

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 88

TUESDAY, 30 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 RETURN TO WRIT—MURRAY DIVISION: Mr Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which he had issued on 15 February for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Murray, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Right Honourable Sir John McEwen, G.C.M.G., C.H., and that, by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Edward Bruce Lloyd had been elected.
- 3 MEMBER SWORN: Edward Bruce Lloyd was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
- 4 PETITIONS: Mr Whittorn presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.  
Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of products made from kangaroos be banned and the Commonwealth Government take necessary steps to have all wildlife in Australia brought under its control.  
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.  
Petitions severally received and read.
- 5 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that the new Ministry was constituted as follows:
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| Prime Minister  | .. .. . | Rt Hon. W. McMahon                       |
| Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for                            |         |  |
| Trade and Industry  | .. .. . | Hon. J. D. Anthony                       |
| Minister for Defence  | .. .. . | Rt Hon. J. G. Gorton                     |
| Minister for Primary Industry                                     | .. .. . | Hon. I. M. Sinclair                      |
| Minister for Supply   | .. .. . | Senator the Hon. Sir Kenneth<br>Anderson |
| Minister for National Development                                 | .. .. . | Hon. R. W. C. Swartz, M.B.E., E.D.       |
| Treasurer   | .. .. . | Hon. B. M. Snedden, Q.C.                 |
| Attorney-General  | .. .. . | Hon. N. H. Bowen, Q.C.                   |
| Minister for Education and Science                                | .. .. . | Hon. D. E. Fairbairn, D.F.C.             |
| Postmaster-General and Vice-President of<br>the Executive Council | .. .. . | Hon. Sir Alan Hulme, K.B.E.              |
| Minister for Foreign Affairs                                      | .. .. . | Hon. L. H. E. Bury                       |
| Minister for Shipping and Transport                               | .. .. . | Hon. P. J. Nixon                         |
| Minister for Labour and National Service                          | .. .. . | Hon. P. R. Lynch                         |
| Minister for External Territories                                 | .. .. . | Hon. C. E. Barnes                        |
| Minister for Immigration  | .. .. . | Hon. A. J. Forbes, M.C.                  |

Minister for Social Services and Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs ..	Hon. W. C. Wentworth
Minister for Works and, under the Minister for Trade and Industry, Minister in charge of Tourist Activities .. .. .	Senator the Hon. R. C. Wright
Minister for Civil Aviation .. .. .	Senator the Hon. R. C. Cotton
Minister for Customs and Excise .. .. .	Hon. D. L. Chipp
Minister for Air .. .. .	Senator the Hon. T. C. Drake-Brockman, D.F.C.
Minister for the Army and Minister assisting the Prime Minister .. .. .	Hon. A. S. Peacock
Minister for Repatriation .. .. .	Hon. R. M. Holten
Minister for Health .. .. .	Senator the Hon. I. J. Greenwood, Q.C.
Minister for the Navy .. .. .	Hon. M. G. Mackay
Minister for the Interior .. .. .	Hon. R. J. D. Hunt
Minister for Housing .. .. .	Hon. K. M. K. Cairns

The first thirteen Ministers would comprise the Cabinet.

Senator Sir Kenneth Anderson would continue to be the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Mr Swartz had been appointed Leader of the House of Representatives.

The outgoing Minister for Labour and National Service, Mr Snedden, would, for the time being, retain control of industrial relations policy.

Mr McMahon foreshadowed a proposal to increase the number of Ministers from 26 to 27. When the necessary amendment of the Ministers of State Act was passed and assented to, he would recommend to His Excellency the Governor-General the appointment of an additional Minister who would administer the Department of the Vice-President of the Executive Council. In the meantime, Sir Alan Hulme would administer that Department.

Mr McMahon also informed the House that the representation of Ministers would be as follows:

*In the Senate:*

Prime Minister, Minister for Defence, and Treasurer, and matters for which the Department of the Vice-President of the Executive Council is responsible .. .. .	Senator Sir Kenneth Anderson
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Education and Science, Minister for Labour and National Service, Minister for Housing, and Minister for External Territories .. .. .	Senator Wright
Minister for Trade and Industry, Minister for National Development, Minister for Shipping and Transport, Minister for Customs and Excise, and Minister for the Interior .. .. .	Senator Cotton
Minister for Primary Industry, Minister for the Army, Minister for Repatriation, and Minister for the Navy .. .. .	Senator Drake-Brockman
Attorney-General, Postmaster-General, Minister for Immigration, and Minister for Social Services (including Aboriginal Affairs) .. .. .	Senator Greenwood

*In the House of Representatives:*

Minister for Supply .. .. .	Mr Gorton
Minister for Works .. .. .	Mr Chipp
Minister for Civil Aviation .. .. .	Mr Swartz
Minister for Air .. .. .	Mr Holten
Minister for Health .. .. .	Mr Forbes

Mr Daly asked leave to make a statement with reference to the announcement by the Prime Minister.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

6 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

7 CROWN-OF-THORNS STARFISH—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Crown-of-thorns Starfish—Report of the Committee appointed by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments on the Problem of the Crown-of-thorns Starfish.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908–1963*, authorises the publication of the report of the Committee on the Problem of the Crown-of-thorns Starfish, and

(2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr McMahon, by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Crown-of-thorns Starfish—Report of the Committee appointed by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments on the Problem of the Crown-of-thorns Starfish—Ministerial statement, 30 March 1971.

Mr Swartz moved—That the House take note of the statement.

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

8 LEADER OF THE HOUSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding the manner in which he would carry out his functions as Leader of the House.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Daly, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

9 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

18 March 1971—Message No. 99—Sugar Agreement 1971.

19 March 1971—Message No. 100—

Income Tax Assessment 1971.

Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty 1971.

29 March 1971—Message No. 101—

Broadcasting and Television 1971.

Overseas Telecommunications 1971.

New South Wales Grant (Flood Mitigation) 1971.

10 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at three o'clock p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

Question—put and passed.

11 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Daly (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on the forty-seventh series of variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report,

Ordered—That the report be printed.

- 12 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY: The following order of the day, government business, viz.:
- Australian War Memorial Bill 1970—Second reading—Resumption of debate—having been read—  
Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the order of the day be discharged.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 13 DRIED FRUITS RESEARCH 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 Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 14 VIETNAM—FURTHER REDUCTIONS OF AUSTRALIAN FORCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's decision to make further reductions of the Australian forces in Vietnam.  
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 15 DRIED FRUITS RESEARCH 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. 102, dated 25 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 Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 DRIED FRUITS LEVY 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—  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 DRIED FRUITS LEVY COLLECTION 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—  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.
- In the committee*
- Clause 1—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.
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- 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.
- 18 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1971: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947-1970*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Point of order:* Mr Patterson raised a point of order that certain remarks of the Minister were not relevant to the subject matter of the Bill,

*Deputy Speaker's ruling:* The Deputy Speaker (Mr Drury) ruled that the remarks of the Minister were relevant and within the ambit of the second reading speech.

*Dissent from ruling:* Mr Hayden moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued on the motion of dissent.

Motion of dissent withdrawn, by leave.

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

- 19 REPATRIATION BILL 1971: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920–1970* so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions and Allowances payable to certain persons and for purposes connected therewith and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of certain payments resulting from those amendments.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holten moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Holten, by leave, made statements.

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

- 20 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1971: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1970* so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holten 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.

- 21 DRIED FRUITS LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1971: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: Page 4, omit sub-clause (2.).

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	
Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison	

*Tellers:*

Mr Duthie  
Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: Page 5, line 2, omit "five years", insert "twelve months".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 PIG INDUSTRY RESEARCH 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 Robinson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 23 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr Speaker may take the Chair.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 March 1971, pursuant to statute:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 12—Liquor.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—

Coolamon, New South Wales.

Peake, South Australia.

Portland, Victoria.

Navigation Act—Report by the Minister of cases in which the power of the Governor-General has been exercised under section 422A of the Act during 1970.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserve at Howard Springs, N.T.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 14—Asian Development Bank.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1971—

No. 50—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 52—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 64—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 65—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 66—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 67—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Nos. 68 and 69—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 70—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 71—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

No. 72—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 73—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 10—Unit Titles.

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

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