

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 127

TUESDAY, 12 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 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR J. W. HADLEY):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 16 July, of Mr James William Hadley, a Member of this House for the Division of Lilley from 1943 to 1949.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
 - 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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 C. R. Cameron and Mr Beazley, and were severally received.
Mr Reid presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government grant income tax deduction for donations over \$2 made towards the relief of overseas disaster areas and that this be effected with haste to ensure the maximum possible aid to those at present in refugee camps and those in danger of famine in East Pakistan.
Mr Hurford presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government go beyond the plea of the Prime Minister for magnanimity and compassion in the trial of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on charges of treason and insist on the liberty of this openly and democratically elected leader.
Mr Fox and Mr McIvor each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take steps to offer employment, at least on a temporary basis, in order to effect some relief, to academic and qualified persons among the refugees from Bangla Desh.
Mr Gorton, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Jarman, Mr Hamer and Mr Garrick each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House (a) increase monetary aid for the East Pakistani refugees to at least \$5 million immediately, (b) encourage and sponsor teams of volunteers with needed skills and medical supplies and (c) maintain this aid for the period of the crisis.
Mr James and Mr MacKellar each 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.
Mr Fox also presented a petition 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 MacKellar also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will (a) ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes, (b) ban the export of all kangaroo products from Australia, (c) prevent the extinction of the red kangaroo, (d) institute a scientific survey of the kangaroo population, (e) establish large national parks of good quality land as major tourist attractions and (f) take control of and be completely responsible for the management of Australia's wildlife.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Bennett presented a petition from certain citizens of Western Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.

Petition received and read.

Mr Webb 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr L. R. Johnson 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.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr L. R. Johnson was presented by Mr Morrison and was received.

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.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr C. R. Cameron asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr C. R. Cameron moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Hindmarsh (Mr C. R. Cameron) making a statement.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	
Mr Crean	Mr Gun	Mr Morrison	

Tellers:

Mr Cope
Mr James

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lloyd	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Reid	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

- 7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
- Apple and Pear Organisation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twenty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1970–71, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
 - Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Second Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
 - Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
- 8 LAW REFORM—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister representing the Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the establishment of the Law Reform Commission for the Australian Capital Territory and of the six matters referred to it for examination and report. Mr Enderby, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
7 October 1971—Message No. 210—National Service 1971.
- 10 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:
8 October 1971—Message No. 153—National Service 1971.
- 11 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Boothby (Mr McLeay) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 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 Three Year Improvement and Maintenance Programme—Stuart and Barkly Highways, N.T. (Thirteenth report of 1971).
Ordered to be printed.
- 13 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1971 [No. 2]: Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Provision of Nursing Home and Pharmaceutical Benefits and Medical Services.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Swartz moved —That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 DEVELOPMENT OF R.A.A.F. BASE, LAVERTON, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK: 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, it is expedient

to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of R.A.A.F. Base, Laverton, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 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 expenditure—Department of Education and Science, \$154,134,000—further debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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 12 October 1971, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 130, 131.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Amberley, Queensland.

Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 129.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Town Management Ordinance 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 64—Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment).

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1971—No. 335—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 336—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 337—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 338—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 339—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 340—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 341—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 342—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 343—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 344—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.

No. 345—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

No. 346—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1971—No. 6 (Public Health Ordinance).

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

* On leave

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