier, Mr Bungey, Mr Drummond, Mr Garland, Mr Nixon, Mr Staley and Mr Wilson—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 Hyde, Mr Kelly, Mr McLeay and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House reject the Australian Government Insurance Office Bill.

Mr Macphee—from certain employees and agents of the Australian insurance industry in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Holten and Mr McKenzie—from certain citizens of Australia praying that (1) the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and (2) the Government take urgent steps to cause the traditional and familiar units to be restored in those areas where the greatest inconveniences and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 Beazley (Minister for Education)—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 Fisher—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House request the Australian Postal Commission not to downgrade the Nullawil Post Office, Victoria.

Mr Holten—from certain Australian Government employees praying that the House pass the Superannuation Bill 1975 without amendment or delay.

Mr Holten—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House (1) engender greater respect for the nuclear family and frustrate its fragmentation as the basic unit of society and (2) ensure that Australian youth is led to loyalty to the Crown, service to others, and righteousness and integrity of character.

Mr James—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Scouting movement be granted relief through sales tax exemption.

Mr Katter—from certain electors of the Division of Kennedy praying that the House take action which will require the Australian Broadcasting Control Board to provide the Electoral Division of Kennedy with a television service where it is not now provided.

Mr McKenzie—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 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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Mr Sinclair (Deputy Leader of the National Country Party of Australia), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) during an answer to a question without notice—

Mr Whitlam laid upon the Table the following paper:

Mrs Gail Wilenski—Appointment to Office of the Public Service Board—Minute to Prime Minister from the Chairman of the Public Service Board, Mr A. S. Cooley, C.B.E., dated 4 September 1975, together with attachment on lateral appointments.

4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Social Welfare Commission Act—Social Welfare Commission—Report for period 10 April 1974 to 30 June 1975.

Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to present a paper and make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

5 ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had nominated Mr Fry to be a member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation in place of Dr Jenkins, resigned.

6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr L. K. Johnson (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed second three year program for the improvement and maintenance of the Stuart and Barkly Highways, N.T. (Eighth report of 1975).

Report relating to the proposed construction of a naval transmitter building and power centre, Humpty Doo, N.T. (Ninth report of 1975).

Report relating to the proposed construction of Sadadeen high school, Alice Springs, N.T. (Tenth report of 1975).

Severally ordered to be printed.

7 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Paper: Mr Fraser (Leader of the Opposition), during his speech, by leave, presented the following paper:

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report of visit by Mr A. G. Kerr, Assistant Secretary (Government), Department of External Territories, 14–19 November 1971.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

8 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 Killen 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, 57

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—
being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 57

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

NOES, 54

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

NOES, 54

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

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

Schedule 2—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

Parliament.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and
Department of the Special Minister of State } together.

Department of the Treasury, and
Advance to the Treasurer } together.

Attorney-General's Department, and
Department of Police and Customs } together.

Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Department of the Capital Territory.

Department of Transport.

Department of Agriculture.

Department of Minerals and Energy.

Department of Overseas Trade.

Department of Manufacturing Industry.

Department of Education.

Department of Environment, and
Department of Tourism and Recreation } together.

Department of Foreign Affairs.

Department of Health.

Department of Repatriation and Compensation, and
Department of Social Security } together.

Department of Housing and Construction.
 Department of Services and Property.
 Department of Labor and Immigration.
 Department of Northern Australia.
 Department of Science and Consumer Affairs.
 Department of the Media.
 Postmaster-General's Department.
 Department of Defence.

Department of Urban and Regional Development.

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$11,499,000—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

9 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

4 September 1975—Message—

No. 264—Papua New Guinea 1975.

No. 265—Papua New Guinea Independence 1975.

No. 266—Papua New Guinea Loans Guarantee 1975.

No. 267—Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) 1975.

No. 268—Social Services (No. 2) 1975.

10 AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS TRADING CORPORATION 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 Macphee 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, 54

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56

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

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

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 194, dated 5 June 1975, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated.

Distinguished visitors: The Chairman informed the committee that members of the Swedish Parliament's Standing Committee on Social Affairs (Welfare), led by Mr Goran Karlsson, Chairman of the Committee, were present in the gallery. On behalf of the committee, the Chairman extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

Debate continued.

Mr Crean (Minister for Overseas Trade) addressing the committee—
It being past half-past ten o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Dr Jenkins reported accordingly.

11 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 56

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 September 1975, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of part of land reserved as a site for a receiving station at Darwin.

Ordinances—1975—

No. 21—Firearms.

No. 22—Nudity.

No. 23—Dingo Destruction.

No. 24—Licensing (No. 2).

No. 25—Ports.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1975—

No. 20—Water Rates.

No. 21—Sewerage Rates.

No. 22—Legal Practitioners (No. 3).

No. 24—Poker Machine Control.

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.

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