

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 67

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 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 Enderby presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) a joint Commonwealth-State inquiry into inequalities in Australian education, (2) the immediate financing of special programmes for low income earners and others and (3) the provision of pre-school opportunities for all children.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr Jacobi and Mr Kennedy, and were severally received.

Mr Reynolds 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.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Reynolds were presented by Mr Jenkins and Mr Klugman, and were severally received.

Mr Kennedy 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.

Mr Corbett 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

Mr A. D. Fraser presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales 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.

Mr Wallis presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Grey praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.

Mr Bennett 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 FitzPatrick presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Darling 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

- 3 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: Mr Speaker informed the House that His Excellency Senator Ong Sim, President of the Senate of Cambodia, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honourable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

Mr Speaker then informed the House that His Excellency Senator Ong Sim was leader of a delegation from the Parliament of Cambodia and that other members of the delegation were present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a warm welcome.

- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirty-seventh Report (1970) and Supplement.

Post and Telegraph Act—Australian Post Office—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

- 6 STATES GRANTS (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 *States Grants (Advanced Education) Act* 1969, and to provide for Payments to certain States in relation to certain Places of Education.

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 SLEEPING, MESSING AND AMENITIES FACILITIES FOR CHIEFS AND PETTY OFFICERS, H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*, WESTERNPORT, VIC.—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: Construction of sleeping, messing and amenities facilities for Chiefs and Petty Officers at H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*, Westernport, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS BOUNTY 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 66, dated 4 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 Bury (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 LOAN (HOUSING) 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. 67, dated 20 August 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Forbes (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

- 11 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—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, \$23,724,000—

Department of the Navy, \$216,888,000—

Department of the Army, \$402,512,000—

Department of Air, \$272,998,500—

Department of Supply, \$104,600,500—

General Services, \$3,757,300—

together further debated.

Limitation of debate: The debate having continued for 5 hours, the Deputy Chairman (Mr Hallett) 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 expenditures—

Prime Minister's Department, \$45,773,000—

Department of the Cabinet Office, \$255,000—

together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- And then the House, at eighteen minutes 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 20 October 1970, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 33—Lottery and Gaming (No. 3).

No. 34—Co-operative Societies.

No. 35—Soil Conservation and Control.

No. 36—Juries.

No. 37—Workmen's Compensation (No. 2).

No. 38—Licensing.

No. 39—Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods).

Public Service Arbitration Act—

Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Determination—

1970—No. 278—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—

1969—

Nos. 110 and 111—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

1970—

- Nos. 250 and 251—United Firefighters' Union.
 No. 252—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 253—Australian Nursing Federation, Employees' Section.
 No. 254—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division); and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 255—Australian Journalists' Association.
 No. 256—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 257—Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.
 No. 258—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 259—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 260—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 261—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.
 No. 262—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 263—Australian Nursing Federation, Employees' Section.
 No. 264—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
 No. 265—Australian Nursing Federation, Employees' Section.
 No. 266—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
 No. 267—Industrial Arbitration Registrars' Association.
 No. 268—North Australian Workers' Union.
 No. 269—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 270—Australian Journalists' Association.
 No. 271—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 272—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 273—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 274—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 275—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
 Nos. 276 and 277—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 279—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 Nos. 280 and 281—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
 No. 282—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.
 No. 283—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 284—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia; and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 No. 285—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 286—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.
 Nos. 287 and 288—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
 No. 289—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Calwell, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Dobie, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen*, Mr Katter*, Mr Nicholls* and Mr Scholes*.

* On leave

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