

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 64

THURSDAY, 15 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 J. F. Cairns presented a petition from certain citizens of Victoria praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.

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 Kirwan, and was received.

Mr J. F. Cairns presented a petition from certain electors of the Divisions of Kooyong and Chisholm praying that all Australian troops be immediately withdrawn from Vietnam.

Mr Kirwan 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, (4) an increase in the maintenance allowance for students and (5) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

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.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Eighteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEAT EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Patterson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Federal Government to take positive action to halt the seriously deteriorating condition of Australia's export meat trade with the United States".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Patterson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Grassby rising to address the House—

Mr Nixon (Acting Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 CANBERRA COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION BILL 1970: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canberra College of Advanced Education Act 1967*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 7 FISHERIES BILL 1970: Mr Nixon (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Act 1952–1968* in relation to the operation of certain State and Territory laws and to omit references to Nauru.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS BOUNTY BILL 1970: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the payment of Bounty on the Production of certain Phosphate Fertilizers.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Chipp 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.

- 9 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) BILL 1970: Mr Wentworth (Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Welfare and Advancement (including Housing) of the Aboriginal People of Australia.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Wentworth 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.

- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 5 and 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 11 NAVIGATION BILL (NO. 2) 1970: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make Provision for and in relation to Preventing, and Dealing with the Effects of, Pollution by Oil of the Australian Coast, Australian Coastal Waters and Australian Reefs.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 LIGHTHOUSES BILL 1970: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

14 October 1970—Message No. 63—

Urea Bounty 1970.

Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty 1970.

Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1970.
 Pyrites Bounty 1970.
 Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty 1970.

- 14 SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT (ASSISTANCE) BILL 1970: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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In the committee

Bill, as a whole, debated and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 STATES GRANTS (MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS) 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 by Mr Hayden 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 provisions of the Bill, this House is of opinion that provision should be made by the Commonwealth for adequate financial assistance to allow the development of community and integrated mental health services on a regional basis”.
 Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 51

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Reid
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Snedden
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	Mr Wentworth
Sir J. Cramer	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, 48

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

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. 64, dated 3 September 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 65, dated 20 August 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 Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 SUPERANNUATION BILL 1970: Mr Bury (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Superannuation.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bury 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.

- 18 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL (NO. 2) 1970: Mr Bury (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Retirement Benefits for Members of the Defence Force.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bury 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.

- 19 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.

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, 42

Mr Armitage	Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Klugman	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
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Mr Bate	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	Mr Fox
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.
Proposed expenditure—Postmaster-General's Department, \$64,988,000—debated.
It being eleven o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

Adjournment negatived: 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 negatived.

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

In the committee

Debate continued.

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.

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until midnight—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until half-past ten o'clock in the morning.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr Cross, Mr Dobie, Mr Fulton, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen*, Mr Hughes, Mr Katter*, Mr Kelly, Mr Nicholls*, Mr Scholes and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave

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