

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 46

FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 1970

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 Turner presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Bradfield praying that the House seek to ensure that Commonwealth legislation bearing on censorship of films, literature and radio and television programmes is so framed and so administered as to preserve sound moral standards in the community. Petition received and read.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr Fox, from certain electors of the Division of Henty, by Mr Scholes, from certain electors of the Division of Corio, by Sir John Cramer, from certain electors of the Division of Bennelong, by Mr Grassby, from certain electors of the Division of Riverina, by Mr G. D. Erwin, from certain electors of the Division of Ballaarat, by Mr Luchetti, from certain electors of the Division of Macquarie, by Mr Jarman, from certain electors of the Division of Deakin, by Mr L. H. Irwin, from certain electors of the Division of Mitchell, by Mr James, from certain electors of the Division of Hunter, by Mr Dobie, from certain electors of the Division of Cook, and by Mr King, from certain electors of the Division of Wimmera and other Divisions, and were severally received.

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 and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr L. R. Johnson was presented by Mr Jenkins, and was received.

Mr Scholes 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, (4) an increase in the maintenance allowance for students and (5) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Scholes was presented by Mr L. R. Johnson, and was received.

Mr Martin 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 Martin were presented by Mr Cohen, Mr Birrell and Mr L. R. Johnson, and by Mr Scholes, from certain citizens of Victoria, and were severally received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-eighth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1969-70.
- 5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed provision of engineering services to sub-divisions of Racecourse West, Morris Soak and Bradshaw Drive, Alice Springs, N.T. (Twelfth report of 1970).
Ordered to be printed.
- 6 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.
Mr Lucock was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr Berinson, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Buchanan, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Calder, Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr Cross, Mr Hansen, Mr Hunt, Mr Katter, Mr Killen, Mr Kirwan, Mr Nicholls, Mr Nixon and Mr Webb.

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