

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 119

WEDNESDAY, 15 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 PETITIONS: Mr C. R. Cameron presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Hindmarsh praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed. Petition received and read.
Mr Kirwan 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 being asked—
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to answer questions put to him by the Prime Minister.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Questions without notice continued.
 - 4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1970-71.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Fifteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.
Immigration (Education) Act—Migrant Education Programme—Report for year 1970-71.
 - 5 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had appointed Senator Withers to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in the place of Senator Marriott, resigned.
 - 6 SELECT COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION: Mr Fox (Chairman) moved, by leave—
That the Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation have leave to report from time to time.
Question—put and passed.

- 7 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 development of R.A.A.F. Base, Laverton, Vic. (Twelfth report of 1971).
Ordered to be printed.
- 8 SUPERANNUATION (PENSION INCREASES) 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. 143, dated 18 August 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.
On the motion of Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS (PENSION INCREASES) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 144, dated 18 August 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.
On the motion of Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES (INCREASES) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 145, dated 18 August 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.
On the motion of Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 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.
Ordered—That Mr Beazley be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 SYDNEY AIRPORT PROPOSALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of plans and proposals for the airport needs of Sydney, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Sydney airport proposals—Ministerial statement, 15 September 1971.

Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 15 September 1971, pursuant to statute:

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 52—Loans and Assistance (International Agencies).

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

J. A. PETTIFER,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives