

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

THURSDAY, 9 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Chief Justices attending the Fourth Asian Judicial Conference in Canberra were present in the gallery of the House and that the Chairman of the Conference was Sir Garfield Barwick, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and a former Member of the House and a Minister. On behalf of honourable Members, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Kirwan presented a petition from certain electors of Western Australia praying that action be taken to provide immediate relief for rural and agricultural communities in distress.
Mr Beazley presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that this House legislate for adequate cover by Federal health insurance schemes for chiropractic services.
Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
Petitions severally received and read.
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Fox were presented by Mr Hamer and Mr Howson, and were severally received.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **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 construction of a stores complex for 2 Base Medical and Dental Equipment Depot at Randwick, N.S.W. (Fifth report of 1970).
Ordered to be printed.
- 6 **POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:** Ordered—That government business be postponed until after notice No. 1, general business.
- 7 **LEADER OF THE HOUSE—MOTION OF CENSURE:** Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice—That the Leader of the House should be censured for his mishandling of the business of the House and his repeated failure to honour agreements made between the Government and the Opposition.
Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the Leader of the Opposition should be censured for his failure to respond to Mr Speaker’s request that he use his influence with the honourable Member for Wills to obey the decision of the House directed to him by Mr Speaker and thereby became a party to an attack on the institution of Parliament by Members of the Opposition whose disruptive and unruly behaviour was designed to make impossible the conduct of the business of the House”.
- Point of order:* Mr Stewart referred to standing order 173 and raised a point of order that the amendment moved by Mr Gorton was not relevant to the motion which it proposed to amend.

Other honourable Members addressed themselves to the point of order.

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the amendment was relevant to the circumstances of the case and to the substance of the matter.

Dissent from ruling: Mr Stewart 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 Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50

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

NOES, 63

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

And so it was negatived.

Debate on motion and amendment continued.

Mr Solomon addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Giles 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)—

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 10 APRIL 1970

AYES, 61

Mr Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Reid
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 49

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Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr Calwell	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	Mr Whitlam
Mr Cass	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson
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Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Motion, as amended, viz.: That the Leader of the Opposition should be censured for his failure to respond to Mr Speaker's request that he use his influence with the honourable Member for Wills to obey the decision of the House directed to him by Mr Speaker and thereby became a party to an attack on the institution of Parliament by Members of the Opposition whose disruptive and unruly behaviour was designed to make impossible the conduct of the business of the House—agreed to.

8 HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND—ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connection with the Address in Reply:

MR SPEAKER,

I have to inform you that the substance of the Address-in-Reply which you presented to me on 19th March, 1970, has been communicated to Her Majesty The Queen.

It is Her Majesty's wish that I express to you and Honourable Members Her warm thanks for the loyal message to which your Address gives expression.

PAUL HASLUCK
Governor-General.

7th April, 1970.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker reported message No. 5, dated 9 April 1970, from the Senate concurring in the resolution of the House relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, and agreeing that the resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

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

9 April 1970—Message No. 6—Delivered Meals Subsidy 1970.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 April 1970, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 46.

Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 44.

Gift Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 45.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 43.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—

Defence purposes—Penrith, New South Wales.

Post office purposes—Emu Hill, Western Australia.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 41.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 14—Wills (Amendment) 1969.

No. 15—Appropriation (No. 2) 1969–70.

Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 40.

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

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