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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 101

MONDAY, 3 MAY 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 Gorton (Minister for Defence) 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.

Petition received.

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 and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Bowen were presented by Mr Grassby, Mr Morrison and Mr Reynolds, and were severally received.

Mr Wallis presented a petition from certain citizens of South Australia 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.

Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that a Committee of Inquiry, on which are represented the Department of Education and Science, institutions of tertiary education, practising educators, and the Canberra community, be instituted to inquire into the form that an Australian Capital Territory Education Authority should take, the educational principles and philosophy that should underly it, and its mode of operation and administration.

Petitions severally received and read.

Mr Webb presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) the allowance of personal education expenses as a taxation deduction, (2) the removal of the present age limit in respect of the deduction for education expenses, (3) an increase in the deduction allowable for tertiary education expenses, (4) an increase in the maintenance allowance for students and (5) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

Petition received.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
International Labour Organisation Convention No. 112—Minimum Age (Fishermen) Convention, 1959.
- 5 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the Publications Committee, or any sub-committee thereof, when conferring with a similar committee or sub-committee of the Senate, have power to move from place to place.
Question—put and passed.
- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
29 April 1971—Message No. 148—Salaries 1971.
- 7 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 8 LOANS (QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED) 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. 118, dated 22 April 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 8 to 11, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 10 LOAN 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. 119, dated 3 May 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK) 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. 120, dated 22 April 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.
Mr Snedden (Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

12 INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT 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 Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

13 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 14, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

14 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) 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. 121, dated 3 May 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, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Education and Science), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 May 1971, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 51.

Education Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 53.

Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 55.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 54.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 52.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Brown, Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Mr Hansen, Mr Hayden, Mr Howson, Mr Jenkins, Mr Jess, Mr Katter and Mr Street.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives