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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 91

TUESDAY, 20 MAY 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 PETITIONS: Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Government legislate to stop the indiscriminate shooting of kangaroos and to ban the export of kangaroo skins, mounted heads and meat.  
Petition received.  
Mr Arthur presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that adequate refund for physiotherapy treatment ordered by a registered medical practitioner may be included within the Commonwealth benefits scheme in like manner to other medical benefits.  
Petition received and read.  
Mr Jess presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned immediately and, until such time as a Commonwealth body is set up with appropriate powers, short-term measures be taken to ensure the survival of the kangaroo.  
Mr Bosman presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government make grants available to relieve the increased costs of educating children attending Catholic schools.  
Petitions severally received.
  
  - 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Freeth (Minister for External Affairs), Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence) would act as Minister for External Affairs.
  
  - 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  
  - 5 MARGINAL DAIRY FARM RECONSTRUCTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the efforts that have been made to institute a scheme for the reconstruction of marginal or low-income dairy farms in Australia, and of the present state of negotiations between the Commonwealth Government and the State governments, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Marginal dairy farm reconstruction—Ministerial statement, 20 May 1969.  
Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 COMPANY LAW REFORM—DISCLOSURE OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDINGS AND TAKE-OVERS—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Company Law Advisory Committee to the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General—Second interim report, 28 February 1969 (Company Law Reform—Disclosure of substantial shareholdings and take-overs).

Mr Bowen, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the subject of the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Company Law Reform—Disclosure of substantial shareholdings and take-overs—Ministerial statement, 20 May 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers. 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 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr Jess and Mr Webb had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Webb, namely, “The urgent necessity to achieve justice and goodwill in industry by providing effective conciliation machinery for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes and by repealing the labour injunction and related contempt provisions of the present Conciliation and Arbitration Act”.

The proposed discussion received the necessary support.

Mr Webb addressing the House—

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

#### AYBS, 68

Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bate	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Whitton
Mr Calder	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr McMahon	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	

*Tellers:*

Mr Fox  
Mr Turnbull

#### NOES, 34

Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Minogue	
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Courtney	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	

*Tellers:*

Mr Duthie  
Mr Uren

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 8 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES—Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 9 JUDICIARY BILL 1969: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Remuneration of the Justices of the High 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.
- 10 JUDGES' REMUNERATION BILL 1969: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Remuneration of the Judges of Courts created by the Parliament, of the Presidential Members of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission and of the Members of the Trade Practices Tribunal.  
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.
- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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 by Mr C. K. Jones who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "this House, while not opposing the Bill, regrets the Government's continuing refusal to plan expenditure of an amount at least equivalent to the proceeds of all the automotive fuel taxes on roads and associated facilities".  
Debate continued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Lee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 13 TRAMWAY AND MOTOR OMNIBUS EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION AND MR O'SHEA—PAYMENT OF FINES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that, following the payment of fines due by the Tramway and Motor Omnibus Employees' Association and Mr O'Shea, instructions had been given for an application to be made to the Commonwealth Industrial Court to discharge the order against Mr O'Shea for his examination and for production of books. The question of his release would then be a matter for the Court.  
Mr Webb asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 14 COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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—  
*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr C. K. Jones, viz.*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "this House, while not opposing the Bill, regrets the Government's continuing refusal to plan expenditure of an amount at least equivalent to the proceeds of all the automotive fuel taxes on roads and associated facilities"—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr Patterson moved—That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Hallett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 19

Mr Birrell	Mr Devine	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Everingham	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters	Mr Cope
Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes	Mr Duthie

## NOES, 53

Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bowen	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Snedden
Miss Brownbill	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr Buchanan	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chaney	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr Chipp	Mr Gibbs	Mr Mackay	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	

*Tellers:*

Mr Fox  
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 May 1969, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—E. W. Justice.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—

Post office purposes—

Gateshead, New South Wales.

Richmond, New South Wales.

Sewerage purposes—Nightcliff, Northern Territory.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1969—

No. 29—Public Service Board (Delegations).

No. 30—I.D.A. (Agricultural Development) Credit Agreement Ratification.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Benson, Mr Bonnett, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Calwell, Mr Clark, Mr Freeth, Mr Giles, Mr Haworth\*, Mr James, Mr A. T. Jones, Mr Lucock, Mr Nicholls and Mr Sinclair.

\* On leave

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