

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 110

TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST 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 Hurford presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the sales tax and customs duties on all forms of contraceptive devices be removed, and that all contraceptive devices be placed on the National Health Scheme Pharmaceutical Benefits list.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) and Mr Drury, and were severally received.

Mr Hurford presented a petition from certain electors of South Australia praying that this House will repeal the National Service Act, and cause Charles Martin, and all others imprisoned under it to be released.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Hurford relating to the repeal of the National Service Act was presented by Mr Foster, and was received.

Mr Klugman and Mr Reynolds presented petitions 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.

Mr Enderby 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 and (4) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

Petition received and read.

Mr Morrison, Mr Garrick and Mr Jacobi presented petitions 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the words: "or for preventing conception" be deleted from sub-section (1.) of section 46 of the A.C.T. Pharmacy Ordinance.

Petition received and read.

Mr Morrison presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House should cause the Australian Government to recognise the right of Australian professional people engaged in the creative and performing arts to further develop their skills and talents in Australia, and to be protected from overseas programmes in a way that will encourage an Australian television and radio industry.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Morrison relating to an Australian television and radio industry were presented by Mr Hughes and Mr L. H. Irwin, and were severally received.

Mr O'Keefe presented a petition from certain electors of Australia praying that the Government revise its interpretation of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 relating to chemical agents of warfare, and declare that it regards all chemical substances employed for their toxic effects on man, animals or plants, as being included in the prohibitions laid down by that Protocol.

Petition received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr FitzPatrick asked leave to make a statement relating to certain matters at Broken Hill.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Bryant moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Darling making a statement relating to certain matters at Broken Hill.

Question—put.

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

**AYES, 53**

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|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Mr Armitage      | Mr Cope        | Mr Hayden        | Mr Morrison     |
| Mr Barnard       | Mr Crean       | Mr Hurford       | Mr Nicholls     |
| Mr Beazley       | Mr Cross       | Mr Jacobi        | Mr Patterson    |
| Mr Bennett       | Mr Daly        | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Reynolds     |
| Mr Berinson      | Mr Davies      | Mr L. R. Johnson | Mr Scholes      |
| Mr Birrell       | Mr Enderby     | Mr Jones         | Mr Sherry       |
| Mr L. F. Bowen   | Mr Everingham  | Mr Keating       | Mr Uren         |
| Mr Bryant        | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Kennedy       | Mr Wallis       |
| Mr Calwell       | Mr Foster      | Mr Keogh         | Mr Webb         |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Garrick     | Mr Kirwan        |                 |
| Mr Cass          | Mr Grassby     | Mr Klugman       |                 |
| Mr Cohen         | Mr Griffiths   | Mr Luchetti      | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Collard       | Mr Gun         | Mr Martin        | Mr Duthie       |
| Mr Connor        | Mr Hansen      | Mr McIvor        | Mr James        |

**NOES, 60**

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

And so it was negatived.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Educational Statistics 1970—Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory—  
Statement produced by the Department of Education and Science.  
Department of Education and Science—Report for 1970.

7 EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL (No. 2) 1971: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Export Payments Insurance Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 19 AUGUST 1971: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Swartz (Leader of the House)—That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee brought up on 20 August 1971 be adopted, and that the standing orders of the House be amended as recommended by that Committee, to come into operation on Tuesday, 28 September 1971—

Debate resumed by Mr Bryant who moved, as an amendment—That after the word “Committee” (last occurring) the following words be inserted: “and by inserting after standing order 49 the following new standing order:

‘49A. That, at 10 p.m. each sitting day, the Speaker shall put the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate; if the House be in committee at that hour, the Chairman shall in like manner put the question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the House; and upon such report being made the Speaker shall forthwith put the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate: Provided that if the House or the committee be in division at the time named, the Speaker or the Chairman shall not put the question referred to until the result of such division has been declared; and if the business under discussion shall not have been disposed of at such adjournment it shall appear on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day.’ ”.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Keating moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Drury, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49

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| Mr Armitage      | Mr Connor       | Mr Hayden        | Mr Nicholls     |
| Mr Barnard       | Mr Cope         | Mr Hurford       | Mr Patterson    |
| Mr Beazley       | Mr Crean        | Mr Jacobi        | Mr Scholes      |
| Mr Bennett       | Mr Cross        | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Sherry       |
| Mr Birrell       | Mr Davies       | Mr Jones         | Mr Stewart      |
| Mr L. F. Bowen   | Mr Enderby      | Mr Keating       | Mr Uren         |
| Mr Bryant        | Mr Everingham   | Mr Kennedy       | Mr Wallis       |
| Mr Buchanan      | Mr A. D. Fraser | Mr Keogh         | Mr Webb         |
| Mr Calwell       | Mr Fulton       | Mr Kirwan        |                 |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Garrick      | Mr Klugman       |                 |
| Mr Cass          | Mr Grassby      | Mr Luchetti      |                 |
| Mr Cohen         | Mr Griffiths    | Mr McIvor        | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Collard       | Mr Hansen       | Mr Morrison      | Mr Duthie       |
|                  |                 |                  | Mr James        |

## Nos, 60

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|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sir C. Adermann    | Mr Fairbairn   | Mr Jarman        | Mr Robinson     |
| Mr Anthony         | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Jess          | Mr Sinclair     |
| Mr Bate            | Mr Forbes      | Mr L. R. Johnson | Mr Snedden      |
| Mr Berinson        | Mr Foster      | Mr Katter        | Mr Solomon      |
| Mr Bonnett         | Mr Giles       | Mr Kelly         | Mr Staley       |
| Mr N. H. Bowen     | Mr Gorton      | Mr Killen        | Mr Street       |
| Mr Brown           | Mr Graham      | Mr Lloyd         | Mr Swartz       |
| Mr Bury            | Mr Gun         | Mr Lucock        | Mr Turner       |
| Mr K. M. K. Cairns | Mr Hallett     | Mr Mackay        | Mr Wentworth    |
| Mr Calder          | Mr Hamer       | Mr MacKellar     | Mr Whittorn     |
| Mr D. M. Cameron   | Mr Holten      | Mr Martin        |                 |
| Mr Chipp           | Mr Howson      | Mr Nixon         |                 |
| Mr Corbett         | Mr Hughes      | Mr O'Keefe       |                 |
| Sir J. Cramer      | Sir A. Hulme   | Mr Peacock       | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Dobie           | Mr Hunt        | Mr Pettitt       | Mr Fox          |
| Mr England         | Mr L. H. Irwin | Mr Reynolds      | Mr Turnbull     |

And so it was negatived.

Debate on original question continued by Mr Martin who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “standing order 40 be omitted and the following standing order be inserted in place thereof:

‘40. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the Days and hours of meeting. despatch of business on each Tuesday at half-past ten o'clock a.m. and Wednesday at half-past two o'clock p.m., and on each Thursday at half-past ten o'clock a.m. rising at six o'clock p.m. on each Thursday.’”

Mr Turnbull 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.

9 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1971-72—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Whitlam (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: “the House condemns the Budget because (a) it breaks the Prime Minister’s pledge to Parliament on taking office to bring into effect for 1971-72 a fundamental review of social services and of methods for adjusting them, (b) it contains no proposals to balance the finances and functions of the Commonwealth, the States and local government and (c) it produces no programmes for high national objectives of social welfare, economic strength and national security”.

Debate continued.

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

11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for the Army) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr L. R. Johnson rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration) moved—That the question be now put. Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 August 1971, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Darwin Town Area Leases (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance 1971 and Local Government Valuations (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance 1971, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinances.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Jenkins, Mr King, Mr Maisey and Mr McLeay.

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