

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 32

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 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 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Peacock (Minister for the Army), Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) was acting as Minister for the Army.
  - 3 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR R. JOSHUA, M.C.): Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House of the death, on 2 June of Mr Robert Joshua, M.C., a Member of this House for the Division of Ballarat from 1951 to 1955, and extended deepest sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr McEwen (Leader of the Australian Country Party) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.  
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
  - 4 PETITIONS: Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.  
Petition received and read.  
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Crean, and by Mr Dobie, from certain residents of New South Wales, and were severally received.  
Mr Beazley presented a petition from certain citizens of Western Australia praying that the House consider the hardship caused to home buyers in that State by the increased interest rates on mortgage contracts which result from the recent increase in the interest rate on Government Bonds.  
Petition received and read.  
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Beazley, were presented by Mr Hallett and Mr Maisey, and were severally received.  
Mr Martin 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.  
Mr Turner presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) the allowance of personal education expenses as a taxation deduction, (2) the removal of the present age limit in respect of the deduction for education expenses, (3) an increase in the deduction allowable for tertiary education expenses, (4) an increase in the maintenance allowance for students and (5) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.  
Mr Scholes 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.  
Petitions severally received and read.
  - 5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

2 June 1970—Message No. 27—Homes Savings Grant 1970.

7 PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN—APPOINTMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House of the appointment of Mr A. L. Moore to succeed Mr A. P. Fleming as Head of the Department of the Parliamentary Library.

8 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

33 Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Bill 1970: Second reading—Resumption of debate.

35 Air Accidents (Commonwealth Liability) Bill 1970: Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That standing order 103 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Snedden moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 57

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

NOES, 51

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

- 10 QUEENSLAND GRANT (BUNDEBERG IRRIGATION WORKS) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Patterson, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the technical evaluation and any cost benefit analyses carried out by the Commonwealth for the project near Bundaberg be made available to this House”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 28, dated 12 March 1970, 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, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN (ASSISTANCE) 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 by Mr Hayden who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House is of opinion that a national inquiry should be conducted to identify the nature and extent of mental and physical handicaps in children, as a basis to the Commonwealth establishing a national policy for handicapped children involving Commonwealth and State Governments, local authorities and private agencies in co-operative action”.

Debate continued.

*It being eleven o'clock p.m.—*

*Adjournment negatived:* 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 negatived.

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, 53

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Brown	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Nixon	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid	

*Tellers:*

Mr Fox  
Mr Turnbull

## NOES, 47

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

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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

## THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 1970

Debate continued.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

13 STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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 Grassby rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Bury (Treasurer) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 29, dated 16 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.

Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

14 MARGINAL DAIRY FARMS AGREEMENTS 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. 30, dated 14 May 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 Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 June 1970, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 72.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for post office purposes—Ghooli, Western Australia.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 71.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1970—No. 4—Norfolk Island Council.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 20—Darwin Town Area Leases.

No. 21—Crown Lands.

No. 22—Town Planning.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell, Mr Collard, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Hamer, Mr Howson, Mr Lynch and Mr Peacock.

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