

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 1976

1 The House met, at 10.30 a.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 Uren (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Baume, Mr Cadman, Mr Connor, Mr Dobie and Dr Klugman—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 re-introduction of the collegiate system of union elections be resisted.

Mr Bonnett, Mr Brown, Mr Fry, Mr Gillard, Mr Groom and Mr Jacobi—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 Armitage, Mr J. L. McMahon and Mr Morris—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a system of double income tax on personal incomes be not re-introduced.

Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson 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 E. L. Robinson (Minister for Post and Telecommunications)—from certain citizens of Australia praying that a Commission of Inquiry be initiated into the Aurukun Associates Agreement Act, no mining take place on the Aurukun Aboriginal Reserve until a full environmental impact study has been made and an export licence to the consortium concerned be refused until negotiations are held with the Aurukun people and an agreement had been reached.

Mr Baillieu—from certain citizens of Australia praying that NEAT Scheme students be allowed to earn additional income and that the \$6.00 per week earning ceiling be revoked.

Mr Brown—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Aboriginal Land Bill 1975 be re-introduced and passed, and that the administration of land rights remain the responsibility of the Australian Government, mining on Aboriginal lands without the consent of the Aboriginal communities concerned be not permitted, the work of the Aboriginal Legal Service be not impeded and the full purchasing power of assistance for Aboriginal welfare and advancement be maintained in the 1976-77 Budget.

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 Drummond—from certain members of the Leeuwin Conservation Group and electors praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed urgently and grants be given to community organisations concerned with conservation.

Mr Fry—from certain members of the School of Environmental Design, Canberra College of Advanced Education, in terms similar to the last preceding petition.

Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Health Insurance Act be not amended.

Mr Short—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the heading "Christian or Given Name" be used on all Government forms instead of "Given Name".

Mr Simon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the ideals reflected in the *Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975* be recognised and its terms implemented as a matter of urgency.

Mr Wallis—from certain citizens of Whyalla, S.A., praying that funds be provided for the upgrading and retention of the passenger train service between Whyalla and Adelaide.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Science and Technology Council—Report by Advisory Group, dated 24 March 1976—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

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

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Ordered—That Mr E. G. Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for Grievance debate: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being continued until 1.00 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

Deputy Speaker's ruling: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Giles) ruled that the remarks of the honourable Member for Hunter (Mr James) were out of order as they anticipated discussion of a subject appearing on the Notice Paper.

Dissent from ruling: Mr Scholes moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued on the motion of dissent.

Question—That the ruling be dissented from—put.

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

AYES, 28

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

NOES, 74

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

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued on the question—That grievances be noted.

It being 1.00 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 6 FOREIGN TAKEOVERS AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Lynch (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Foreign Takeovers Act 1975*.

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.

- 7 WOOL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Industry Act 1972-1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 AUDIT AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr E. L. Robinson (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act 1901-1975*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr E. L. Robinson 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.

- 9 PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES BILL 1976: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Approve Ratification of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances and to give effect to that Convention with respect to certain Psychotropic Substances and Psychotropic Preparations that enter Australia in the course of Consignment from one place outside Australia to another place outside Australia.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901-1975* in relation to the Value of Goods for Duty.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 8 AND 9 (1976): Mr Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 8 and 9 (1976).

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

- 12 EXPENDITURE—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.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 13 CUSTOMS TARIFF 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 Howard (Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

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

29 April 1976—Message—

No. 35—Wheat Industry Stabilization Amendment 1976.

No. 36—Wheat Export Charge Amendment 1976 (*without requests*).

No. 37—Wheat Products Export Adjustment Amendment 1976 (*without requests*),

15 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY 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.

Mr O'Keefe addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr O'Keefe continued his speech.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair, the Bill was read a third time.

16 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY COLLECTION 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. 39, dated 5 April 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the House) 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 Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 April 1976, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired for telecommunications purposes—

Burnie, Tas.

Wentworth Falls, N.S.W.

Statements (2) of lands, etc., acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 7 (1) of the Act.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1976—No. 19—Criminal Injuries (Compensation) 1975.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birney, Mr Bouchier, Mr Dobie, 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