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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 92

TUESDAY, 6 APRIL 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 Petitions: 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House will ban the export of products made from kangaroos immediately, insist that State governments prohibit the commercial shooting of kangaroos and enact legislation to give the Commonwealth Government control of all native wildlife throughout Australia.
 - Mr L. R. Johnson 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.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 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:

5 April 1971—Message No. 106—

Customs 1971.

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court 1971.

Naval Defence 1971.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COMMONWEALTH, STATE AND REGIONAL FINANCES AND FUNCTIONS: 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 lack of machinery for government consultation and public information on Commonwealth, State and regional finances and functions".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Foster rising to address the House-

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on. Question—put and passed.

6 Message from the Governor-General, Proposed provision for additional expenditure for service of the year, 1970-71—Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 1970-71: Message No. 107, dated 6 April 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Snedden (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1970-71, for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.

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.

7 Message from the Governor-General, Proposed provision for certain additional expenditure, 1970–71—Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1970–71: Message No. 108, dated 6 April 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for certain additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Snedden (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1970-71, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.

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.

8 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave— That the following order of the day, government business, be discharged:

20 Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Bill 1970: Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 TEACHING OF ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That the House take note of the following paper presented on 31 March 1971: Teaching of Asian languages and cultures in Australia—Report of Commonwealth Advisory Committee.

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

10 Suspension of standing orders—General business notice: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 4, general business, being proceeded with forthwith. Question—put and passed.

11 CITY AREA LEASES ORDINANCE 1970 AND LEASES (SPECIAL PURPOSES) ORDINANCE 1970 OF THE A.C.T.—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE: Mr Uren moved, pursuant to notice—That the City Area Leases Ordinance 1970 (No. 45 of 1970), and the Leases (Special Purposes) Ordinance 1970 (No. 46 of 1970), made under the Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910–1970, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 International Affairs—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Mr Bury (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on international affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

International Affairs—

Ministerial statement, 6 April 1971.

Detailed statement on the global situation, 6 April 1971.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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.

13 CITY AREA LEASES ORDINANCE 1970 AND LEASES (SPECIAL PURPOSES) ORDINANCE 1970 OF THE A.C.T.—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Uren—That the City Area Leases Ordinance 1970 (No. 45 of 1970), and the Leases (Special Purposes) Ordinance 1970 (No. 46 of 1970), made under the Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910–1970, be disallowed—

Debate resumed.

Mr C. R. Cameron rising to address the House-

Closure: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put. Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 55

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Griffiths	Mr Kirwan	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	Tellers:
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put— The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

A	YES.	4	8

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	
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Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
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Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr Calder	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Tellers:
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	_
Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Reid	Mr Fox
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And so it was negatived.

14 Publications Committee—Seventh Report: Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Seventh Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The Report is as follows:

SEVENTH 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:

Commonwealth Railways—Financial and Statistical Bulletin for year 1969-70. 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.

International Labour Conference—Fifty-second Session, Geneva, June 1968—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.

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.

States Grants (Pre-school Teachers Colleges) Act—Statement of payments for year 1969-70.

Teaching of Asian languages and cultures in Australia—Report of Commonwealth Advisory Committee.

Text of verbal report to Australian Wool Industry Conference by International Wool Secretariat—Sydney, 16-17 March 1971.

Woden Valley flood, 26 January 1971-

Coroner's statement and findings.

Report by the Department of the Interior, and Report by the National Capital Development Commission.

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

Question—put and passed.

15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

16 PRODUCTIVITY AND THE COMMUNITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Killen—That the House take note of the paper (presented on 23 February 1971), viz.:

Productivity and the community—Ministerial statement, 23 February 1971—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.

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

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

Question-put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute 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 6 April 1971, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 35.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1971—

No. 3—Apprentices.

No. 4—Cemeteries.

No. 5-Child Welfare.

No. 6—Housing.

No. 7-Lottery and Gaming.

No. 8-Marine Board and Navigation Ordinance 1964 Amendment.

No. 9-Police and Police Offences.

No. 10—Public Service.

No. 11-Road Traffic.

No. 12-Social Welfare.

No. 13-Traffic.

No. 14—Water Supplies Development.

No. 15—Child Welfare (No. 2).

No. 16-Licensing.

No. 17-Local Courts.

Papua and New Guinea Act-Ordinances-1971-

No. 15—Customs (Amendment).

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No. 16—Electoral (Amendment).

No. 17—Excise (Refunds and Remissions).

No. 18—Parliamentary Powers and Privileges (Precincts of the House).

No. 19—Tariff Advisory Committee (Amendment).

Processed Milk Products Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 38.

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

No. 62—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 63—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 76—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 77—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

No. 78—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 79—Australian Nursing Federation.

No. 81-Merchant Service Guild of Australia.

No. 82—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division); and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 83—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 84—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 85—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 89—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 11—City Area Leases.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 37.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 36.

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

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