

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 82

TUESDAY, 9 MARCH 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 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent statements being made forthwith by the honourable Member for Wannan (Mr J. M. Fraser) and the Prime Minister (Mr Gorton).  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
- 3 **THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR WANNON (MR J. M. FRASER)—RESIGNATION FROM MINISTRY—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr J. M. Fraser made a statement with respect to his resignation from the portfolio of Minister for Defence.  
Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE:** Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving that Mr Alan Ramsey, who misconducted himself in the Press Gallery of the House, be brought before the Bar of the House when the House meets tomorrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion withdrawn, by leave.
- 5 **PETITIONS:** Mr Martin 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 Australia 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.  
Mr FitzPatrick presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that, in respect of taxation concessions, the Government will take immediate steps to (1) investigate the location of Zone A and Zone B areas so that towns of equal isolation and cost factor will receive the same Zone concession, (2) investigate with a view to increasing the amount of concession entitlement for Zone B and (3) amend the Income Tax Assessment Act so that travel and accommodation expenses be allowable deductions when there is a requirement to travel from isolated areas to cities for specialist medical treatment.  
Petitions severally received and read.
- 6 **MINISTERIAL CHANGE AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that on 8 March Mr J. M. Fraser had resigned as Minister for Defence and that, for the time being, Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General) would answer questions with respect to the Defence portfolio and represent the Minister for Supply (Senator Sir Kenneth Anderson) in the House.

7 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

25 February 1971—Message No. 127—Australian National University 1971.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

2 March 1971—Message No. 93—Australian National University 1971.

10 NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (FLOOD MITIGATION) 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 by Mr Patterson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst welcoming the proposal for the purpose of flood mitigation works in New South Wales, this House is of opinion that the assistance offered is inadequate and should form part of a larger scheme to deal with national disaster and that, accordingly, a joint select committee of the Parliament should be appointed to inquire into the practicability of the establishment of a national disaster organisation”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 94, dated 23 February 1971, from His Excellency, the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.  
Mr Patterson moved—That clause 3 be postponed.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Bill agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 APOLOGY BY PRESS REPRESENTATIVE—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Mr A. Ramsey apologising unreservedly for his conduct in the Press Gallery this afternoon and expressing his deep and sincere regrets.
- 12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at seventeen minutes to 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 9 March 1971, pursuant to statute:

- Customs Tariff—Orders—Less developed countries—Nos. 1, 2, 3 (1971).  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 27.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.  
Defence and urban development purposes—Hundred of Bagot, County of Palmerston, Northern Territory.  
Port development purposes—Hundred of Bagot, County of Palmerston, Northern Territory.  
Post office purposes—Liffey, Tasmania.  
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserve at Alice Springs, N.T.  
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 26.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1971—  
No. 7—Postmaster-General's Department Telecommunications Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.  
No. 8—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and others.  
Nos. 12 and 13—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.  
No. 14—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and others.  
No. 15—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
No. 16—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).  
No. 17—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
No. 18—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.  
No. 19—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

- No. 20—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 No. 21—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 22—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 23—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.  
 Nos. 24 and 25—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 26—Australian Workers' Union and others.  
 No. 27—North Australian Workers' Union.  
 No. 28—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 Nos. 29, 30 and 31—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 32—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.  
 No. 33—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).  
 No. 34—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 No. 35—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 36—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 No. 37—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.  
 No. 38—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 No. 39—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 40—Australian Workers' Union.  
 No. 41—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia; and Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.  
 No. 42—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 43—Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 No. 44—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.  
 No. 45—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 Nos. 46, 47 and 48—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.  
 No. 49—Federated Clerk's Union of Australia.  
 No. 51—Australian Journalists' Association.  
 No. 53—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 54—Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australasia.  
 No. 55—Union of Postal Clerks and Telegraphists.  
 Nos. 56 and 57—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
 No. 58—Australian Postmasters' Association and others.  
 No. 59—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 60—Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 61—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1971—  
 No. 2—Crimes.  
 No. 3—Parole of Prisoners.  
 No. 4—Evidence.  
 No. 5—Companies.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bonnett, Mr Corbett and Mr Sherry.

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