

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 138

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1971

1 The House met, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock noon, 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 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 were presented by Mr Sherry, Mr Hurford, Mr Gun, Mr Berinson, Mr Bennett and Mr Keogh, and were severally received.

Mr Stewart, Mr Hayden, Mr Hansen, Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Everingham each 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 Uren, Mr Hayden and Mr Davies 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 G. D. Erwin presented a petition from certain citizens of Ballarat, Victoria, praying that the Government will immediately increase aid for Pakistani refugee relief to at least \$10 million.

Mr Reid 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 Kirwan 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 O'Keefe 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 Bennett 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 Wallis 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 also presented a petition from certain residents of Western Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure provision of funds to provide for the all-weather sealing of the Eyre Highway.

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:

Taxation—Fiftieth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1 November 1971.

Ordered to be printed.

5 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

9 November 1971—Message No. 166—Wool (Deficiency Payments) 1971.

10 November 1971—Message No. 167—Supply (No. 3) 1971–72.

6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

10 November 1971—Message—

No. 221—Income Tax 1971 (*without requests*).

No. 222—Income Tax Assessment (No. 3) 1971.

No. 223—Export Payments Insurance Corporation (No. 2) 1971.

7 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 23 November, at two o'clock p.m.  
Debate ensued.

Mr Swartz, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

Question—put and passed.

8 DAYS AND HOURS OF SITTING—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement with reference to the days and hours of sitting during the remaining period of the current sittings of the House.

9 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 central zone sewerage scheme at Darwin (Fifteenth report of 1971).

Ordered to be printed.

10 ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1971–72: Message No. 168, dated 9 November 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of amendments to be moved by a Minister to the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1971–72.

- 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 expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$89,913,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Health, \$44,832,000—debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL 1971: Message No. 228, dated 11 November 1971, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act relating to certain Purported Decrees under the ‘Matrimonial Causes Act 1959’ or under that Act as amended*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bowen, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

11 November 1971—Message—

No. 224—Loans (Qantas Airways Limited) (No. 2) 1971.

No. 225—Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1971.

No. 226—Pyrites Bounty 1971.

No. 227—Western Australia (South-west Region Water Supplies) Agreement 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 expenditure—Attorney-General’s Department, \$24,254,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Civil Aviation, \$88,830,000—debated and agreed to.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

**FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 1971**

Proposed expenditure—Department of Works, \$76,530,000—debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Snedden (Treasurer), the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 3, page 1, lines 10 and 11, omit “One thousand, seven hundred and fourteen million, seven hundred and sixty-nine thousand”, insert “One thousand, five hundred and seventy-six million, five hundred and fifty-four thousand”.

Clause 4, page 2, line 1, after “1971–72” insert “by the *Supply Act (No. 3) 1971–72*”.

First Schedule, page 2, omit the Schedule, insert the following Schedule:—

## FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 4.

SUMS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED  
OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

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By the <i>Supply Act (No. 1) 1971-72</i> .. .. .	1,219,758,000
By the <i>Supply Act (No. 3) 1971-72</i> .. .. .	138,215,000
By this Act .. .. .	1,576,554,000
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Total .. .. .	2,934,527,000

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Snedden, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1971-72: 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 Snedden (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES BILL 1971: Message No. 232, dated 10 November 1971, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to preserve Competition in Trade and Commerce to the extent required by the Public Interest*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 STATES GRANTS BILL (NO. 2) 1971: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 19 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

11 November 1971—Message—

No. 229—Railway Agreement (Tasmania) 1971.

No. 230—Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court (No. 2) 1971.

No. 231—Northern Territory Supreme Court 1971.

No. 233—Stevedoring Industry 1971.

- 20 ALTERATION OF HOURS OF MEETING: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That, unless otherwise ordered, commencing on Tuesday, 23 November, and continuing for the remainder of the year, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday and Wednesday at two o'clock p.m., and on each Thursday at ten o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 SALARIES BILL (NO. 2) 1971: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Remuneration and Allowances payable to the Holders of certain Statutory Offices.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Swartz moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 22 DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1971: Mr Nixon (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon 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.

- 23 WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1971: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918–1968*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 24 CUSTOMS BILL (No. 2) 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901–1971* in relation to Narcotic Substances.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 25 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 26 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD TO EAST ALLIGATOR RIVER AREA, 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 road to the East Alligator River area, N.T.

Mr Chipp presented a plan in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 27 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—THIRTEENTH REPORT: Mr Keogh brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The Report is as follows:

#### THIRTEENTH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the meeting of the Committee on 14 October 1971, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

- Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Twenty-sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.
- Bankruptcy Act—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1970-71.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirty-eighth Report (1971).
- Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Report for year 1970-71.
- 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.
- Education Research Act—Australian Advisory Committee on Research and Development in Education—First Annual Report, for year 1970-71.
- Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.
- Independent schools in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory—Statement of Commonwealth per capita grants payments for 1970.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of educational reserve at Darwin.
- Oil industry—Report by Sir Leslie Melville, K.B.E., Commonwealth Government Arbiter, on oil industry terms and conditions for refining of indigenous crude oil on behalf of independent marketers, dated 12 October 1971.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Australian Post Office—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.
- Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1970-71.  
No. 5—Report for period 1 July 1970 to 21 June 1971.
- 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.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1970-71.
- Senate Election 1970—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election 1970, viz.:
- New South Wales.
  - Victoria.
  - Queensland.
  - South Australia.
  - Western Australia.
  - Tasmania.
- States Grants (Teachers Colleges) Act—Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1970-71.
- Tariff Board—Report—Grinding wheels of the depressed centre type and cutting off wheels (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
- Tobacco Industry Act—Sixteenth Annual 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.

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L. J. KEOGH,  
for Chairman

Mr Keogh moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

28 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, 23 November, at two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bonnett, Mr Calwell, Mr Enderby, Mr Forbes, Mr Jarman, Mr Keating\*, Mr Killen, Mr Lynch, Mr McLeay, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls, Mr Pettitt, Mr Sinclair, Mr Solomon and Mr Turner.

\* On leave

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