

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 91

FRIDAY, 2 APRIL 1971

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- 1 The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **PETITIONS:** Mr Gun presented a petition from certain citizens of South Australia praying that the export of all kangaroo products, including pet foods and furs, be banned immediately.
Petition received and read.
Mr L. F. Bowen 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.
 - 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport) was acting as Minister for Trade and Industry.
 - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - 1 April 1971—Message—
No. 142—Dried Fruits Research 1971.
No. 143—Dried Fruits Levy 1971 (*without requests*).
 - 6 **ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING:** Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
 - 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTERIAL CONTROL OF ARMED FORCES:**
Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The unresolved issue of Ministerial control of the Armed Forces".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Barnard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 8 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT ROADS, STUART AND VICTORIA HIGHWAYS, N.T.:** Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of Northern Territory development roads—Alice Springs to Erldunda section of Stuart Highway and Timber Creek to Dingo Gap section of Victoria Highway.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed works.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 REPATRIATION 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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the second reading of the Bill, the House is of the opinion that—

- (1) the pension rate for the totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen, the general rate pensioners and war widows should not have been allowed to decline notwithstanding the proposed increases, in relation to average weekly earnings, and
- (2) a joint select committee should be appointed to inquire into and make recommendations on all aspects of the provisions and operation of the Repatriation Act”.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

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Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Snedden
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Jarman	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Jess	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Lloyd	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Mr Hamer	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Whitton
Mr Dobie	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Mr Drury	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid	Mr Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Jones	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	Mr Duthie
Mr Cohen	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	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. 105, dated 30 March 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 Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

10 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES 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 Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Beazley, Mr Bonnett, Mr Calwell, Mr Corbett, Mr Garland, Mr McIvor, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Patterson, Mr Pettitt, Mr Sherry and Mr Wallis.

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