

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 14

WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a party of Members of the House of Assembly for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
  - 3 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION—ISSUE OF WRIT:** Mr Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ, on Monday, 20 April, for the election of a Member to represent the Australian Capital Territory, in the place of Mr James Reay Fraser, deceased. The dates in connection with the election would be fixed as follows:
 

Date of nomination	..	..	..	Thursday, 7 May 1970.
Date of polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 30 May 1970.
Date of return of writ	..	..	..	On or before Friday, 26 June 1970.
  - 4 **PETITIONS:** Sir John Cramer presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Bennelong praying that the Australian Government take positive action as soon as possible to re-establish confidence in the Commonwealth arbitration system.  
 Petition received and read.  
 A similar petition was presented by Mr Reynolds, from certain electors of the Division of Barton, and was received.
  - 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 6 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:  
 Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—Twenty-first Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
  - 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hayden had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The grave financial needs of Australian public hospital services and the failure of the Federal Government to respond to this need in spite of the recommendations of the Nimmo Report twelve months ago".  
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
 Mr Hayden addressed the House.  
 Discussion ensued.  
 Discussion concluded.
  - 8 **CIVIL AVIATION (OFFENDERS ON INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT) BILL 1970:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Hughes (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT 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 by Mr Uren who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst welcoming the extended scope for grants offered by the Bill, the House is of opinion—

- (1) that the clauses of the Bill relating to credit unions should be redrafted to give credit union savings complete and unconditional recognition under the Act,
- (2) that the restored benefit provided by the Bill in respect of those persons who were previously ineligible because their savings were not in a designated Homes Savings Account should be dated to commence from 31 December 1967, and
- (3) that an applicant should, where necessary, have the right on appeal to have land and dwelling-house valued by a Government Valuer of the Commonwealth Taxation Office”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 8, dated 5 March 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) 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 to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 April 1970, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 8—Local Government Valuations (Temporary Provisions) 1969.

No. 9—Soil Conservation and Control 1969.

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

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