

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

FRIDAY, 18 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 Gorton (Prime Minister) presented a petition from certain electors of the Divisions of Higgins and Chisholm, 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.

Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) 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.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Wentworth was presented by Mr MacKellar, and was received.

Mr Brown presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will seek the co-operation of the States and supply extra finance to the States to enable (1) proper town planning and development to halt the increase in densely populated areas which lead to increased crime, (2) the proper staffing and equipping of police forces to enable adequate crime prevention and detection measures to reduce the frightening increase of both solved and unsolved crime, (3) the proper detention of and rehabilitation of criminals and (4) compensation to victims of crimes of violence.

Mr MacKellar 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Apple and Pear Organisation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twenty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1969–70, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—First Annual Report for year 1969–70.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1969–70.

5 HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Jones be appointed a member of the House Committee, in place of Mr J. R. Fraser, deceased.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTINGS 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 sittings of the House until and including Friday, 16 October 1970.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 INCOME TAX BILL 1970: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Lynch 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.

- 8 INCOME TAX (PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS) BILL 1970: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon certain Income derived from Partnerships and Trusts.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Lynch 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 REPATRIATION BILL (No. 2) 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 second reading of the Bill, the House is of the opinion that—

(1) the pension rate for the totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen, the general rate pensioners and war widows should not have been allowed to decline notwithstanding the proposed increases, in relation to average weekly earnings and

(2) a joint select committee should be appointed to inquire into and make recommendations on all aspects of the provisions and operation of the Repatriation Act”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr MacKeellar	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Reid	Mr Fox
Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Snedden	Mr Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Cope
Mr Connor	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	Mr Duthie

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:* Message No. 59, dated 3 September 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next 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 Adermann, Mr Anthony, Mr Bate, Mr Bonnett, Mr Bury, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr Chipp, Sir John Cramer, Mr Dobie, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen, Mr Howson, Mr James, Mr Katter, Mr McIvor, Mr McMahan, Mr Nicholls, Mr Patterson, Mr Scholes, Mr Sherry and Mr Sinclair.

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