

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 124

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 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 Dobie 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 develop further 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.

Mr Crean and Mr Hamer presented petitions 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.

Mr Crean also 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 Reid presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will provide \$10 million for relief purposes in India and East Pakistan, and a further \$50 million over 3 years to help rehabilitate the refugees in East Pakistan.

Petition received and read.

Mr Fox and Mr Armitage presented petitions from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that (1) the management of Australia's wildlife be controlled by the Commonwealth Government and sufficient wardens be appointed to enforce the laws, (2) the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes be stopped immediately, (3) the export of all kangaroo products from Australia be banned and (4) the Commonwealth Government also establish large national parks of good quality land as major tourist attractions.

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.

Mr Jacobi and Mr Hurford presented petitions from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) a joint Commonwealth-State inquiry into inequalities in Australian education, (2) the immediate financing of special programmes for low income earners and others and (3) the provision of pre-school opportunities for all children.

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.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior) was acting as Minister for Shipping and Transport.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Australian Wool Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
  - The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
    - Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—Eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
    - National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Eleventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- 6 COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR 1971–72—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's education programme for 1971–72, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Commonwealth education programme for 1971–72—Ministerial statement, 5 October 1971.
- Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate ensued.
- Ordered—That Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Graham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 EAST PAKISTANI REFUGEES—FURTHER AID—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's decision to increase Australia's contribution to the international emergency relief effort for East Pakistani refugees, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- East Pakistani refugees—Further aid—Ministerial statement, 5 October 1971.
- Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate ensued.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Graham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: 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 Bills:
- 30 September 1971—Message No. 148—
    - Post and Telegraph 1971.
    - Post and Telegraph Rates 1971.
    - Broadcasting and Television (No. 2) 1971.
- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S SUBSIDISED MEDICAL SCHEME: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Kennedy had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government's subsidised medical scheme".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
- Mr Kennedy addressed the House.
- Discussion ensued.
- Discussion concluded.

- 10 NURSING HOME PATIENTS—COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—  
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's decision to increase nursing home benefits, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Nursing home patients—Commonwealth assistance—Ministerial statement,  
5 October 1971.

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

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

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

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION 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 by Mr Patterson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "while not opposing the Bill, this House is of the opinion that a single National Marketing Authority should be established which will be the sole authority responsible for the export marketing of Australian apples and pears and which will administer, in conjunction with the Commonwealth, a well formulated Apple and Pear Stabilization Scheme".

Debate continued.

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

- 13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Bonnett, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr J. F. Cairns\*, Mr Forbes, Mr Garrick, Mr Hansen, Mr Keating, Mr Luchetti\*, Mr Lucock\*, Mr McLeay, Mr Nixon and Mr Snedden.

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\* On leave

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