

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 85

TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 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 Fox presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
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 Keating 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.
Petitions severally received and read.
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Keating were presented by Mr Stewart and Mr Dobie, and were severally received.
Mr Whittorn presented a petition from a resident of the Division of Balaclava praying that legislation be introduced to prevent the distribution of unsolicited advertising matter to householders.
Petition received and read.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Commonwealth Railways—Financial and Statistical Bulletin for year 1969-70.
International Labour Conference—Fifty-second Session, Geneva, June 1968—
Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.
Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of guarantees and payments for year 1969-70.
States Grants (Pre-School Teachers Colleges) Act—Statement of payments for year 1969-70.
 - 5 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
9 March 1971—Message—
No. 128—Bills of Exchange 1971.
No. 129—Immigration (Education) 1971.
No. 130—Sugar Agreement 1971.
No. 131—Defence Pay 1971.

- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: 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 Bills:
12 March 1971—Message No. 95—
Defence Pay 1971.
Immigration (Education) 1971.
Bills of Exchange 1971.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—GENERAL REPORT: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Thirty-third General Report.
Ordered to be printed.

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

SIXTH 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:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Fourteenth Annual Report for year ended 13 August 1970.

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.

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Chairman

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

Question—put and passed.

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EDUCATION: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to deal with the deficiencies revealed in the Nationwide Survey of Educational Needs".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 10 LOAN (AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD) 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 Maisey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 11 SALARIES BILL 1971: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Salaries payable to the Holders of certain Offices.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Snedden 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.
- 12 NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL 1971: Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the construction of a Railway from Knuckey's Lagoon to East Arm in the Northern Territory of Australia, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Nixon 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.
- 13 PUBLIC ORDER (PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY) BILL 1971: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Preservation of Public Order in Certain Territories of the Commonwealth and in respect of Commonwealth Premises and the Premises and Personnel of Diplomatic and Special Missions, Consular Posts and International Organisations.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hughes 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.
- 14 DEVALUATION COMPENSATION FOR RURAL INDUSTRIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided that devaluation compensation for rural industries would be continued for 1971, but that payments would then be terminated, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Devaluation compensation for rural industries for 1971—Ministerial statement, 16 March 1971.
 Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Robinson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 LOAN (AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD) 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. 96, dated 24 February 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys 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, and agreed to, after debate.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Bury (Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bury (Treasurer) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen 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 16 March 1971, pursuant to statute:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 11—Supplementary Superannuation Benefits.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 1—Probate and Administration.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserve at Katherine, N.T.

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

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