

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 134

WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 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 Brown presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government will (1) suspend its aid to the Pakistan Government immediately, (2) raise to \$10 million its aid to refugees now in India, (3) add its voice to those seeking the release of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, (4) use its influence with its friends and allies to initiate action which will lead the Pakistan authorities to withdraw their troops from East Bengal and negotiate with the provisional Government of Bangla Desh, (5) move for the immediate initiation of a massive multi-national effort to underwrite the rehabilitation of the Bangla Desh people and their economy and (6) support all efforts to guarantee the fully autonomous development of the people of Bangla Desh.

Mr Hurford 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 Giles presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that no action will be taken whereby the Department of Civil Aviation will be permitted to extend runways at the Adelaide airport at its existing location or over other adjacent land.

Mr Connor presented a petition from certain citizens of the South Coast of New South Wales praying that the Government will establish pre-school centres and child care centres of approved standards.

Mr Reid, Mr Lloyd and Mr Gorton 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 Brown also presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government (1) give immediate aid of at least \$10 million to help relieve the suffering of Pakistani refugees in India, (2) take the necessary diplomatic steps to seek a political solution and (3) urge the United Nations to make a more effective effort to intervene on behalf of these stricken people.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Bennett 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.

Petition received and read.

Mr Armitage 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.

Mr Scholes 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 Scholes was presented by Mr Everingham, and was received.

Mr Everingham 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.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Everingham regarding contraceptive devices were presented by Mr Bennett and Mr L. K. Johnson, and were severally received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER FOR DEFENCE:

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having given a notice of motion—

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Barnard moving forthwith the motion of no confidence in the Minister for Defence (Mr Fairbairn) of which he has given notice for the next sitting, and that such motion take precedence of all other business until disposed of.

Question—put and passed.

5 MINISTER FOR DEFENCE—MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE: Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the House has no confidence in the Minister for Defence (Mr Fairbairn) because of the damaging and dangerous treatment of the request for assistance in training Cambodian and Laotian troops in Vietnam.

Debate ensued.

Mr Kennedy addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 56

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Whitton
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	

*Tellers:*

Mr Fox  
Mr Turnbull

## NOES, 51

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 51

Mr Armitage	Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Martin
Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Davies	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
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Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Turnbull
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	

And so it was negatived.

6 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Tenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

7 TARIFF BOARD—USE OF RESEARCH STAFF—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to certain dissenting views in the Tariff Board's Annual Report for 1970–71 concerning the use of research staff by the Tariff Board, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Tariff Board—Use of research staff—Ministerial statement, 3 November 1971.

Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Buchanan asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matter. Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 8 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PACIFIC ADMINISTRATION—NEW ROLE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the new role of the Australian School of Pacific Administration in the training of Papuans and New Guineans, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian School of Pacific Administration—New role—Ministerial statement, 3 November 1971.

Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Uren), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 9 LOAN (DEFENCE) 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.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 53

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

NOES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	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 J. F. Cairns	Mr Fullett	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 160, dated 26 October 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), the Bill was read a third time.

10 LOANS (QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED) BILL ( No. 2) 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 Jones who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of opinion that the passage of this Bill should be delayed until (1) firm arrangements are made for substantial co-production procedures for imported aircraft and (2) a select committee is appointed to inquire into and report upon the effectiveness of Qantas management in relation to crew retrenchment, migrant carriage contracts, charters, and fares”.

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, 53

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

NOES, 48

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson	

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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 161, dated 8 October 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

11 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*

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

### THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 1971

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Interior, \$118,648,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of National Development, \$39,680,000—debated. Mr Stewart moved—That the Deputy Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 34

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson	Mr James

NOES, 43

Mr Anthony	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Mr England
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Mr Fox

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 November 1971, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Easements acquired for post office purposes—Wigunda, South Australia.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 136.

Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 137.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 135.

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

\* On leave

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