

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

WEDNESDAY, 28 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 E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Dr Edwards, Mr Haslem, Dr Klugman, Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr W. McMahon and Mr Wentworth—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the right of all trade union members to participate in ballots be guaranteed, voting in union elections be made compulsory and the re-introduction of the collegiate system of union elections be resisted.

Mr Lynch (Treasurer), Mr Newman (Minister for Repatriation), Mr Corbett, Dr Edwards, Mr Hurford and Mr Jarman—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 Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr J. L. McMahon, Mr Morris and Mr A. P. Whitlam—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.

Mr Bryant and Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that milk substitutes for children up to 6 years of age be restored to the schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits.

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 Falconer—from certain electors of the Division of Bruce and other electorates praying that the reductions in payments to NEAT system trainees be re-considered.

Mr Giles—from certain citizens of South Australia praying that the House instruct the Standing Committee on the Environment to examine the boundaries of the proposed Kakadu National Park, N.T., with a view to including the catchments of the East and South Alligator Rivers within the Park.

Mr Giles—from certain electors of the Division of Angas praying that the assistance given to the education of children living in isolated districts be reviewed.

Mr Haslem—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.

Mr Lucock—from certain residents of Port Macquarie, N.S.W., in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Jarman—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Petitions received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Nixon (Minister for Transport), Mr McLeay (Minister for Construction) would act as Minister for Transport.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Spectacle and sunglass frames, sunglasses, etc., dated 20 February 1976.

6 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS FUND—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Killen (Minister for Defence), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund—Report by the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board together with a report to the Board by the Australian Government Actuary on the assets and liabilities of the Fund at 30 September 1972.

Mr Killen, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund—Ministerial statement, 28 April 1976.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DOUBLE INCOME TAX: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "Plans to impose double income taxation".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr E. G. Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1976: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 33

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Social Services*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 27 April 1976

CONDOR L. LAUCKE,
President

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 2, clause 7, lines 23 to 26, leave out the clause.

No. 2—Page 3, clause 11, lines 20 and 21, leave out the clause.

Mr Newman (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.
Mr Hayden 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, 78

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

NOES, 32

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendments be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Mr Newman moved—That the report be adopted.

Mr Scholes addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the report be adopted—put and passed.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Scholes moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Oxley speaking on the abolition of funeral benefits.

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member (Mr Scholes) be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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

NOES, 31

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Hayden addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Sinclair moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
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Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
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Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr Macphee	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
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Mr Beazley	Mr Fry	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Wallis
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Mr Bryant	Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	Mr James
Mr Connor	Dr Jenkins	Mr Scholes	Mr Nicholls

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Dr Klugman rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Sinclair moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr Aldred	Mr Ellicott	Mr Killen	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Falconer	Mr King	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Baillieu	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Baume	Mr Fisher	Mr Lucock	Mr Short
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Street
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Sullivan
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Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
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Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Chapman	Mr Hyde	Mr Neil	
Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Newman	
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cotter	Mr Jull	Mr Porter	Mr Bungey
Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Dr Richardson	Mr Corbett

NOES, 29

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Garrick	Mr Jones	Mr A. P. Whitlam
Mr Bowen	Mr Hayden	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Dr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Innes	Mr J. L. McMahon	
Mr Cohen	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	
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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 Sainsbury
Mr Baume	Mr Fife	Mr Lucock	Mr Shipton
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Bradfield	Mr Gillard	Mr Lynch	Mr Simon
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Groom	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Burr	Mr Hamer	Mr McLean	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Haslem	Mr McLay	Mr Sullivan
Mr K. M. Cairns	Mr Hodges	Mr W. McMahon	Mr Thomson
Mr Calder	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
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Mr Carige	Mr Hunt	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
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Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Neil	
Mr Connolly	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Newman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Jull	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Bungey
Mr Cotter	Mr Katter	Mr Porter	Mr Fisher

And so it was negatived.

- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF YEAR, 1975-76—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1975-76: Message No. 37, dated 27 April 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1976, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Lynch (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1975-76*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1976.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Lynch moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE 1975-76—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1975-76: Message No. 38, dated 27 April 1976, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1976, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Lynch (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1975-76*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1976.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Lynch moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hurford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 TRADE PRACTICES 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.

Ordered—That Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) be granted an extension of time.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr Howard, the clause was omitted, and the following clause substituted:

“4. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (2) the words ‘section 46, Part V (other than section 55)’ and substituting the words ‘sections 46, 60 and 61, sub-sections 64 (3) and (4)’; and

(b) by omitting from paragraph (h) of sub-section (2) the word and figures ‘or 89 (7)’.”

Clauses 5 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr Howard, by leave, the following amendments were made together:
Page 3, line 31, omit “and”.

Page 3, after paragraph (c) insert the following paragraph:

“(ca) by omitting from sub-section (9) the words ‘Subject to sub-section (10), where—’ and substituting the word ‘Where—’; and”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Howard, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

28 April 1976—Message No. 34—Repatriation Acts Amendment 1976.

14 EXPENDITURE—PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) relating to the proposed Standing Committee on Expenditure (*moved 8 April, see page 131*)—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Garland), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Street (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) moved—
That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11.00 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Abel, Mr Bouchier, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Graham, Mr Holten, Mr Martin, Mr Martyr, Mr Nixon, Mr Ruddock and Mr Stewart.

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