

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

TUESDAY, 12 MAY 1970

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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 Fox presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
 Petition received and read.
 Mr Fox informed the House that he proposed to take action in connection with the petition, and moved—That the petition be printed.
 Question—put and passed.
 Similar petitions were presented by Mr Whittorn, Mr Jarman, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and Mr Hamer, and by Mr Hunt, from certain residents of the Commonwealth, and were severally received.
 Mr Everingham presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House declare adherence to the general principle of working for a democratic legislative, judicial and executive authority with constitutionally limited and adequate powers over armaments.
 Petition received and read.
 Mr Cope presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.
 Petition received and read.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1970:** 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

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the following amendment was made: Clause 9, page 2, line 36, insert before paragraph (a) the following paragraph: “(aa) by inserting in sub-section (1.), after the word ‘thirteen’, the words ‘or section thirteen AA’;”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Barnes, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 5 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 6 GLADSTONE POWER STATION AGREEMENT BILL 1970: 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.
Mr Patterson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 7 R.A.A.F.—PROCUREMENT OF STRIKE BOMBER CAPABILITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the problems surrounding the F-111 programme and the procurement of a strike bomber capability for the Royal Australian Air Force, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
R.A.A.F.—Procurement of strike bomber capability—
Ministerial statement, 12 May 1970.
Agreed minute between the United States Secretary of Defense and the Australian Minister for Defence, dated 14 April 1970.
Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Snedden 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 ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 GLADSTONE POWER STATION AGREEMENT BILL 1970: 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. 17, dated 9 April 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General 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 (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 METRIC CONVERSION BILL 1970: 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.
- It being eleven o'clock p.m.—*
- 10 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Speaker, in accordance with the order of the House of 16 April, proposed the question—That the House do now adjourn.
Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute 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 12 May 1970, pursuant to statute:

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Appointment of Inspector (Amending Order of 14 February 1966).

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

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserves in the Northern Territory at Alice Springs.

Ordinance—1970—No. 13—Darwin Town Area Leases (No. 2) 1969.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell, Mr Davies and Mr Katter.

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