

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 18 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 Fox presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
Mr Davies 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.
Petitions severally received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 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 by Mr J. F. Cairns who moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the Address: "but this House is of the opinion that the Government should be censured because, despite the long break since the last effective sitting of the House, Ministers have refused to report to the Parliament on the negotiations concerning Commonwealth and State finances and the national health scheme, the problems of production, marketing and reconstruction in primary industries, the state of the economy, the development of New Guinea and the failure of the F-111".
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr England), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 5 NAVIGATION BILL 1970: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act* 1912-1968 for the purpose of preventing the Pollution of the Coast, Coastal Waters and Australian Reefs by Oil. Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.
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In the committee

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

The House resumed; Mr Cope reported accordingly.

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

- 6 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—*And on the amendment moved by Mr J. F. Cairns, viz.*—That the following words be added to the Address: “but this House is of the opinion that the Government should be censured because, despite the long break since the last effective sitting of the House, Ministers have refused to report to the Parliament on the negotiations concerning Commonwealth and State finances and the national health scheme, the problems of production, marketing and reconstruction in primary industries, the state of the economy, the development of New Guinea and the failure of the F-111”—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of standing orders—Precedence to debate on the Address in Reply and censure amendment: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would enable the debate on the motion for the adoption of the Address in Reply and the censure amendment to have precedence until disposed of.

Debate ensued on the motion to suspend the standing orders.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing orders be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Debate continued on the proposed Address in Reply and on the amendment moved by Mr J. F. Cairns.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

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

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

Tellers:

Mr Fox
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Address be agreed to—put and passed.

Presentation of Address in Reply: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Speaker had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor-General would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply at Government House at six o'clock p.m. tomorrow. Mr Speaker would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honourable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NAVIGATION BILL 1970: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

Message No. 1

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Navigation Act 1912-1968' for the purpose of preventing the Pollution of the Coast, Coastal Waters and Australian Reefs by Oil*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 18 March 1970

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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

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