

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 126

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1971

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- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 PETITIONS: Mr Crean presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House raise to \$10 million Australian aid to refugees now in India from East Pakistan and give support to all efforts to guarantee the fully autonomous development of the people of Bangla Desh.
Petition received and read.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Klugman, Mr Cass and Mr Collard, and were severally received.
Mr Kirwan presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House give earnest consideration to the crisis in Aboriginal welfare which exists in the South West Land Division of Western Australia.
Mr Bennett presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that protection is given to the residents of Aged Persons Establishments.
Petitions severally received.
Mr Cass 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.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition to that presented by Mr Cass was presented by Mr Staley, and was received.
Mr Jenkins presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.
Mr Berinson and Mr Bennett each 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 Bennett also 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.
Petitions severally received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Defence Report 1971.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Twelfth Annual Statement, for year 1970-71.

- 5 REPATRIATION SYSTEM—INDEPENDENT NON-PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Honourable Mr Justice P. B. Toose, C.B.E., had accepted an invitation from the Government to conduct an Independent Non-Parliamentary Inquiry into the Repatriation system, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Repatriation system—Independent Non-Parliamentary Inquiry—Ministerial statement, 7 October 1971.
- Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 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:
- 6 October 1971—Message No. 151—
Pay-roll Tax (Termination of Commonwealth Tax) 1971.
Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment 1971.
Pay-roll Tax (Territories) 1971.
- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CENTRAL HOSPITAL SERVICES COMPLEX, 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 stage 1 of a central hospital services complex, Canberra.
- Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 WOOL (DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS) BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Payments on behalf of the Commonwealth for the purpose of ensuring a Minimum Standard of Financial Returns to Producers of certain Australian Wool sold or otherwise dealt with on or after the second day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and before the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.
- Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 STATES GRANTS (SECONDARY SCHOOLS LIBRARIES) BILL 1971: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States for Libraries at Secondary Schools and for the acquisition of Library Material and Equipment for use in such Libraries.
- Bill read a first time.
Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 LOANS (QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED) BILL (No. 2) 1971: Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Borrowing of certain Moneys by the Commonwealth and the Lending of certain Moneys by the Commonwealth to Qantas Airways Limited.
- Bill read a first time.
Mr Peacock moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Jones), 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 (Grievance debate), be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (No.1) 1971-72: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$103,984,000—

Advance to the Treasurer, \$25,000,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Customs and Excise, \$34,879,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$78,646,000—

Department of Trade and Industry, \$39,641,000—

together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 13 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—

That the following order of the day, government business, be discharged:

16 National Health Bill 1971: Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 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:

7 October 1971—Message No. 152—Air Navigation 1971.

- 15 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1971-72: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Customs and Excise, \$34,879,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$78,646,000—

Department of Trade and Industry, \$39,641,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education and Science, \$154,134,000—debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Armitage reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1971

Mr Everingham rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 October 1971, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1971—

No. 41—Architects.

No. 42—Control of Roads.

No. 43—Firearms.

No. 44—Housing (No. 2).

No. 45—Mining Ordinance 1970 Amendment.

No. 46—Motor Vehicles (No. 2).

No. 47—Town Planning.

No. 48—Traffic (No. 3).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1971—

No. 59—Appropriation 1971–72.

No. 60—Customs (Amendment) Tariff.

No. 61—Excise (Amendment) Tariff.

No. 62—Income Tax (Rates) (Amendment).

No. 63—Loan (Works, Services and Government Instrumentalities).

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

* On leave

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