

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

TUESDAY, 5 MAY 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 **PETITIONS:** Mr Daly presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Grayndler 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 Bury (Treasurer), from certain electors of the Division of Wentworth, and was received.
Mr Jarman 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 Mr Jarman was presented by Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, and was received.
Mr Jarman also presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of products made from kangaroos be banned and that legislation be passed to make the kangaroo a protected animal throughout Australia.
Petition received.
- 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) would act as Minister for Primary Industry. Mr Gorton also informed the House that, during his forthcoming absence abroad, Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) would act as Prime Minister.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Elections 1969—
Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1969, viz.:
New South Wales.
Queensland.
Tasmania.
Western Australia.
Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1969, viz.:
South Australia.
Victoria.
- 6 **DROUGHT RELIEF FOR QUEENSLAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to additional drought relief assistance to be granted to Queensland.
Mr Patterson, Mr Katter and Mr Daly, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
Mr Grassby asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matter.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: 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 Bills:
- 1 May 1970—Message No. 11—
River Murray Waters 1970.
Dartmouth Reservoir Agreement 1970.
- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED PROVISION FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1969-70—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1969-70: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 12, dated 5 May 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
- Mr Bury (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1969-70*, for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED PROVISION FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE, 1969-70—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1969-70: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 13, dated 5 May 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for certain additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
- Mr Bury (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1969-70*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1970-71—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1970-71: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 14, dated 5 May 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
- Mr Bury (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURE, 1970-71—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1970-71: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 15, dated 5 May 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for certain expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Bury (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 NATIONAL HEALTH 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 Hayden who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the Bill because it represents some improvement this House is of opinion that a National Health Insurance Commission financed from graduated contributions would pay for medical and hospital services for all more equitably and economically”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Everingham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

13 GREAT BARRIER REEF—ROYAL COMMISSIONS ON THE RISK OF DAMAGE FROM DRILLING FOR PETROLEUM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the establishment of Royal Commissions by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments to inquire into the risk of damage to the Great Barrier Reef from drilling for petroleum, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Great Barrier Reef—Royal Commissions on the risk of damage from drilling for petroleum—Ministerial statement, 5 May 1970—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Patterson moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and that the terms of reference of the Royal Commissions be extended to include the probable costs which will accrue to the State of Queensland and other parts of the Commonwealth from oil and gas leaks in the area of the Great Barrier Reef and the extent of those costs”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Motion agreed to.

14 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1970: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Industry Development Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McEwen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 CAMBODIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to events in Cambodia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Cambodia—Ministerial statement, 5 May 1970.

Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Turner), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 NATIONAL HEALTH 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hayden, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the Bill because it represents some improvement this House is of opinion that a National Health Insurance Commission financed from graduated contributions would pay for medical and hospital services for all more equitably and economically”—

Debate resumed.

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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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Jess), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Grassby rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Forbes 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)—

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 May 1970, pursuant to statute:

- Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.
 - Department of the Interior purposes—
 - Alice Springs, Northern Territory.
 - Nightcliff, Northern Territory.
 - Post office purposes—
 - Blessington, Tasmania.
 - White Well, South Australia.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 60.
- Navigation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 59.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 - Crown Lands Ordinance—Statements of reasons by Minister for revocation of parts of reserves in the Northern Territory at—
 - Bond Springs.
 - Woolnough.
 - Regulations—1970—
 - No. 7 (Abattoirs and Slaughtering Ordinance).
 - No. 8 (Workmen's Compensation Ordinance).
 - No. 9 (Public Service Ordinance).
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1970—
 - No. 23—Maintenance Orders Enforcement.
 - No. 24—Probate and Administration (Amendment).
 - No. 25—Trustees and Executors (Amendment).
 - No. 26—Crocodile Trade (Protection) (Amendment).
 - No. 27—Building (Imposition of Fees).
 - No. 28—Lands Registration (New Guinea) (Director of District Administration) 1969.
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 42, 57, 58.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1970—
 - No. 71—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 - No. 81—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 82—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
 - Nos. 83 and 84—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

- No. 85—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 86—North Australian Workers' Union.
No. 87—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
No. 88—Australian Builders Labourers' Federation.
No. 89—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
No. 90—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.
No. 91—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 92—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 93—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
Nos. 94 and 95—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 96—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
No. 97—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 99—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.
No. 100—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 101—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 102—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 103—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 104—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 105—Australian Journalists' Association.
Spirits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 56.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony and Mr Bate.

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