

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 81

THURSDAY, 25 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) presented a petition from certain residents of the Commonwealth praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.

Mr Scholes presented a petition from certain citizens of Victoria 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 residents of Western Australia praying that action be taken to move the Perth Airport from its present site.

Mr Garrick presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately and that the Queensland Government be requested to declare a closure of season each year to permit population recovery.

Mr Kirwan presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House give earnest consideration to the crisis in Aboriginal welfare which exists in the South West Land Division of Western Australia.

Mr Jones 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 Kirwan also 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.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 COMMONWEALTH ACTS AND STATUTORY RULES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the publication of Commonwealth Acts and Statutory Rules.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

5 NATIONAL WATER CONSERVATION AND CONSTRUCTING AUTHORITY: Mr Patterson moved, pursuant to notice—That a National Water Conservation and Constructing Authority, embracing the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, be established by the Commonwealth to carry out, in association with State Governments, the systematic development of soundly based water storage projects in the major river systems serving those established and proven areas which are periodically devastated by recurring droughts.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr FitzPatrick was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 DRIED FRUITS RESEARCH BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Dried Fruits Research Trust Account, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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.

- 7 DRIED FRUITS LEVY BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Levy upon certain Dried Fruits.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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.

- 8 DRIED FRUITS LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Collection of Levy under the *Dried Fruits Levy Act 1971*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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.

- 9 PIG INDUSTRY RESEARCH BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Pig Industry Research Trust Account, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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.

- 10 PIG SLAUGHTER LEVY BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to Impose a Levy on the Slaughter of certain Pigs.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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 PIG SLAUGHTER LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Collection of Levy under the *Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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 OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 CELLULOSE ACETATE FLAKE BOUNTY 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.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 92, dated 23 February 1971, 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 9 March, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

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