

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 50

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 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 Bennett 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 Fox presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.

Petitions severally received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Fox was presented by Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), and was received.

Mr Reid presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of products made from kangaroos be banned and the Commonwealth Government take necessary steps to have all wildlife in Australia brought under its control.

Petition received.

Mr Foster presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.

Mr Keogh 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Keogh was presented by Mr Garrick, and was received.

Mr Reynolds presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.

Mr Kennedy presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Bendigo 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Kennedy was presented by Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration), from certain electors of the Division of Flinders, and was received.

- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
 War Service Homes—Interim Annual Report of Director, for year 1969–70.  
 The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
 Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Annual Report for year 1969–70.  
 Tobacco Industry Act—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year 1969–70.
- 5 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 15 September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 6 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Dobie (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:  
 One hundred and twentieth Report—Treasury Minute on the One hundred and second Report together with a summary of that report.  
 One hundred and twenty-first Report—The Department of Shipping and Transport—  
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.  
 Ordered—That the reports be printed.
- 7 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Second Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The Report is as follows:

#### SECOND REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Publications Committee of the House of Representatives, recommends that the following be printed:

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*.

Book Bounty Act—Return for year 1969–70.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-eighth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1969–70.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1969.

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

Department of Supply—Report for year 1969–70.

Fire at Whyalla Shipbuilding and Engineering Works—Report of Inquiry (by Mr E. S. Clarke), dated 10 June 1970.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Forty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1969–70.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Administrative Actions (Investigations) Ordinance 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

Prices Regulations Ordinance 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

Papua—Report for year 1968–69.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1969–70.

Post and Telegraph Act—Postmaster-General—Third Annual Statement:  
Post Office Prospects and Capital Programme 1970–71.

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.

Royal Military College, Duntroon—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated April 1970.

Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act—Return for year 1969–70.

Trade Practices Act—Commissioner of Trade Practices—Third Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Urea Bounty Act—Return for 1969.

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Mr Erwin moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MORATORIUM CAMPAIGN INVOLVEMENT:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr K. M. K. Cairns had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The involvement of political and industrial bodies in the aims, organisation, and plans of the imminent moratorium campaign”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Cairns addressed the House.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition or a Member deputed by him speaking for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Hurford rising to address the House—

Mr Snedden (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 46

Mr Adermann	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Snedden
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Solomon
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr Maisey	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr McEwen	Mr Swartz
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Mr Wentworth
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 39

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Luchetti	Mr Cope
Mr Crean	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 9 PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1970: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Processed Milk Products Bounty Act 1962–1968*, as amended by the *Processed Milk Products Bounty Act 1970*, to make provision for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of certain Dried Milk Products and Casein.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 10 SUB-DIVISIONS OF RACECOURSE WEST, MORRIS SOAK AND BRADSHAW DRIVE, ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.—ENGINEERING SERVICES—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of engineering services to sub-divisions of Racecourse West, Morris Soak and Bradshaw Drive at Alice Springs, N.T.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF POINT PERON/GARDEN ISLAND CAUSEWAY, NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY (COCKBURN SOUND), W.A.: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of Point Peron/Garden Island Causeway, Naval support facility (Cockburn Sound), W.A.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (QUORUM OF MEMBERS) 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

**AYES, 45**

Mr Barnard	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	Mr Swartz
Mr Chipp	Mr Gun	Mr McEwen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Crean	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Whitlam
Mr Dobie	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr England	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Hurford	Mr Pettitt	Mr Duthie
Mr Forbes	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Reid	Mr Fox

**NOES, 27**

Mr Armitage	Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Turnbull
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Reynolds	Mr Jones

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Bryant moved the following amendment—Clause 3, page 1, at the end of the clause add the following proviso:

“Provided that if it appears on the report by the tellers of a division of the House that one-third of the whole number of members is not present, no decision of the House shall be considered to have been arrived at by such division.”

Debate continued.

Amendment amended by Mr Bryant, by leave, to read as follows:

“Provided that for a division to be declared carried, one-third of the whole number of members must be present, otherwise no decision of the House shall be considered to have been arrived at by such division.”

Debate continued.

*Point of order:* Mr Crean raised a point of order that the amendment was not relevant to the Bill.

*Deputy Chairman's ruling:* The Deputy Chairman (Mr Drury) ruled that the amendment was in order.

Debate continued.

Mr Bryant rising to address the committee—

*Closure:* Mr Gun moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 38

Mr Armitage	Mr Connor	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Sherry
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Turnbull
Mr Birrell	Mr England	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	
Mr Calder	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen	Mr Reynolds

NOES, 34

Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Snedden
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Solomon
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr Maisey	Mr Street
Mr Collard	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Swartz
Mr Crean	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Mr Whitlam
Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Fairbairn	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Reid	Mr Fox
Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair	Mr Jarman

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

It being past four o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negated:* The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, as amended, agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Snedden, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 15 September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr Berinson, Mr Bonnett, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Buchanan, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Corbett, Mr Davies, Mr Fulton, Mr Hansen, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Katter, Mr Kelly, Mr Killen, Mr MacKellar, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls, Mr Scholes, Mr Webb and Mr Whittorn.

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