

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 45

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 1970

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- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.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.
- Mr Scholes presented a petition from certain citizens of Victoria praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.
- Petitions severally received and read.
- Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Scholes were presented by Mr Hamer and Mr Kennedy, and by Mr Cross, for Mr Hansen, from certain citizens of Queensland, and were severally received.
- Mr Howson presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House (1) immediately ban the export of products made from kangaroos, (2) strongly urge the State governments to ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes until the select committee has made its recommendations and (3) add to the Constitution a clause empowering the Commonwealth Government to act to safeguard any species of wildlife that is endangered through any cause.
- Petition received and read.
- Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
- Petition received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: Mr Mackay, by leave, presented the following paper:
Australian Broadcasting Commission Current Affairs Programmes—Guidelines compiled by Mr M. G. Mackay, M.P.
- The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Australian Honey Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1969–70.
 - Australian Wool Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1969–70.
 - Department of Supply—Report for year 1969–70.
- The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Forty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

- 5 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Graham be discharged from attendance on the Publications Committee, and that, in his place, Mr G. D. Erwin be appointed a member of the committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Graham, by leave, made a statement with reference to his discharge from the Publications Committee and to the work of the committee.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTING OF HOUSE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, leave be granted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to meet during the sitting of the House on Friday, 4 September 1970.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1970: Mr Bury (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax in respect of Convertible Notes.

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 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1970–71—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House condemns this deceptive and negative Budget because it fails to meet the real needs of the Australian people, especially with respect to (a) standards of social service and war pensioners, (b) assistance to school, hospital and urban authorities and (c) restructuring of stricken primary industries and because it introduces and increases taxes and charges of a regressive and inequitable nature”—

Debate resumed.

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

- 11 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

27 August 1970—Message—

No. 63—Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement 1970.

No. 64—Book Bounty 1970.

- 12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Killen (Minister for the Navy) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until midnight—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until half-past ten o'clock in the morning.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 August 1970, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 113.

Distillation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 115.

Excise Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 114.

National Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 116.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1970—No. 55—Miners' Homestead Leases (Validation).

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 110, 111.

Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 109.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 112.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Cass, Mr Hansen, Mr Katter and Mr Nicholls.

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