

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 113

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 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 PRIVILEGE—ARTICLE IN THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH"—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Cope raised a matter of privilege based upon an article published in the *Daily Telegraph* on Friday, 27 August 1971 under the heading "'COUNT OUT' SHUTS PARLT.". Mr Cope produced a copy of the *Daily Telegraph* containing the article and gave the names of the printer and the publisher of that newspaper.  
Mr Cope then moved—That the matter of the article in the *Daily Telegraph* of Friday, 27 August 1971 be referred to the Committee of Privileges.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 3 PETITIONS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to abolish the means test for all people who have reached retiring age or who otherwise qualify for social service benefits or pensions.  
Petition received and read.  
Mr Foster 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.  
Mr L. H. Irwin 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.  
Petitions severally received.  
Mr Klugman 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.  
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.

Mr Uren presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government increase immediately pensions by \$5.00 per week, child endowment to \$3.60 per week per child and the maternity allowance to at least \$117.00 for each child born. Petitions severally received and read.

Mr Birrell 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.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Taxation Statistics, 1969-70 (Supplement to the Forty-ninth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation).

Ordered to be printed.

Australian Egg Board—Interim Report for year 1970-71.

Australian Honey Board—Interim Report for year 1970-71.

Australian Wool Commission—Interim Report for period 4 November 1970 to 30 June 1971.

Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology—Report for year 1970-71.

Papua and New Guinea—Public Service—

Accelerated Localisation and Training.

The Future Security of Permanent Overseas Officers.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1970.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1970.

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Forty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1970-71, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

6 TARIFF BOARD REPORTS—KNITTED SHIRTS, ETC.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Tariff Board—Reports—

Knitted shirts and outer garments.

Woven shirts, etc.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Anthony, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the reports, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Tariff Board Reports—Knitted shirts, etc.—Ministerial statement, 7 September 1971.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the statement. Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 19 (1971): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 19 (1971).

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

8 INDIGENOUS OIL POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:

Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of certain decisions taken by the Government concerning its policy regarding the use of crude oil found in Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Indigenous oil policy—Ministerial statement, 7 September 1971.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate ensued.

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

9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: 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 Bill:  
26 August 1971—Message No. 140—Australian Capital Territory Evidence (Temporary Provisions) 1971.

10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed replacement of accommodation (1971 reference) at H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, Nowra, N.S.W. (Eleventh report of 1971).

Ordered to be printed.

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CORPORATIONS POWER OF THE COMMONWEALTH: 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 need to pass laws relating to trade practices, consumer protection, consumer credit, securities markets and overseas control under the Commonwealth’s corporations power”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Whitlam addressed the House.

Ordered—That Mr Whitlam be granted an extension of time.

Discussion ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Hughes be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

12 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL (NO. 2) 1971: Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Licences for Broadcast and Television Receivers.

Bill read a first time.

Sir Alan Hulme 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.

13 RESUMPTION OF LAPSED BUSINESS—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1971-72—BUDGET DEBATE: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the proceedings on the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1971-72, which lapsed on Thursday, 26 August 1971, be resumed forthwith at the point where they were interrupted.

Question—put and passed.

14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1971-72—BUDGET DEBATE: Debate resumed on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—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”.

Ordered—That Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Grave disorder arising in the galleries—

*Suspension of sitting:* At fourteen minutes past nine o’clock p.m., the Deputy Speaker (Mr Drury) vacated the Chair until the ringing of the bells.

*Resumption of sitting:* At twenty-two minutes past nine o'clock p.m., Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes 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 7 September 1971:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Exchange of Notes of 24 March 1971 amending the Foreign Exchange Operations Fund Agreement for Laos entered into on 24 December 1963.
- (2) Exchange of Notes of 1 and 6 April 1971 constituting an Agreement between Australia and Malaysia amending the Agreement of 9 October 1967 relating to air services.
- (3) Exchange of Notes of 22 December 1970 and 7 January 1971 amending the Agreement of 13 April 1965 between Australia and France relating to air transport.
- (4) Agreement between Australia and Greece relating to air services, signed at Athens on 10 June 1971.
- (5) Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between Australia and the United States of America on the importation of meat into the United States of America, signed 7 May 1971.
- (6) Protocol amending the North Atlantic Ocean Stations Agreement of 25 February 1954, signed by Australia on 28 May 1971.
- (7) Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Pedagogic Material, signed for Australia at Brussels on 25 June 1971.
- (8) Convention on the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development drawn up at Paris on 14 December 1960—Instrument of Accession deposited by Australia on 9 June 1971.
- (9) Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States, done at New York on 8 July 1965.
- (10) Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union, signed by Australia at Tokyo on 14 November 1969.
- (11) Universal Postal Convention and Final Protocol, signed by Australia at Tokyo on 14 November 1969.
- (12) Postal Parcels Agreement and Final Protocol, signed by Australia at Tokyo on 14 November 1969.

Pursuant to statute:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statutes—

No. 11—Election of Staff Members of Council.

No. 12—Election of Student Members of Council.

Commonwealth Banks Act—

Appointment Certificate—M. Walton.

Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 114.

Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 112.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act and Compensation (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 113.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 104, 105, 106, 107.

- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 109.  
High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 110.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for post office purposes—Moonabie, South Australia.  
National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 103.  
Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—1971—No. 2 (Health Ordinance).  
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 40—Licensing (No. 2).  
Pig Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 117.  
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 108.  
Public Service Act—  
    Appointments—Department of Civil Aviation—C. E. Budd, G. Kirby.  
    Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 111.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1971—  
    No. 266—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
    Nos. 278 and 279—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
    No. 280—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
    Nos. 281 to 291—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.  
    No. 292—Postmaster-General's Department Telecommunications Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.  
    Nos. 293 and 294—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
    No. 295—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.  
    No. 296—Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.  
    Nos. 297 and 298—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
    No. 299—North Australian Workers' Union and others.  
    No. 300—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.  
    No. 301—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.  
    No. 302—Australian Nursing Federation.  
    No. 303—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.  
    No. 305—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.  
    No. 306—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
    No. 307—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
    No. 309—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
    No. 310—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
    No. 311—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
    No. 313—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 116.  
Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 115.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr Jenkins, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr King, Mr Luchetti, Mr Lucock, Mr McLeay, Mr Solomon and Mr Wallis.

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J. A. PETTIFER,  
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives