

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 133

TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 1971

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- 1 The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **PETITIONS:** 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 Calder, Mr Reid and Mr J. F. Cairns each 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.  
Mr Cass and Mr L. K. Johnson each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House (1) increase monetary aid for the Pakistani refugees to at least \$10 million immediately, (2) encourage and sponsor teams of volunteers with needed skills and medical supplies and (3) maintain this aid for as long as the crisis persists.  
Mr J. F. Cairns also 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 Pettitt 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.  
Petitions severally received.  
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.  
Petition received and read.  
Mr Armitage 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.  
Mr L. F. Bowen presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House should (1) increase monetary aid for the refugees in India to at least \$10 million immediately and make provision for a further and extra grant for the victims of the famine in East Pakistan, (2) grant tax deductibility to donations of \$2 and over to Australian voluntary agencies working with the refugee problem and (3) ensure that the Australian Government does all in its power to help bring about a political settlement which would be acceptable to the people of East Pakistan.

Mr Cass also 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 L. K. Johnson also 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 Giles presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Angas praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Klugman also presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House seek to ensure that Commonwealth legislation bearing on films, literature and radio and television programmes is so framed and so administered as to give the maximum freedom to adults to choose what they will watch, read and listen to, even in the face of pressure from those who seek to impose their ideas and morals on others who do not share them.

Petition received and read.

Mr Katter 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.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Anthony (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) and Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport) was acting as Minister for Primary Industry and Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Australian Wine Board—Forty-third Annual Report, for year 1970–71, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Blaxland (Mr Keating) owing to his absence from Australia.

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 construction of primary and pre-schools at Bradshaw (Alice Springs) and Nakara (Darwin), N.T. (Fourteenth report of 1971).

Ordered to be printed.

8 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Daly (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:

Report on item No. 1 (Diversion of Pialligo Avenue) of the forty-eighth series of variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs— and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SOUTH HEAD ENVIRONMENT AND HARBOUR NATIONAL PARK, SYDNEY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr L. R. Johnson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to co-operate with the Government of New South Wales in preserving the environment of South Head and in establishing a Sydney Harbour National Park".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Johnson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy) be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

- 10 INCOME TAX 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 Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted because it (a) does not comprehensively restructure the rate schedule and (b) increases the tax payable by certain individuals on a flat percentage basis".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

**AYES, 52**

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

**NOES, 44**

Mr Armitage	Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Stewart
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Wallis
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cohen	Mr Grasseby	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

11 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

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—

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 16 September be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Department of the Interior until after the proposed expenditure for the Department of Labour and National Service.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Labour and National Service, \$20,500,000—debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr Bryant rising to address the committee—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Corbett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46

Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr Reid
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Hansen	Mr Kirwan	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Martin	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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.

13 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 twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 November 1971, pursuant to statute:

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1971—

No. 70—Medical Services (Amendment).

No. 71—Building.

No. 72—Customs Tariff (Dumping and Subsidies) (Investigations).

No. 73—Tariff Advisory Committee (Temporary Protection).

No. 74—Customs (Exemption) Tariff.

No. 75—Loan (Arawa Town Works) (Kieta—Tunuru Road).

No. 76—Treasury (Gazettal of Officers, etc.).

No. 77—Passenger Transport Control Board (Amendment).

No. 78—Electoral (Qualifications).

No. 79—Legal Practitioners (Provisional Admission).

No. 80—Electoral (Regional Electorates).

No. 81—Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) (Nominal Defendant).

No. 82—Roman Catholic Hospitaller Order of St. John of God.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Calwell, Mr Forbes, Mr Gorton, Mr Gun, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Jarman, Mr Keating\*, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls and Mr Sinclair.

\* On leave

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