

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 55

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 1970

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 PETITIONS: Mr A. D. Fraser 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.

A similar petition was presented by Mr Bate, and was received.

Mr McIvor presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Melbourne 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.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr McIvor was presented by Mr A. D. Fraser, from certain electors of the Division of Eden-Monaro, and was received.

Mr J. F. Cairns 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.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1969–70.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Railways Act—Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Financial statements for year 1969–70.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1969–70.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Twenty-first Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

- 5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Kennedy (Mr Katter) on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Wide Bay (Mr Hansen) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas, and to the honourable Member for Bonython (Mr Nicholls) on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 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, District of Dripstone, Darwin (Sixteenth report of 1970).

Ordered to be printed.

- 8 ELECTRICAL SUPPLY SYSTEM, CENTRAL CITY AREA, DARWIN—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: Augmentation of electrical supply system, central city area, Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1970-71: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$18,966,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Civil Aviation, \$72,823,000—debated.

Limitation of debate: The debate having continued for 2½ hours, the Chairman called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired.

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1970-71: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
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In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Customs and Excise, \$28,112,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$77,867,000—

Department of Trade and Industry, \$40,030,000—

together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

11 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 September 1970, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Wallangarra, Queensland.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 30—Land Rent (Interim Provisions).

No. 31—Unit Titles.

No. 32—Real Property (Unit Titles).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnard, Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Sir John Cramer, Mr Dobie, Mr England, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen*, Mr Katter*, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls*, Mr Reid and Mr Scholes.

* On leave

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