THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 118

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 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 Giles 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.
 - 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 Foster presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Sturt praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed.
 - Petition received.
 - 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. Petition received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirtyninth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1970-71.

- 5 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr McLeay be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Privileges and that, in his place, Mr Jarman be appointed a member of the committee. Question—put and passed.
- 6 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—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"—Debate resumed.
 - Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation) moved, by leave— That the Committee of Privileges, when considering the matters referred to it on 7 and 13 September, have power to send for persons, papers and records. Ouestion—put and passed.
- 8 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had appointed Mr Bury and Mr Staley to be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in the places of Mr McLeay and Mr Street.
- 9 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERMINATION OF COMMONWEALTH TAX) BILL 1971: Mr Snedden (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to terminate the Tax imposed by the Pay-roll Tax Act 1941-1966, and for purposes related thereto. 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.

10 PAY-ROLI TAX (TERRITORIES) ASSESSMENT BILL 1971: Mr Snedden (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Assessment and Collection of Tax imposed upon certain wages related to the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory of Australia.

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.

11 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) BILL 1971: Mr Snedden (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon certain Wages related to the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory of Australia.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question-That the question be now put-put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question-put and passed.

- And then the House, at thirteen 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 14 September 1971, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for the development of Canberra and its environs—Australian Capital Territory.

Papua and New Guinea Act-Ordinance-1971-No. 53-Public Service (Amendment).

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

J. A. PETTIFER,

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