

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 76

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1971

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 Grassby presented a petition from certain Aboriginal citizens of New South Wales praying that the House take steps to provide the Aboriginal people of the Balranald district with high standard housing, increased employment opportunities and full legal title to the land comprising the Balranald Reserve.

Mr Hansen 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

Petitions from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House will ban the export of products made from kangaroos immediately, insist that State governments prohibit the commercial shooting of kangaroos and enact legislation to give the Commonwealth Government control of all native wildlife throughout Australia were presented by Mr Crean and Mr Reid.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Grassby also 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.

Mr Wallis presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Grey praying that the Government will take immediate measures to provide a television system to service the District Council areas of Murat Bay, Streaky Bay, Le Hunte and Elliston.

Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration) presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Government take action to prevent a jetport being constructed in the Devon Meadows, South Cranbourne, Pearcedale area of Victoria, and free this area from any restraint being caused by the Department of Civil Aviation's consideration of it as a site for a possible jetport.

Petitions severally received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth:

Australian Post Office—Financial and Statistical Bulletin, for year 1969-70.

Sheltered Employment (Assistance) Act—Details of approved sheltered workshops at 31 December 1970.

Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) asked leave to make a ministerial statement in connection with the paper relating to sheltered workshops.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 5 URANIUM EXPORT POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to maintain a system of export control of uranium which would, for the present, not involve any quantitative restriction upon exports, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:

Uranium export policy—Ministerial statement, 18 February 1971—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had appointed Senator Hannan to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in the place of Senator Withers, resigned.

- 7 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry) be appointed a member of the Standing Orders Committee in the place of Sir John McEwen, resigned.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 9 OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 1971: Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Overseas Telecommunications Act 1946-1968*.

Bill read a first time.

Sir Alan Hulme 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 NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (FLOOD MITIGATION) BILL 1971: Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of New South Wales for the purpose of Flood Mitigation Works in relation to certain Rivers.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Swartz 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.

- 11 CELLULOSE ACETATE FLAKE BOUNTY BILL 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Bounty on Cellulose Acetate Flake.

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.

12 ECONOMY: REDUCTIONS IN COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WANT OF CONFIDENCE AMENDMENT—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 16 February 1971*), viz.:

Economy: Reductions in Commonwealth expenditures—Ministerial statement, 16 February 1971—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr McMahon (Minister for Foreign Affairs) each speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Want of confidence amendment: Debate resumed by Mr Whitlam who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House has no confidence in the Government because of its failure to report to the House on the details and purposes of its monetary, fiscal, constitutional and industrial policies for curbing inflation”.

Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that he accepted the amendment as a want of confidence amendment for precedence under standing order 110.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Gorton be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Daly 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, 57

Mr Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McMahon	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Sir A. Hulme	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	Mr Turnbull

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

13 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 seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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 Birrell, Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Collard, Mr Drury, Mr Gun, Mr Howson and Mr Hurford.

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