

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 121

TUESDAY, 28 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a petition from certain electors of Victoria praying that this House will repeal the National Service Act, remove from the record all convictions made under it, and cause Charles Martin and Geoffrey Mullen, and all others imprisoned under it, to be released and cease all further prosecutions under it.
Petition received.
Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy) presented a petition from certain electors of the Divisions of Evans, Lowe and adjoining electoral divisions praying that the Commonwealth Government relinquish its ownership of land occupied by the Citizen Military Forces in the vicinity of Ashfield Boys' High School (N.S.W.) to enable the school's facilities to be expanded.
Mr Klugman presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House seek to have Australia adopt the principle followed by Britain, Italy, Greece, Malta, The Netherlands, France, Germany, Turkey, Canada and the United States of America, which already transfer the social entitlement of their citizens wherever they may choose to live.
Mr Fox presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Federal Government take immediate steps to act on behalf of all Australian people to preserve Lake Pedder in its natural state.
Mr Enderby 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 Enderby also presented a petition from certain citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the words "or for preventing conception" be deleted from subsection (1.) of section 46 of the A.C.T. Pharmacy Ordinance.
Mr Enderby also 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.
- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence abroad of Mr Snedden (Treasurer), he was acting as Treasurer. Mr McMahon also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs and would represent the Attorney-General in the House.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1970-71.

The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Financial statements for year 1970-71.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Nineteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.

Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Forty-fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1970.

Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Seventeenth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1970-71.

Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1970-71.

Meat Industry Act—Australian Meat Board—Thirty-sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Fourteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1970-71.

Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Twenty-third Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1970.

Social Services Act—Director-General of Social Services—Thirtieth Annual Report, for year 1970-71.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COMMONWEALTH—STATE URBAN LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Uren had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need to create joint Commonwealth-State planning and development commissions in each State to acquire substantial tracts of land in urban areas, particularly on their fringe, to hold it in public ownership and to develop it on a leasehold basis".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Uren addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—BRUCELLA VACCINE TESTING LABORATORY, CANBERRA: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of a brucella vaccine testing laboratory, Canberra.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

8 NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1971 [No. 2]: 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.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past 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 28 September 1971, pursuant to statute:

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 121.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 125, 126.

Butter Fat Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 128.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 127.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 120.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Highclere, Tasmania.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 122.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1971—

No. 54—Bureau of Industrial Organizations.

No. 55—National Parks.

No. 56—Superannuation (Non-contributory Units).

No. 57—Superannuation (Non-contributory Units) (Amendment).

No. 58—Valuation (Amendment).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 123.

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Foreign Affairs—D. B. Wadham.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 124.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1971—

No. 312—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 323 and 324—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 325—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 326—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 327—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 328—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 329—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 330—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 331—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

Nos. 332 and 333—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 334—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—National Memorials Ordinance—
Determination naming four Divisions of the Canberra City District, dated 18 August 1971.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Beazley, Mr Berinson, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Bryant, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Davies, Mr Hansen, Mr Jenkins, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Killen, Mr King, Mr Luchetti, Mr Lucock, Mr MacKellar, Mr McIvor, Mr McLeay, Mr Snedden and Mr Wallis.

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