

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 1976

1 The House met, at 3.00 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Mr Beazley, Mr Fry and Mr Hurford—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government demand a ceasefire in East Timor and the withdrawal of Indonesian troops, supply medical and humanitarian aid to Fretilin-controlled areas and withdraw all military aid to Indonesia.

Mr Bonnett, Mr Braithwaite and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Cadet forces be re-instated.

Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Moore and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the export of mineral sands from Fraser Island be prohibited and the Queensland Government and other bodies be assisted to develop and conserve the natural environment of the Island.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government remove or substantially increase the \$300 limit on income tax deductibility on personal residential land and water rates.

Mr Hyde—from certain citizens of Australia praying that television reception in the Shires of Dandaragan and Coorow, W.A., be improved.

Mr Klugman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the introduction of television and radio licence fees, the imposition of a tax levy for Medibank and the introduction of higher charges for drugs dispensed under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be prevented.

Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

International Labour Organisation—International Labour Conference—Convention No. 81—Labour Inspection, 1947 (adopted 11 July 1947).

Pursuant to statute:

Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1974–75.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Australian Arbitration Inspectorate—Report on the operation of s. 125 of the Act, for year 1974–75.

Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—First Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period September 1974 to 30 June 1975.

5 HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Abel, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Holten, Mr Innes, Dr Klugman and Mr J. L. McMahon be members of the House Committee.

Question—put and passed.

6 LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Armitage, Mr Baillieu, Mr Bryant, Mr Garrick, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Wentworth be members of the Library Committee.

Question—put and passed.

7 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr Bowen, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Hodgman, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jarman, Mr Lucock, Mr Nicholls, Mr Scholes and Mr Viner be members of the Committee of Privileges; five to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

8 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr Bungey, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Hodges, Mr Martyr, Mr Millar, Mr Wallis and Mr A. P. Whitlam be members of the Publications Committee.

Question—put and passed.

9 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, *ex officio* members, the following Members be members of the Standing Orders Committee; five to form a quorum, viz.: Mr Anthony, Mr Bryant, Mr Fife, Mr Giles, Dr Jenkins, Mr L. K. Johnson and Mr Scholes.

Question—put and passed.

10 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946–1974*, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr Graham, Mr Scholes and Mr A. P. Whitlam be members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.

Question—put and passed.

11 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951–1973*, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz.: Mr Armitage, Mr Connolly, Mr Dobie, Mr Innes, Mr Lusher, Mr Martin and Mr Short.

Question—put and passed.

12 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1974*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.: Mr Bungey, Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Kelly, Mr J. L. McMahon and Mr Millar.

Question—put and passed.

13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Bowen had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The serious permanent damage caused to the program for the development of early childhood services”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bowen addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 14 **LOAN BILL 1976:** 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. 4, dated 26 February 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1976:** 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 5, dated 26 February 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 3 March 1976—Message—
 No. 2—Australian Security Intelligence Organization 1976.
 No. 3—Conciliation and Arbitration 1976.
- 17 **MEAT EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1976:** 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 March 1976:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Exchange of Notes, dated 21 May 1975, extending Article 18 (3) of the 1969 Agreement between Australia and Singapore concerning the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income.
- (2) Exchange of Notes between Australia and the United States of America constituting an Agreement relating to reciprocal acceptance of Airworthiness Certifications, signed at Washington on 24 December 1974 and 11 June 1975.
- (3) Agreement on the Development of Trade and Economic Relations between Australia and the Republic of Korea, signed at Seoul on 17 June 1975.
- (4) Exchange of Notes between Australia and the United States of America constituting an Agreement regarding the Importation of Meat into the United States, signed at Washington on 16 May and 20 June 1975.

- (5) Protocol for the Accession of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade done at Geneva on 7 November 1972, signed for Australia on 25 June 1975.
- (6) Agreement on Trade and Industrial and Technical Co-operation between Australia and Romania, signed at Bucharest on 29 May 1975.
- (7) Exchange of Notes between Australia and Laos further amending the Agreement of 24 December 1963 concerning the Laos Foreign Exchange Operations Fund, signed at Vientiane on 15 July 1975.
- (8) Cultural Agreement between Australia and Singapore, signed at Singapore on 26 September 1975.
- (9) Cultural Agreement between Australia and Malaysia, signed at Canberra on 16 October 1975.
- (10) Amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization adopted by the Twentieth World Health Assembly at Geneva on 23 May 1967.
- (11) Statutes of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, acceded to by Australia on 26 June 1975.
- (12) Customs Convention on Containers concluded at Geneva on 2 December 1972, acceded to by Australia on 10 November 1975.
- (13) Annex concerning drawback (Annex E. 4) to the International Convention on Simplification of Customs Procedures drawn up at Kyoto on 18 May 1973, accepted for Australia on 13 November 1975.
- (14) Trade Agreement between Australia and the Philippines, signed at Manila on 25 June 1975.
- (15) Extradition Treaty between Australia and Italy, signed at Canberra on 28 November 1973.
- (16) Extradition Treaty between Australia and the United States of America, signed at Washington on 14 May 1974.
- (17) Agreement establishing a Financial Support Fund of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development done at Paris on 9 April 1975, signed for Australia on 9 April 1975.

Pursuant to statute:

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Regulation—1976—No. 1 (Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brown, Mr Garrick, Mr Groom and Mr Porter.

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