

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 57

THURSDAY, 24 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 RETURN TO WRIT—CHISHOLM DIVISION: Mr Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which he had issued on 13 August for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Chisholm, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honourable Sir Wilfrid Selwyn Kent Hughes, K.B.E., M.V.O., M.C., E.D., and that by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Anthony Allan Staley had been elected.

3 MEMBER SWORN: Anthony Allan Staley was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.

4 PETITIONS: Mr Bennett presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to abolish the means test for all people who have reached retiring age or who otherwise qualify for social service benefits or pensions.

Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House seek to ensure that Commonwealth legislation bearing on films, literature and radio and television programmes is so framed and so administered as to give the maximum freedom to adults to choose what they will watch, read and listen to, even in the face of pressure from those who seek to impose their ideas and morals on others who do not share them.

Petitions severally received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Enderby were presented by Mr MacKellar and Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), and were severally received.

Mr Fox 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.

Mr Garrick 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

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

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Dawson (Mr Patterson) for refusing to withdraw unreservedly an unparliamentary remark.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Dawson be suspended from the service of the House.

The House proceeded to divide, but the Tellers appointed for the “Noes” refusing to act, Mr Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at one minute past eleven o'clock a.m. for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Member named: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Sydney (Mr Cope) for refusing to apologise for disorderly conduct during the division proceedings.

Mr Snedden moved—That the honourable Member for Sydney be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having addressed the Chair, and Mr Cope having apologised to the Chair for his disorderly conduct, the motion for the suspension of the honourable Member for Sydney was withdrawn, by leave.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Bryant moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a discussion on the question in dispute between Members of the Opposition and the Minister for the Interior.

Debate ensued.

Mr C. R. Cameron addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 58

Mr Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr McEwen	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keating	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Whitlam
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	Mr James
Mr Crean	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	Mr McIvor
Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 50

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keating	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Whitlam
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	
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Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
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Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
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And so it was negatived.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Hayden moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Oxley moving that it be a direction to the Principal Parliamentary Reporter to impound in unaltered form the whole of the *Hansard* transcript of the initial statement by the Minister for the Interior and all relevant proceedings subsequent to the disorder which followed the Minister's statement, and to make available a copy of the transcript to the Prime Minister and to the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Speaker having stated that he would give the necessary direction for the *Hansard* transcript to be made available in the manner required—

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Mr C. R. Cameron, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by the Prime Minister—

Mr Gorton laid upon the Table the following paper:

Dr J. Cairns speaking in Canberra in the public debate on "Australian Involvement in South East Asia"—15 September 1970.

Questions without notice concluded.

6 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

7 PRESS STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, 23 SEPTEMBER 1970—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Mackay, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by the Prime Minister—

Mr Gorton laid upon the Table the following paper:

Press statement by the Leader of the Opposition, 23 September 1970.

- Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Snedden—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 PHOTOGRAPHS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, laid upon the Table a photograph stated to have been taken on Friday, 18 September, showing him addressing a group outside Parliament House.
Mr Jess, by leave, laid upon the Table a photograph stated to have been taken on Friday, 18 September, showing the Leader of the Opposition with a group outside Parliament House.
- 9 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.
National Fitness Act—Report for 1969.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1969-70.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
23 September 1970—Message No. 66—Social Services (No. 2) 1970.
- 11 STATES GRANTS BILL 1970: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States.
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.
- 12 STATES GRANTS (DEBT CHARGES ASSISTANCE) BILL 1970: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with certain Interest and Sinking Fund Contributions Payable by the States in pursuance of the Financial Agreement.
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.
- 13 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1970: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Expenditure of a Capital Nature and to Authorize the Borrowing of Moneys by the Commonwealth for the purpose of that Assistance.
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.
- 14 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 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 further debated.

Limitation of debate: The debate having continued for 5 hours, the Chairman called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditures had expired.

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

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education and Science, \$129,478,000—

Mr Beazley moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$2. Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr Luchetti reported accordingly.

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

- 15 **SUSPENDED MEMBER—RE-ADMISSION TO HOUSE:** Mr Patterson, by indulgence of Mr Speaker, returned to the Chamber and referred to the incident this morning when he had been suspended. Mr Patterson stated that, owing to a misunderstanding, he had not complied with the Speaker's direction to withdraw a remark unreservedly. He now withdrew the remark unreservedly and expressed his regret.

Mr Speaker stated that, in view of the remarks of the honourable Member, he would have no objection to a motion being moved to allow the honourable Member to resume his part in the proceedings of the House.

Suspension of standing orders: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Dawson resuming immediately his part in the proceedings of the House. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **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.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education and Science, \$129,478,000—

Debate resumed on the proposed expenditure, and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Beazley, viz.—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$2.

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 amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 51

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Gun	Mr Martin
Mr Bennett	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison
Mr Berinson	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Davies	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Cass	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Cohen	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Luchetti	Mr McIvor

NOES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Staley
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt	
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Reid	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson	Mr Fox
			Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

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

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Territories, \$104,616,000—debated.

Mr Enderby moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$2.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: The debate having continued for 2 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 amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 46

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
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Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
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Mr Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
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Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.
Proposed expenditure—Department of Health, \$36,328,000—debated.
It being eleven o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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 Duthie, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen*, Mr Katter*, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls* and Mr Scholes.

* On leave

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