

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 139

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 1971

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- 1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: Mr C. R. Cameron presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Hindmarsh praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed. Mr Solomon 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 Enderby and Mr Bennett each presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that a committee of inquiry, on which are represented the Department of Education and Science, institutions of tertiary education, practising educators, and the Canberra community, be instituted to inquire into the form that an Australian Capital Territory Education Authority should take, the educational principles and philosophy that should underly it, and its mode of operation and administration.
- Mr Drury, Mr Lloyd 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.
- Mr Bennett 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.
- 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 Solomon also presented a petition from certain residents of Tasmania praying the the Government will immediately increase aid to East Pakistani refugees in India by \$10 million and take the strongest possible diplomatic action through the United Nations and other channels to relieve the human tragedy of Pakistan.
- Mr Enderby also 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 Bennett also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to abolish the means test for all people who have reached retiring age or who otherwise qualify for social service benefits or pensions.

Mr J. F. Cairns 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.

Petitions severally received.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation) was acting as Minister for Trade and Industry. Mr McMahon also informed the House that Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories) would be in Papua New Guinea this week.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Australian Capital Territory Police—Report for year 1970–71.
 - Tariff Board—Report—Shot and grit of chilled cast iron (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—Extract from foreword to *Jane's Fighting Ships* 1971–72 relating to the Soviet Navy.
- The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
- Fishing Industry Act—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
 - Fishing Industry Research Act—Fishing Industry Research Committee—Second Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
 - States Grants (Pre-School Teachers Colleges) Act—Statement of payments for year 1970–71.
 - Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- 6 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:
- 12 November 1971—Message No. 169—
 - Export Payments Insurance Corporation (No. 2) 1971.
 - Income Tax 1971.
 - Income Tax Assessment (No. 3) 1971.
 - Loans (Qantas Airways Limited) (No. 2) 1971.
 - 17 November 1971—Message—
 - No. 170—
 - Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1971.
 - Pyrites Bounty 1971.
 - Western Australia (South-west Region Water Supplies) Agreement 1971.
 - Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court (No. 2) 1971.
 - Northern Territory Supreme Court 1971.
 - Stevedoring Industry 1971.
 - Railway Agreement (Tasmania) 1971.
 - No. 171—Matrimonial Causes 1971.
- 7 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—SEVENTEENTH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Lucock, by leave, presented the following paper:
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Seventeenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, September 1971—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch—
 - and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- Mr L. R. Johnson, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

- 8 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION—SELECT COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT (KANGAROOS)—
STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Fox (Chairman) brought up an Interim Report from
the Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation on an conservation and commercial
exploitation of Kangaroos and, by leave, made a statement with reference to the
report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the
next sitting.

Mr Sherry, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the report.

- 9 EXCISE TARIFF 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a
third time.

- 10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—DIESEL FUEL TAX AND CUSTOMS TARIFF BILLS: Mr
Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave—That so much of the
standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5
for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Diesel Fuel Tax Bill
(No. 1), the Diesel Fuel Tax Bill (No. 2), the Customs Tariff Bill (No. 2) and the
Customs Tariff Bill (No. 3) being read together and a motion being moved that the
Bills be now passed.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (No. 1), DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (No. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1971: The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—
Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bills be now passed.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 EXPORT INCENTIVE GRANTS 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 172, dated 27 October 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 PRIME MINISTER'S OVERSEAS VISIT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to his recent visit to the United States and Britain, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Prime Minister's overseas visit—Ministerial statement, 23 November 1971.
Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Swartz moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for 30 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 November 1971, pursuant to statute:

- Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 144.
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 143.
- Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 142.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 6—Standard Time and Daylight Saving.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1971—
 - No. 55—Crown Lands (No. 2).
 - No. 56—Crown Lands (No. 3).
 - No. 57—Crown Lands (No. 4).
 - No. 58—Darwin Town Area Leases (No. 2).
 - No. 59—Darwin Town Area Leases (No. 3).
 - No. 60—Wards' Employment Ordinance Repeal.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 145.
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 146, 147.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—
Determinations—1971—

No. 352—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 353—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 354—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 355—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 356—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Technical Association.

No. 357—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 358—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemmen.

No. 359—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 362—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.

No. 363—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.

No. 364—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 29—Canberra Retail Market Trust.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Barnes, Mr Calwell, Mr Dobie and Mr Sinclair.

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