

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 6

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 1970

- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITION: Mr Reynolds presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) a joint Commonwealth-State inquiry into inequalities in Australian education, (2) the immediate financing of special programmes for low income earners and others and (3) the provision of pre-school opportunities for all children.  
 Petition received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS FUND—DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS ASSETS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Bury (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the distribution of surplus assets of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund.
- 5 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—IMPUTATION AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to an imputation against the District Commissioner at Rabaul, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 Papua and New Guinea—Imputation against public servant—Ministerial statement, 12 March 1970—  
 and moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
 Debate ensued.  
*Motion without notice—Leave to move not granted:* Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to move a motion without notice.  
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.  
*Suspension of standing orders moved—Motion without notice:* Mr Barnard moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him moving a motion calling for the tabling of documents relating to the District Commissioner at Rabaul.  
 Question—put.  
 The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

## NOES, 64

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

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

- 6 ABORIGINAL SACRED PLACES IN THE WINGELLINA AREA, W.A.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—  
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Wentworth (Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the protection of Aboriginal sacred places in the Wingellina area of Western Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Aboriginal sacred places in the Wingellina area, W.A.—Ministerial statement, 12 March 1970—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATES ON HOUSING: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The increased burden which rising interest rates place on those purchasing and wishing to purchase their own houses".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Hurford rising to address the House—

Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 63

Mr Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Anthony	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Reid
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 8 SELECT COMMITTEE ON AIRCRAFT NOISE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Members as members of the Select Committee on Aircraft Noise:

Mr Buchanan, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr Reid and Mr Robinson had been appointed by the Prime Minister, and Mr L. F. Bowen, Mr Jones and Mr Morrison by the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Buchanan had been appointed by the Prime Minister to be Chairman of the Committee.

- 9 PORT AUGUSTA TO WHYALLA RAILWAY BILL 1970: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the construction of a Railway from Port Augusta to Whyalla in the State of South Australia, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL BILL 1970: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Office of Parliamentary Counsel, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hughes 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.

- 11 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hallett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Snedden (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 10 March*), viz.:

Defence—Ministerial statement, 10 March 1970—

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Killen (Minister for the Navy) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

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

- 13 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

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Debate resumed.

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

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 12 March 1970, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for post office purposes—Koonibba, South Australia.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. R. Fraser.

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