

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 40

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 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 delegation of eight Members from the Diet of Japan, led by Mr Asao Mihara, was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a warm welcome.
  - 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Crean 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 were presented by Mr Bennett, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Garrick, Mr Grassby, Mr Griffiths, Mr Gun, Mr James, Mr Luchetti, Mr Reynolds, Mr Sherry and Mr Wallis, by Mr Calwell, Mr Fox, Mr Hamer, Mr Jenkins, Mr Jess, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr King, Mr McIvor and Mr Scholes, from certain citizens of Victoria, by Mr Cross and Mr Keogh, from certain citizens of Queensland, and by Mr Jacobi, from certain electors of the Division of Hawker, and were severally received.

Mr Turner presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) the allowance of personal education expenses as a taxation deduction, (2) the removal of the present age limit in respect of the deduction for education expenses, (3) an increase in the deduction allowable for tertiary education expenses and (4) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

Petition received and read.

Mr L. R. Johnson 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.

Mr FitzPatrick presented a petition from certain electors of New South Wales praying that the Government review its policy on the export of merino rams and cause to be held a referendum of woolgrowers to determine the issue.

Mr Calder presented a petition from certain citizens of the town of Katherine in the Northern Territory praying that action be taken to ensure that the people of Katherine are provided with adequate sewerage and housing and a forward step in political reform.

Mr D. M. Cameron presented a petition from certain residents of Queensland praying that all widows whose husbands served in World War I receive pension at the war widows rate.

Mr Drury presented a petition from certain electors of Queensland praying that immediate action be taken to grant war service homes rights to all war-time ex-servicewomen.

Mr Collard 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.

Mr Maisey presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House give urgent consideration to the reduction of the interest rate on Government bonds and the subsequent reduction of interest rates on housing loans.

Mr Webb presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House give consideration to the reduction of the interest rate on Government bonds to six per cent and the introduction of legislation to protect present and future home buyers.

Mr Fox 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Fox was presented by Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), from certain residents of the Division of Gippsland, and was received.

Mr Hamer 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 Hamer was presented by Mr Brown, and was received.

- 4 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Education and Science), Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) would act as Minister for Education and Science.

Mr Gorton also informed the House that during the absence of Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), owing to illness, he would represent the Minister in the House.

- 5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 6 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Parliaments of Australia, Papua and New Guinea, Nauru and Western Samoa—Report of Third Conference, Parliament House, Melbourne, 1 to 3 April 1970.

The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Taxation Statistics, 1968-69 (Supplement to the Forty-eighth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation).

Ordered to be printed.

Australian Dairy Produce Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1969-70.

F-4E Aircraft—Copy of lease agreement made on 29 June 1970 between the Department of the Air Force of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia relating to the lease by the Commonwealth of twenty-four F-4E aircraft.

- 7 ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1969-70—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: Mr Bury (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Advance to the Treasurer for year 1969-70—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1969.

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

- 8 EDUCATION PROGRAMME 1970-71—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of further details of the Government's education programme as outlined in the Budget Speech, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Education programme 1970-71—Ministerial statement, 19 August 1970—  
and 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.
- 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian National University Act 1946-1967*, this House elects Mr Beazley and Mr MacKellar to be members of the Council of the Australian National University for a period of three years from this day.  
Question—put and passed.
- 10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:  
Report relating to the proposed construction of a mail exchange building at Adelaide (Ninth report of 1970).  
Report relating to the proposed construction of National Standards Laboratories at Bradfield Park, N.S.W. (Tenth report of 1970).  
Report relating to the proposed development of freight aprons, taxiways, runway extension and engineering services at Melbourne Airport (Eleventh report of 1970).  
Severally ordered to be printed.
- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RURAL ECONOMY: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Patterson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need for reconstruction of the rural economy including a constructive drought policy".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Patterson addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 12 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, by leave—That the following order of the day, government business, be discharged:  
6 Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1970: Second reading—  
Resumption of debate.  
Question—put and passed.
- 13 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1970 [No. 2]: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Sales Tax Exemptions and Classifications.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Lynch moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—FIFTEENTH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Howson, by leave, presented the following paper:  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Fifteenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, October 1969—  
Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch—  
and moved, by leave—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

- 15 WOOL INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to assistance to the wool industry, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Wool industry assistance—Ministerial statement, 19 August 1970.

Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day the next sitting.

- 16 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—FIFTEENTH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Howson—That the House take note of the paper (*presented this day*), viz.:

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Fifteenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, October 1969—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Snedden—Leader of the House) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 18 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 10 JUNE 1970: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Standing Orders Committee brought up on 18 August 1970—Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—

- (1) That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee in its relation to the general matters of (a) sitting days, (b) a reduction in time limits for debates and speeches and (c) a reduction in the quorum of the House, be endorsed in principle and
- (2) That standing orders 72 and 250 be amended as recommended by the committee, such amendments to come into operation on Tuesday, 25 August 1970.

Ordered—That Mr Snedden be granted an extension of time.

*Suspension of standing orders—Further extension of time for speech:* Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Snedden continuing his speech.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the motion be divided and that each of the three matters in paragraph (1) and each of the two matters in paragraph (2) be considered separately.

Question proposed—That sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of the motion be endorsed in principle.

Debate ensued.

Mr Fox moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Motion—That the debate be now adjourned—withdrawn, by leave.

Debate continued.

Question—That sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of the motion be endorsed in principle—put.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 1970

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Barnard	Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Beazley	Mr England	Mr Hurford	Mr Pettitt
Mr Berinson	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reid
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr James	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bonnett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Brown	Mr Foster	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Solomon
Mr Calder	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Stewart
Mr Calwell	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	Mr Street
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Klugman	Mr Swartz
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Uren
Mr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Lynch	Mr Wallis
Mr Chipp	Mr Griffiths	Mr Mackay	Mr Webb
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Collard	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Whitlam
Mr Corbett	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Fox
Mr Daly	Mr Hughes	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie

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Mr Anthony	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Armitage	Mr Fairbairn	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bennett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Jones	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Keating	Mr Whittorn
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr Keogh	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hayden	Mr King	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Howson	Mr McEwen	Mr Cope
Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cross	Mr Jess	Mr Patterson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question proposed—That sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of the motion be endorsed in principle.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 August 1970, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of land reserved for hospital purposes.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1970—

No. 27—Motor Traffic.

No. 28—Legal Practitioners.

No. 29—Companies (Life Insurance Holding Companies).

Regulations—1970—No. 9 (Cemeteries Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr Buchanan, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Katter and Mr Nicholls.

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