

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 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 MacKellar presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House make legal provision for a further undergraduate representative on the Council of the Australian National University.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition was presented by Mr Bryant, and was received.
Mr Jacobi presented a petition from certain citizens of South Australia 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 to that presented by Mr Jacobi was presented by Mr Hurford, and was received.
Mr J. F. Cairns presented a petition from an elector of the Commonwealth (Louis R. Cranfield) praying that the Commonwealth Government pay him the sum of \$138 for the loss of certain books in a fire at the Melbourne Mail Exchange.
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.
Mr Stewart presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the 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 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.
Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration) presented a petition from certain residents of Mornington Peninsula praying that this House (1) immediately ban the export of products made from kangaroos, (2) strongly urge the State governments to ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes until the select committee has made its recommendations and (3) add to the Constitution a clause empowering the Commonwealth Government to act to safeguard any species of wildlife that is endangered through any cause.
Petition received.

- 3 SENATE ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to communicate with the State Governors proposing that the next Senate elections be held on Saturday, 21 November 1970. When a reply was received from the States he would inform the House of the full timetable proposed for the elections.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 4 STATES RECEIPTS DUTY LEGISLATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the intention of the Government to re-introduce the States Receipts Duty legislation.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent questions without notice being postponed until a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.
- 6 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 13 October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
- 7 TELEVISION—COMMERCIAL LICENCES, MT ISA, DARWIN AND KALGOORLIE AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the grant of licences for commercial television stations in the Mt Isa, Darwin and Kalgoorlie areas.
Mr Patterson, Mr Calder, Mr Collard and Mr Sherry, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
- 8 EDUCATION RESEARCH BILL 1970: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to assist Research in connexion with Education.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 10 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—Department of National Development, \$38,457,200—

Debate resumed on the proposed expenditure, *and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Stewart, viz.*—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$10.

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

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

11 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association visitors: Mr Speaker drew the attention of the House to the presence in the galleries of a large number of distinguished visitors who had come from many countries within the Commonwealth of Nations to represent their Branches at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to be held in this Chamber during the next week. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker welcomed the visitors and wished them well in their discussions at the Conference.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Mr Hayden addressing the House—

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

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 13 October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Berinson, Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cass, Mr Corbett, Mr Dobie, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Fulton, Mr Garland, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen*, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Katter*, Mr Kelly, Mr Kirwan, Mr Klugman, Mr McLeay, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls*, Mr Scholes and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave

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