

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 35

TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 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 Kirwan presented a petition from certain citizens of Western Australia praying that the House consider the hardship caused to home buyers in that State by the increased interest rates on mortgage contracts which result from the recent increase in the interest rate on Government Bonds.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition was presented by Mr Collard, and was received.
Mr Klugman 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.
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Klugman were presented by Mr Luchetti and Mr Reynolds, and were severally received.
Mr Crean presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
Petition received and read.
Mr Bennett presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to abolish the means test for all people who have reached retiring age or who otherwise qualify for social service benefits or pensions.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition to that presented by Mr Bennett was presented by Mr Martin, and was received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Report for 1969.
 - 5 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—WARMARAM GROUP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the activities of the Warmaram Group in the Gazelle Peninsula, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Papua and New Guinea—Warmaram Group—Ministerial statement, 9 June 1970.
Mr Bury (Treasurer) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ASSISTANCE TO SEMI AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for the Commonwealth to assist the finances and functions of semi-government and local government authorities".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1970: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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In the committee

Bill, as a whole—

Debate resumed on the Bill and on the amendment moved by Mr Patterson, viz.—
Clause 8, page 3, lines 36–43 and page 4, lines 1–5, proposed section 27A, omit from sub-section (1.) all words after "determines," to the end of the sub-section and sub-sections (2.) and (3.).

Question—That the words and sub-sections proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Corbett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53

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

NOES, 49

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8 CIVIL AVIATION (OFFENDERS ON INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT) 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

9 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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 provisions of the Bill, the House is of opinion that a Joint Committee of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives should be appointed to investigate and report on the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund”.

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, 54

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

NOES, 50

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

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.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 33, dated 7 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

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Bury (Treasurer), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 3, page 2, lines 13 and 14, omit "the last preceding sub-section", insert "sub-section (1.) of this section".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bury, by leave, the House adopted the report.

Mr Bury moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1970: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

Message No. 20

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to establish a Corporation for the purpose of encouraging the Making of Australian Cinematograph and Television Films and encouraging the Distribution of such Films within and outside Australia*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

T. L. BULL,
Deputy President

The Senate,
Canberra, 9 June 1970

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—METRIC CONVERSION BILL 1970: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

Message No. 21

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to facilitate the adoption in Australia and in certain Territories of the Commonwealth of the Metric System of Measurement, and for that purpose to establish a Metric Conversion Board*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

T. L. BULL,
Deputy President

The Senate,
Canberra, 9 June 1970

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 12 SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING 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.

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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 47

Mr Armitage	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Barnard	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Beazley	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bennett	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cass	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	
Mr Collard	Mr Jacobi	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Cope	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson	
Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds	

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

NOES, 52

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Peacock	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid	

Tellers:

Mr Fox
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negated.

Debate continued.

Mr Mackay rising to address 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)—

AYES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	

Tellers:

Mr Fox
Mr Turnbull

NOES, 39

Mr Armitage	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Barnard	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr Bennett	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan	Mr Whitlam
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Hansen	Mr Klugman	
Mr Bryant	Mr Hurford	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cass	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Jenkins	Mr Morrison	
Mr Cope	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson	
Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds	
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes	

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.
Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 1970

Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten 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 9 June 1970, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Greenbank, Queensland.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 29—Industrial Organizations (Amendment).

No. 30—Industrial Relations (Amendment).

No. 31—Housing Commission (Sale of Dwellings).

No. 32—Papua and New Guinea Retirement Benefits (Amendment).

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Labour and National Service—J. J. W. Pledge.

Prime Minister's—D. J. O'Rourke.

Public Service Arbitration Act—

Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Determination—
1970—No. 145—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—

1969—No. 366—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

1970—No. 125—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

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

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