

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 73

FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 1970

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- 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 Fox presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
Petition received.
Mr Webb presented a petition from certain members of the International Film Theatre Inc. praying that the House will take heed of their view that mature individuals over the age of 18 should not be restricted in the material which they can see, hear or view at properly constituted film societies, film festivals, libraries and educational institutions and that immature persons should be protected by the introduction of restricted exhibition and the adoption of appropriate uniform legislation in all States and Territories respecting public exhibition.
Mr Jenkins 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.
Petitions severally received and read.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Twenty-fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.
Citizenship Act—Return for year 1969-70.
Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1969.
Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Eleventh Annual Statement, for year 1969-70.
Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1968-69.
States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act—First Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1969-70.
War Service Homes Act—Director of War Service Homes—Report and financial statements, for year 1969-70.
 - 5 **CONTINENTAL SHELF OF AUSTRALIA—PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMITS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr McMahon (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Continental Shelf of Australia and the grant by Australia of petroleum exploration permits in the Timor Sea.

6 COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of decisions made by the Government in relation to new rates and conditions which will apply to Commonwealth tertiary scholarships.

Mr Beazley, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

7 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

29 October 1970—Message—

No. 96—Loan (Housing) 1970.

No. 97—States Receipts Duties (Administration) 1970 [No. 2].

No. 98—States Receipts Duty (No. 1) 1970 [No. 2] (*without requests*).

No. 99—States Receipts Duty (No. 2) 1970 [No. 2] (*without requests*).

No. 100—States Receipts Duty (No. 3) 1970 [No. 2] (*without requests*).

No. 101—States Receipts Duties (Exemption) 1970.

No. 102—States Grants (Receipts Duty) 1970 [No. 2].

8 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Hurford (Acting Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

One hundred and twenty-fourth Report—Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year 1969–70 (Appropriation Acts 1969–70)—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

9 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

10 LOAN (DEFENCE) 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.

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

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 85, dated 28 October 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys 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.

- 11 CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL, WAGAMAN, N.T.—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 a primary school at Wagaman, N.T.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF 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: Development of the Port of Darwin.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 CONSTRUCTION OF POINT PERON-GARDEN ISLAND CAUSEWAY—NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY (COCKBURN SOUND), W.A.—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 Point Peron-Garden Island Causeway—Naval support facility (Cockburn Sound), W.A.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 14 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the Act, and insofar as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1969-70.
Ordered to be printed.
- 15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Snedden (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 3, general business, being proceeded with forthwith.
Question—put and passed.
- 16 AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE: Mr Bryant, by leave, for Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), moved, pursuant to notice—That regulation 2 of the amendments of the National Service Regulations, as contained in Statutory Rules 1970, No. 116, and made under the *National Service Act 1951-1968*, be disallowed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

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

AYES, 34

Mr Armitage	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Martin
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Keogh	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Kirwan	Mr Duthie
Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Klugman	Mr James

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Mr Anthony	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahan	Mr Whittorn
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Reid	Mr Turnbull
Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair	
Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden	

And so it was negatived.

- 17 COMMONWEALTH PLACES (APPLICATION OF LAWS) 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. 86, dated 27 October 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Adjournment negatived: It being four o'clock p.m.—The question was 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 resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Enderby moved the following amendment: Clause 4, page 2, at the end of sub-clause (1.) add the following proviso:

“Provided that no criminal prosecution under the applied provisions of this Act shall be instituted after the date on which it receives the Royal Assent in respect of acts or omissions occurring before it receives that assent.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Hallett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Report for year 1969–70.

Ordered to be printed.

19 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Fourth Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The Report is as follows:

FOURTH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

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

Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

Bankruptcy Act—Third Annual Report for 1969–70.

Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Forty-fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1969.

Citizenship Act—Return for year 1969–70.

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Ninth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1969.

Northern Territory—Report for year 1969–70.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1970—No. 41—Control of Roads 1969, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to sections 4, 6, 7 and 10 of the Ordinance.

Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Eleventh Annual Statement, for year 1969–70.

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Twenty-third Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Twenty-second Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act—First Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1969–70.

Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Thirty-ninth Report, and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure certified by the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, for year 1969–70.

Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Forty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1968–69.

War Service Homes Act—Director of War Service Homes—Report and financial statements, for year 1969–70.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Australian Wine Board—Forty-second Annual Report, for year 1969–70, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

G. D. ERWIN,

Chairman

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Mr Erwin moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

20 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.

21 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 October 1970, pursuant to statute:

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 166.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1970—No. 41—Control of Roads 1969, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to sections 4, 6, 7 and 10 of the Ordinance.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 163, 164.

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

No. 41—Police Offences.

No. 42—Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services.

Therapeutic Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 165.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Berinson, Mr Bonnett, Mr K. M. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cass, Mr Connor, Mr Dobie, Mr Foster, Mr Hamer, Mr Hayden, Mr Hulme, Mr Katter, Mr Lucock, Mr Nicholls and Mr Scholes.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives