

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 79

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 1971

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- 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 Morrison 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.
A similar petition was presented by Mr Luchetti, and was received.
Mr Bennett presented a petition from certain residents of Western Australia praying that action be taken to move the Perth Airport from its present site.
Petition received and read.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Extract from the Rockhampton *Morning Bulletin* of 5 February 1971 concerning a meeting of the Duaranga Shire Council.
- 5 **MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MALTA—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Migration and Settlement Agreement with Malta—Signed 14 December 1970.
Mr Lynch, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the Agreement, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Migration and Settlement Agreement with Malta—Ministerial statement, 23 February 1971.
Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (QUORUM) BILL 1971:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to determine the Quorum of Members of the House of Representatives.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 8 CENSORSHIP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: 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.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1969–70—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the statement.

In the committee

Statement taken as a whole, and debated.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 10 PRODUCTIVITY AND THE COMMUNITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Snedden (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to productivity and the community, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Productivity and the community—Ministerial statement, 23 February 1971.
Mr Killen (Minister for the Navy) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1969–70—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the statement.

In the committee

Statement, as a whole, further debated, and agreed to.

Mr Bury (Treasurer) moved—That the following resolution be reported to the House:

That the committee agrees with the statement for the year 1969–70 of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901–1969*.

Question—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bury, the resolution reported from the committee was adopted by the House.

- 12 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1971: 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Martin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bury (Treasurer) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr Everingham rising to address the House—
Closure: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen 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 23 February 1971, pursuant to statute:

Australian Film Development Corporation Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 24.

Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 23.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Administrative Actions (Investigation) Ordinance 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

Public Service Ordinance 1970, and Public Service Ordinance (No. 2) 1970 (Ordinance—1971—No. 1), together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Public Service Ordinance 1970, for withholding assent to part of the Public Service Ordinance (No. 2) 1970 and assenting to the remainder of that Ordinance.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 12—Teaching Service Ordinance (Commencement) 1970.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Health—M. M. McNaughton.

Labour and National Service—M. Cooper.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 25.

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 Hayden, Mr Howson, Mr Hurford and Mr Jess.

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