

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 144

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1971

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1 The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: Mr Beazley 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 Daly 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.

Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Gun, Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Hurford 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 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Kennedy presented a petition from certain citizens of the community of the University of Western Australia praying that the Government take immediate action to introduce in order of priority (1) universal Commonwealth scholarships, (2) Commonwealth scholarships on the basis of need rather than academic ability and (3) the abolition of tertiary fees.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Kennedy were presented by Mr Scholes, Mr Berinson and Mr Everingham, and were severally received.

Mr Bennett, Mr Kirwan and Mr Webb each 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 Lloyd presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government (1) immediately increase Australia's contribution to the refugee appeal by \$10 million and (2) press for a just solution to the conflict, so that the refugees may return to their homes.

Mr Reid and Mr McLeay 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 Bury 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 Reynolds presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that (1) the National Service Act be repealed and (2) amnesty be granted to all those charged, or liable to be charged, under the Act.

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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Kennedy also presented a petition from the Bendigo Citizens for Pakistani Refugee Relief Appeal praying that the Government will (1) increase its aid to the Pakistani refugees to \$10 million, (2) grant income tax deductibility for donations to overseas aid organisations and (3) endeavour by diplomatic initiatives to seek a just and humane solution to the problem of the refugees.

Petition received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Report—Toluene and xylene (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1971.

Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—First Annual Report, for year 1970–71, together with report by Minister on the operation of the Act.

Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Fortieth Annual Report, and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure certified by the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, for year 1970–71.

5 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

6 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY: The following order of the day, government business, viz.: Salaries Bill (No. 2) 1971: Second reading—Resumption of debate—having been read—

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the order of the day be discharged.

Question—put and passed.

7 SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT BILL 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, by leave, ensued.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 181, dated 1 December 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 Swartz, the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT (FIJI) BILL 1971: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Acceptance and Holding of the Office of Chief Justice of Fiji by a Judge of the Commonwealth Industrial Court. Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen 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.

- 9 UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF IN NON-METROPOLITAN AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to a Commonwealth offer of financial assistance to the States for the relief of non-metropolitan unemployment, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Unemployment relief in non-metropolitan areas—Ministerial statement, 2 December 1971.

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

Debate ensued.

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

- 10 STATES GRANTS 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.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 182, dated 10 November 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.

- 11 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) 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—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 183, dated 30 September 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 Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) 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—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 184, dated 12 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 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) 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 Beazley who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House, while not refusing a second reading to the Bill, regrets the failure of the Government to assume the responsibilities accorded to it by the Referendum of May 1967, and in particular deplores the evasion of full Commonwealth responsibility for Aboriginal housing, Aboriginal employment and training for employment, for Aboriginal education at all levels, for the reduction of Aboriginal neo-natal, infant and child mortality, and for Aboriginal health generally, especially for the elimination of leprosy and tuberculosis from the Aboriginal people”.

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	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jess	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Swartz
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr Nixon	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr O’Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 45

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

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. 185, dated 6 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 Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

14 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr Beazley moved the following amendment: Page 4, lines 19-21, omit paragraph (c), insert the following paragraph:

“(c) nine other Ministers of the House of Assembly appointed by the Ministers of the House of Assembly, but such appointments shall not become effective unless and until the House of Assembly has, by resolution, approved the appointments; and”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 47			
Sir C. Adermann	Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Barnes	Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bate	Mr England	Mr Kelly	Mr Reid
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Fox
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull
NOES, 42			
Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Fitzpatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

16 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY COLLECTION 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—

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Patterson, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 10, page 4, omit sub-clause (2.).

Clause 14, page 4, line 27, omit "three years", insert "twelve months".

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 37

Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Fitzpatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cass	Mr Gun	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie
Mr Cohen	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson	Mr James

## NOES, 42

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr Reid
Mr Bate	Mr England	Mr King	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lloyd	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Forbes	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Maisey	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILIZATION 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—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 186, 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 Nixon (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at two o'clock p.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 2 December 1971, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 7—Bills of Exchange.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell, Mr Garland, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jenkins and Mr Sinclair.

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