

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

TUESDAY, 6 APRIL 1976

1 The House met, at 2.15 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 Fraser (Prime Minister), Mr Connolly, Mr Dobie, Mr Giles and Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government reverse the decision to cut 1975–76 overseas development assistance, reaffirm Australia's commitment of assistance of a minimum of 0.7% of G.N.P. and establish an independent statutory authority to administer such assistance.

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

Mr Peacock (Minister for Foreign Affairs)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the radio used to maintain links between the Democratic Republic of East Timor and the rest of the world and seized by the Australian Government be returned.

Mr Ellicott (Attorney-General)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that films which portray either excessive violence, moral perversion, drug use or sado-masochism as normal or desirable behaviour be not classified for screening in Australia.

Mr Beazley—from certain citizens of Australia praying that payments under the National Employment and Training System be re-adjusted to the equivalent of the average adult male award wage.

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 Ruddock—from certain members of the Executive of the Nature Conservation Council of N.S.W. praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.

Mr Thomson—from certain members of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld (Cairns Branch) in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Bankruptcy Act—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1974–75.

Dairy Adjustment Act—Dairy Adjustment Programs—Amending Agreement between the Australian and South Australian Governments, dated 24 February 1976.

- 5 ROYAL VISIT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the visit by Her Majesty The Queen to Australia in 1977.
- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
- 1 April 1976—Message—
- No. 26—
Dried Vine Fruits Levy Amendment 1976.
Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Amendment 1976.
- No. 27—
States Grants (Universities) 1976.
States Grants (Universities) Amendment 1976.
States Grants (Advanced Education) 1976.
States Grants (Advanced Education) Amendment 1976.
States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Amendment 1976.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Wentworth had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Uren, namely, "The failure of the Government to stimulate the housing and construction industry". The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Uren addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 8 SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1976: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clause 7 further debated.

Mr James addressing the committee—

Closure: Mr MacKellar (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 86

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Kelly	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Ellicott	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Bourchier	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Hamer	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Bungey	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Peacock	Mr Corbett

NOES, 33

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 83

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bourchier	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Carige	Mr Holten	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Chipp	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

NOES, 34

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr James
			Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Newman (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 REPATRIATION ACTS 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 by Mr Hayden who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House deplores the failure of the Government to index dependants allowances to meet increases in the cost of living”.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 83

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Kelly	Dr Richardson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr Killen	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr Lucock	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Bungey	Mr Hamer	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett

NOES, 34

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahan	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	Mr James
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr Nicholls
Mr Connor	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 28, dated 25 March 1976, 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

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Dr Klugman rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 81

Mr Abel	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Dr Edwards	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Birney	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Simon
Mr Bouchier	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradfield	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Staley
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gillard	Mr W. McMahan	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sullivan
Mr Bungey	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr Martyr	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr Millar	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Corbett
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Porter	
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Dr Richardson	

NOES, 34

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Keating	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Mr Newman (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the report be adopted.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr Newman, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SYSTEM—JOINT COMMITTEE—SPECIAL REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Dr Jenkins (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System:

Special report relating to the resolution of appointment of the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Dr Jenkins, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 11 SUPERANNUATION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Willis, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the Bill is deficient in that it removes some important benefits now applying under the current Superannuation Act, thereby reducing the overall value of benefits for existing pensioners and contributors”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 81

Mr Abel	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson
Mr Adermann	Dr Edwards	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lynch	Mr Short
Mr Birney	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bouchier	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Bradfield	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hamer	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Sullivan
Mr Brown	Mr Haslem	Mr McVeigh	Mr Thomson
Mr Bungey	Mr Hodges	Mr Macphee	Mr Viner
Mr Burr	Mr Hodgman	Mr Martyr	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cadman	Mr Holten	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Howard	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Neil	
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Newman	
Mr Connolly	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O’Keefe	Mr D. M. Cameron
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr Corbett

NOES, 29

Mr Armitage	Mr Hayden	Dr Klugman	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr J. L. McMahon	Mr Willis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr Martin	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
Mr Cohen	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	
Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren	Mr James
Mr Fry	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 29, dated 19 March 1976, 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 Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 SUPERANNUATION 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 30, dated 19 March 1976, 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 Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

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.

- 14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

6 April 1976—Message No. 26—Australia-Japan Foundation 1976.

- 15 MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Howard (Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Commerce) —That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 30 March 1976*), viz.:

Motor vehicle policy—Ministerial statement, 30 March 1976—

Debate resumed.

Mr L. K. Johnson addressing the House—

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Ordered—That Mr Birney be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 11.00 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 April 1976, pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1976—

No. 11—Dog Control.

No. 12—City Area Leases.

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

* On leave

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