

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

WEDNESDAY, 20 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 PETITION: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.  
Petition received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NURSING PROFESSION CONDITIONS:  
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 and deteriorating state of the nursing profession in Australia arising from extensive dissatisfaction with conditions of employment, remuneration, training, education and professional status".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Hayden addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Mr Cass rising to address the House—  
Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) moved—That the business of the day be called on.  
Question—put and passed.
- 5 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:  
20 May 1970—Message—  
No. 13—Appropriation (No. 3) 1969–70 (*without requests*).  
No. 14—Appropriation (No. 4) 1969–70.  
No. 15—Supply (No. 1) 1970–71 (*without requests*).  
No. 16—Supply (No. 2) 1970–71.
- 6 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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.  
Question—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Crean	Mr Hunt	Mr Morrison
Mr Anthony	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls
Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Nixon
Mr Barnard	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Barnes	Mr Duthie	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Everingham	Mr Jess	Mr Peacock
Mr Bennett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Pettitt
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Birrell	Mr Forbes	Mr Jones	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Foster	Mr Katter	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Snedden
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Keogh	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Garrick	Mr Killen	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr Kirwan	Mr Swartz
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Klugman	Mr Uren
Mr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mr Chipp	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lucock	Mr Webb
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Collard	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whitlam
Mr Connor	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	Mr Fox
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	Mr Turnbull

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Mr K. M. K. Cairns  
Mr Whittorn  
*Tellers:*  
Mr Bate  
Mr Turner

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*It being past 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 19, dated 5 May 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.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr K. M. K. Cairns, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 2, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause:

“(1A.) The Corporation shall, so far as it is reasonably practicable for it to do so, perform its functions with a view to securing an improvement in the balance of Australia's external trading operations.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr K. M. K. Cairns, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 4, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause:

“(1A.) In the performance of its functions, the Corporation shall have regard to the current monetary policies of the Commonwealth and, in relation to the provision of assistance in a particular case, to the urgency of the need for that assistance and the importance of that assistance to the attainment of objects for which the Corporation is established.”.

Mr K. M. K. Cairns, by leave, moved the following further amendments together:

Page 4, at the end of sub-clause (2.) add “and that the company has made every reasonable attempt to secure assistance at appropriate rates from banking or financial institutions usually engaged in such type of arrangements and without success”.

Page 4, at the end of sub-clause (3.) add the following paragraph:

“(d) for the purpose of the preceding paragraph the Corporation shall be deemed to be in a position where it is able to control the affairs of a company if it holds more than fifteen per cent of the issued capital of the company except where the equity acquired by the Corporation is in the nature of bridging finance.”.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

On the motion of Mr Turner, the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Page 4, omit sub-clause (6.), insert the following sub-clause:

“(6.) Without prejudice to the duty of the Corporation to comply with the provisions of this section, a contract entered into, or other thing done, by the Corporation is not invalidated by reason of a provision of this section not having been complied with by the Corporation.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 25, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr K. M. K. Cairns moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“25A.—(1.) The Minister, with the concurrence of the Treasurer and Financial policy of Corporation. after consultation with the Corporation—

- (a) shall, not later than one month before the commencement of each financial year, determine the percentage of the capital of the Corporation that would represent a reasonable return to the Commonwealth from the operations of the Corporation in that financial year, and give notice in writing to the Corporation of the percentage so determined; and
- (b) may, at any time during a financial year, by reason of a change in circumstances, by notice in writing to the Corporation, amend a determination under the last preceding paragraph.

“(2.) In performing their functions under the last preceding sub-section, the Minister and the Treasurer shall take into account, in addition to other relevant matters, the profits, in relation to capital employed, that have been, and are expected to be, made by comparable financial institutions.”.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister assisting the Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 May 1970, pursuant to statute:

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—D. King.

Public Service Arbitration Act—

Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Determination—1970—No. 109—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and another.

Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1970—

No. 106—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.

No. 107—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division); and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 117—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 118 and 119—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 120—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and another.

No. 121—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.

No. 122—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 123—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell, Mr G. D. Erwin and Mr Lynch.

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