

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 137

WEDNESDAY, 10 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Australian Government will grant a further \$10 million immediate aid to the East Pakistani refugees in India and will take the initiative in urging the instatement of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the elected leader of his people and in creating a political climate which will enable the refugees now in India to make a speedy, safe return to their own country.

Mr Chipp and Mr Reid 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Whitlam were presented by Mr Stewart, Mr Jacobi, Mr Foster, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Kirwan, Mr Scholes, Mr Luchetti, Mr Reynolds and Mr Wallis, and were severally received.

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

Mr Wallis also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House should (1) increase monetary aid for refugees in India to at least \$1 per capita 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 Bennett 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 Fox, Mr Sherry and Mr Solomon each 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.

Mr Foster also presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Sturt praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed.

Mr Bennett also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will seek the co-operation of the States and supply extra finance to the States to enable (1) proper town planning and development to halt the increase in densely populated areas which lead to increased crime, (2) the proper staffing and equipping of police forces to enable adequate crime prevention and detection measures to reduce the frightening increase of both solved and unsolved crime, (3) the proper detention and rehabilitation of criminals and (4) compensation to victims of crimes of violence.

Mr Kirwan also 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.

Petitions severally received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—  
Twenty-sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-  
General's Report, for the year 1970-71.

5 NATIONAL FILM AND TELEVISION TRAINING SCHOOL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 10 NOVEMBER 1971, AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr HOWSON (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), by leave, made a ministerial statement providing certain additional information with respect to a National Film and Television Training School, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

National Film and Television Training School—Interim Council—

Text of letter, dated 20 October 1971, from the Chairman of the Council to the Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts.

Attachment to letter of 20 October 1971, headed "Record of discussion with P.A. Management Consultants at the 13th meeting of the Interim Council, 12 noon, Monday, 11 January 1971".

Text of telegram, dated 25 October 1971, from the Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts to the Chairman of the Council.

Text of a draft telegram from the Chairman of the Council to the Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts dictated by telephone to the Minister's office on 25 October 1971.

Text of telephoned message, dated 25 October 1971, from the Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts to the Chairman of the Council.

Text of message from the Chairman of the Council to the Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts in reply to the Minister's queries.

Ministerial statement, 10 November 1971.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

6 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock noon tomorrow. Question—put and passed.

7 SCHOOLS AT ALICE SPRINGS AND DARWIN, N.T.—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: Construction of primary and pre-schools at Bradshaw (Alice Springs) and Nakara (Darwin), N.T.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT KATHERINE, N.T.: 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 a sewerage system at Katherine, N.T.  
Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 9 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 22 TO 24 (1971): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 22, 23 and 24 (1971).  
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Tariff Board—Report—Track for tractors.  
Ordered to be printed.
- 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.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Postmaster-General's Department, \$74,155,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Shipping and Transport, \$90,936,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$89,913,000—debated.

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

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The House resumed; Mr Cope reported accordingly.

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

- 12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock noon.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Calwell, Mr Enderby, Mr Forbes, Mr Hansen, Mr Hunt, Mr Jarman, Mr Jess, Mr Keating\*, Mr Killen, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls, Mr Pettitt, Mr Sinclair, Mr Turner and Mr Whittorn.

\* On leave

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