

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 75

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 1969

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 PETITION: Mr Cope presented a petition from certain citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that this House give earnest consideration, during Human Rights Year, to the crisis in education in Australia.
Petition received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION ACT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to bring down legislation to correct a shortcoming in the Broadcasting and Television Act relating to the ownership and control of television stations.
 - 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POVERTY IN AUSTRALIA: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to undertake a survey into the extent, distribution, causes and effects of poverty in Australia, to marshal adequate administrative and financial resources for a campaign to eliminate poverty and to encourage participation in that campaign among all sections of the community".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Whitlam addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 6 UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1969: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 11 of the *Universities (Financial Assistance) Act 1966-1968*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 7 RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1969: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1963-1968*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony 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.
 - 8 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (NO. 2) 1969: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to Increase by one the Maximum Number of Judges of the Commonwealth Industrial Court.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 10 PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL 1969: 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: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 111, dated 5 March 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

Clause 8—

Page 5, line 18, omit "Subject to the next succeeding sub-section,".

Page 5, proposed section 12A, omit sub-section (3.).

Clause 10, page 6, lines 2 and 3, omit "Subject to sub-section (3.) of section twelve A of this Act,".

Clause 12, page 7, proposed section 15AA, omit sub-section (4.).

Clause 13, page 8, lines 1–5, omit paragraph (b).

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 34

Mr Birrell	Mr Courtney	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr Calwell	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	
Mr Connor	Mr Devine	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Everingham	Mr O'Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Costa	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson	Mr James

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Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr Hulme	Mr Munro
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr Dobie	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr St John
Mr Bonnett	Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	
Mr Calder	Mr Haworth	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Fox
Mr Chaney	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahon	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 Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Bill, the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill, the Officers' Rights Declaration Bill and the Superannuation Bill being read together and a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION, CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION, OFFICERS' RIGHTS DECLARATION, AND SUPERANNUATION BILLS 1969: The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—

Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved—That the Bills be now passed.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 R.A.A.F. MIRAGE AIRCRAFT MISSING IN SINGAPORE AREA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Minister for Air), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that a Mirage aircraft of No. 75 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force and its pilot were last night reported missing in the Singapore area. An intensive search was being conducted and a Court of Inquiry had been convened.

- 14 HOME CARE PROGRAMME FOR THE AGED—COMMONWEALTH OFFER TO STATES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Forbes (Minister for Health)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 26 February 1969*), viz.:

Home care programme for the aged—Commonwealth offer to States—Ministerial statement, 26 February 1969—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Daly, who had already spoken, asked leave to address the House again.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Calwell moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Daly from speaking again.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 42

Mr Arthur	Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Connor	Mr Gibbs	Mr Peters
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Robinson
Miss Brownbill	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Jessop	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr St John
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr Killen	
Mr Calder	Mr Davies	Mr Lee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calwell	Mr Devine	Mr Mackay	Mr Duthie
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Drury	Mr Maisey	Mr James

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Mr Allan	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Stokes
Mr Armstrong	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bosman	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull

Mr Speaker declared that there was not a sufficient number of votes for the "Ayes" to form an absolute majority as required by the standing orders.

Debate continued.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), having referred to a matter concerning the Prime Minister raised earlier in the debate by the honourable Member for Hunter (Mr James), moved—That the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the motion could not be accepted as, in the opinion of the Chair, a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege had not been made out by the honourable Member.

Dissent from ruling: Mr Barnard moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 23

Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Everingham	Mr Peters
Mr Calwell	Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Stewart
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Collard	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Davies	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Devine	Mr Patterson	Mr James

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Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jessop	Mr St John
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr McMahon	Mr Fox
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Privilege: Mr Calwell raised a matter of privilege with respect to allegations based on a news sheet which grossly reflected on the character of the Prime Minister, and moved—That the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Mr Speaker stated that it was a matter for the Chair to determine whether a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege had been made out. At this stage he felt that a *prima facie* case had not been made out, but he would like time to consider the matter.

Mr Barnard, who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 1969

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 19 March 1969, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Woodburn, New South Wales.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Beaton, Mr Beazley, Mr Fairhall, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Gibson and Mr A. T. Jones.

A. G. TURNER
Clerk of the House of Representatives