

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL 1970

- 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 **DEATH OF MEMBER (MR J. R. FRASER):** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Mr J. R. Fraser, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death on 1 April 1970 of James Reay Fraser, a Member of this House for the Australian Capital Territory, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
 And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr McEwen (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and other honourable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
 Question—passed.
- 3 **SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT:** As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Member, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
- 4 **RESUMPTION OF SITTING:** At eight o'clock p.m., the Chair was resumed by the Deputy Speaker (Mr Lucock).
- 5 **PETITIONS:** Mr Calwell presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
 Mr Luchetti presented a petition from certain electors of New South Wales praying that immediate action be taken to grant War Service Homes rights to all wartime ex-servicewomen.
 Petitions severally received and read.
- 6 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Bury (Treasurer) and Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Defence), he would act as Treasurer and Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) would act as Minister for Defence and represent the Minister for Supply in this House.
- 7 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
 Mr McMahon (Minister for External Affairs) answering a question—
Closure of Member moved: Mr Uren moved—That the Right Honourable Member be not further heard.
 Question—put and negatived.
 Questions without notice continued.
- 8 **PAPERS:** The Deputy Speaker (Mr Lucock) presented the following paper:
 Bills not passed into Law and Bills which originally lapsed but subsequently passed—Sessions 1901-2 to 1968-69.
 Ordered to be printed.

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

Tariff Board—Report—Man-made fibres and yarn, tyre cord and tyre cord fabric. Ordered to be printed.

- 9 CROWN OF THORNS STARFISH—APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the appointment of a joint Commonwealth-Queensland committee to investigate the problem of the Crown of Thorns starfish.
- 10 AUSTRALIAN AID TO INDONESIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of Australia's proposed economic assistance to Indonesia for the three year period 1970-71 to 1972-73.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 11 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:
20 March 1970—Message No. 5—Navigation 1970.
24 March 1970—Message No. 6—
Social Services 1970.
Loan (Australian Wheat Board) 1970.
Repatriation 1970.
- 12 NATIONAL LIBRARY COUNCIL: Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Prime Minister) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *National Library Act 1960-1967*, this House elects Mr Bryant to be a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia and to continue as a member for a period of three years from this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed development of R.A.A.F. Base at Pearce, W.A. (Fourth report of 1970).
Ordered to be printed.
- 14 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—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 McMahon (Minister for External Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 19 March*), viz.:
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 19 March 1970—
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Howson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to 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 7 April 1970, pursuant to statute:

- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 37.
- Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—F. P. Finch.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 34.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Civil aviation purposes—Borroloola, Northern Territory.
 - Defence purposes—Puckapunyal, Victoria.
 - Department of the Interior purposes—Hundred of Cavenagh and Hundred of Goyder, Northern Territory.
 - Post office purposes—Sussex Inlet, New South Wales.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 39.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 35, 36, 38.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1970—No. 4—Crown Lands (No. 2) 1969.
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1970—
 - No. 2—Real Property (Registration of Leases) (Amendment) 1969.
 - No. 3—Workers' Compensation (Entitlements) 1969.
 - No. 4—Land (Land Board) 1969.
 - No. 5—Firearms Regulation (Further Amendment) 1969.
 - No. 6—Papua and New Guinea Harbours Board (Landholding) 1969.
 - No. 7—Land Titles Commission (Amendment) 1969.
 - No. 8—Land Titles Commission (Commissioners, etc.) 1969.
 - No. 9—Corrective Institutions (Awards) 1969.
 - No. 10—Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary (Awards) 1969.
 - No. 11—Lands Registration (Communally Owned Land) Ordinance Suspension 1969.
 - No. 12—Papua and New Guinea Development Bank (Amendment) 1969.
 - No. 13—Land (Underdeveloped Freeholds) 1969.
- Public Service Act—
 - Appointment—Department of the Treasury—D. F. McWaters.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 173 (Substitute copy for that tabled on 25 November 1969).
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1970—
 - Nos. 55, 56 and 57—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and others.
 - No. 59—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
 - No. 63—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1970—No. 15—Court of Petty Sessions.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Armitage, Mr Bury, Mr J. M. Fraser, Mr Fulton, Mr Garrick, Mr Maisey and Mr Scholes.

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