

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 78

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1971

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 Fox presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.

Mr FitzPatrick 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 Klugman presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that the House seek to ensure that Commonwealth legislation bearing on films, literature and radio and television programmes is so framed and so administered as to give the maximum freedom to adults to choose what they will watch, read and listen to, even in the face of pressure from those who seek to impose their ideas and morals on others who do not share them.

Petitions severally received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hayden had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to make immediate adjustment in social service benefits to restore at least the purchasing power lost since the last Budget and its failure to ensure that no benefits fall below the poverty line established by the Melbourne University survey into poverty".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hayden addressed the House.

Suspension of standing orders moved—Motion without notice: Mr Hayden moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Oxley moving that this House is of opinion that the Government should make immediate adjustment in social service benefits to restore at least the purchasing power lost since the last budget and that immediate steps should be taken to ensure that no benefits fall below the poverty line established by the Melbourne survey into poverty.

Debate ensued on the motion to suspend the standing orders.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

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

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

And so it was negatived.

Discussion continued.

Mr Foster addressing the House—

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the business^o of the day be called on.
Question—put and passed.

5 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 1 TO 5 (1971): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (1971).

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

6 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 6 (1971): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 6 (1971).

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

7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Reports—

Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery.

Cherries.

Pyjama girdling and girdles (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Bakers' yeast.

Severally ordered to be printed.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Reports—

Acetone derivatives.

Industrial radiographic equipment.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 8 CENSORSHIP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Killen (Minister for the Navy)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 11 June 1970*), viz.:

Censorship—Ministerial statement, 11 June 1970—

Debate resumed.

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

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

FIFTH 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 Post Office—Financial and Statistical Bulletin, for year 1969–70.

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—Twenty-third Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

Commonwealth Railways Act—Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Australian Dairy Produce Board—Forty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Fishing Industry Act—Fourteenth Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Fishing Industry Research Act—Fishing Industry Research Committee—First Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Marginal Dairy Farms Agreements Act—Copy of Agreement made on 4 December 1970 between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Tasmania in relation to the Marginal Dairy Farms Reconstruction Scheme.

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

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

States Grants (Teachers Colleges) Act—Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1969–70.

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

Question—put and passed.

- 10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past ten 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 22 February 1971, pursuant to statute:

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 21.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Barraba, New South Wales.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1971—No. 2 (Adoption of Children Ordinance).

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 19, 20.

Stevedoring Industry Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 22.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Collard, Mr Drury, Mr Gun, Mr Howson, Mr Hurford, Mr Jess, Mr Nixon and Mr Peacock.

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