

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 1970

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 PETITIONS: Mr L. K. Johnson presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) a joint Commonwealth-State inquiry into inequalities in Australian education, (2) the immediate financing of special programmes for low income earners and others and (3) the provision of pre-school opportunities for all children.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition was presented by Mr Garrick, and was received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1968-69.
 - 5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed construction of administration office blocks 6, 7 and 8 and an information and display building, Darwin (Second report of 1970).
Report relating to the proposed construction of additional storehouse building at Stores Depot, Tottenham, Vic. (Third report of 1970).
Severally ordered to be printed.
 - 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—ENTRY PERMITS FOR INDIAN MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY STAFF: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Beazley had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The handling of entry permits for Indian members of the staff of the University of Papua and New Guinea".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Beazley addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Mr Bryant addressing the House—
Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the business of the day be called on.
Question—put.

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

AYES, 62

Mr Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Reid
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahan	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 53

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Nicholls
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cohen	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr McIvor	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 7 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1970: 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: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 2, dated 3 March 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 8 REPATRIATION BILL 1970: 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: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 3, dated 3 March 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General 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 Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 QUEENSLAND GRANT (BUNDABERG IRRIGATION WORKS) BILL 1970: Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Queensland in connexion with the Construction of Irrigation Works near Bundaberg.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1970: Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and other Waters, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 DARTMOUTH RESERVOIR AGREEMENT BILL 1970: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia with respect to the construction of a Reservoir at Dartmouth.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Point of order: A point of order having been raised by Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) that a remark by the honourable Member for Macarthur (Mr Bate) concerning the alternative government was offensive to members of the Opposition and should be withdrawn—

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the remark did not refer directly to particular honourable Members and was, therefore, not unparliamentary.

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

Debate ensued on the motion of dissent.

Mr Daly addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Reid
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairas	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
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Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 56

Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Whitlam
Mr Calwell	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cass	Mr Griffiths	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

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And so it was negatived.

Debate on original question continued.

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

14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 March 1970, pursuant to statute:

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—

Buckland, Tasmania.

Burnie, Tasmania.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulation—1970—No. 5 (Coal Ordinance).

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1970—

No. 37—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 38—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 39—United Firefighters' Union.

No. 40—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 41—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 42—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia and others.

No. 43—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 46—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 47—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 48—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 49 and 50—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

- No. 51—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
No. 52—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 53—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 54—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 58—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 60—Australian Journalists' Association.
No. 61—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 62—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. R. Fraser and Mr Stewart.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives