

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 1970

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- 1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY BY-ELECTION: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had on 20 April issued the writ in connection with the by-election for the Australian Capital Territory, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on 15 April.
 - 3 PETITIONS: Mr Cass 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 Kennedy, and was received.
Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition to that presented by Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes was presented by Mr Reid, and was received.
Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Mackellar 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.
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Wentworth were presented by Mr L. F. Bowen, from certain electors of the Division of Kingsford-Smith, by Mr Graham, from certain electors of the Division of North Sydney, by Mr Martin, from certain electors of the Division of Banks, and by Mr Turner, from certain electors of the Division of Bradfield, and were severally received.
 - 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Training of Skilled Workers in Europe—Report of the Australian Tripartite Mission 1968-69.
 - 6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
15 April 1970—Message No. 9—Delivered Meals Subsidy 1970.

- 7 ADDITIONAL LAUNDRY AND STERILISING FACILITIES, CANBERRA HOSPITAL, A.C.T.—
APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works has recommended to this Parliament: Construction of additional laundry and sterilising facilities at Canberra Hospital, A.C.T., to provide an interim service pending completion of a permanent facility on another site.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT 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 Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “, realising that some estate planning may already have been effected following the promise of this legislation on 24 September 1969, the passage of this limited Bill which offers some measure of relief from death duties in the rural sector is not opposed, but the House is of opinion that it is inadequate, as it fails to recognise—

(a) the extension of liability for and the burden of Federal and State death duties resulting from the pressure of inflation,

(b) the particularly critical situation of—

(i) the relatively small farm in the rural sector, and

(ii) the small business unit in the industrial and commercial sectors,

where in both cases a large part of the estate is in a non-liquid form, the dismemberment of which to meet the tax liability destroys the basis of efficient operation, and

(c) that difficulties are aggravated by the joint operations in this field of the Commonwealth and the States.

The House considers that these matters should be fully examined with a view to early relief being afforded by further amendments of the Act”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 61

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 9 BEQUESTS OF WORKS OF ART—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement with reference to exemptions under Estate Duty legislation for bequests of works of art.

Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 10 PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL 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.

It being eleven o'clock p.m.—

Adjournment negatived: Mr Speaker, in accordance with the order of the House of 16 April, proposed the question—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Amendment—

Clause 6, page 2, omit the clause, insert the following clause:

“6.—(1.) The First Parliamentary Counsel and the Second Parliamentary Counsel shall be paid salary at such respective rates, and annual allowances (if any) at such respective rates, as are prescribed. Salary and allowances.

(2.) The First Parliamentary Counsel and the Second Parliamentary Counsel shall be paid such other allowances as the Attorney-General determines.”.

New clause—

After clause 16 insert the following new clause:

“17. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent ^{Regulations.} with this Act, prescribing all matters required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.”.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11 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 four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 April 1970, pursuant to statute:

Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 47.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 49.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 51, 53.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 54, 55.

Education Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 52.

Egg Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 50.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Civil aviation purposes—Goulburn, New South Wales.

Defence purposes—

Nowra, New South Wales.

Singleton, New South Wales.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 16—Administrator's Powers (Delegation).

No. 17—I.D.A. (Agricultural Development) Credit Agreement.

No. 18—Loan (Arawa Town Works).

No. 19—Law Reform (Husband and Wife).

No. 20—Married Women's Property (Amendment).

No. 21—Prices Regulation (Petrol Subsidy).

No. 22—University of Papua and New Guinea (Council).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 48.

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

Nos. 66 and 67—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 68—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association and others.

No. 69—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 70—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association and others.

No. 72—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).

- No. 73—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginem.
No. 74—North Australian Workers' Union.
No. 75—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 76—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 77—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
Nos. 78 and 79—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 80—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen
of Australia; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public
Service.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except
Mr Berinson, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Gorton, Mr Jess, Mr Kirwan and Mr McMahon.

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