

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 1970

1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: Mr L. R. Johnson presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to introduce price and profit control legislation to protect the citizens of this nation.

Petition received and read.

Petitions praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings were presented by Mr Cohen, from certain citizens of New South Wales, and by Mr Garrick, from certain citizens of Victoria.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Fox was presented by Mr MacKellar, and was received.

Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of products made from kangaroos be banned and the Commonwealth Government take necessary steps to have all wildlife in Australia brought under its control.

Mr Robinson presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that this House (1) immediately ban the export of products made from kangaroos, (2) strongly urge the State governments to ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes until the select committee has made its recommendations and (3) add to the Constitution a clause empowering the Commonwealth Government to act to safeguard any species of wildlife that is endangered through any cause.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Chipp presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Hotham praying that the House seek to ensure that Commonwealth legislation bearing on censorship of films, literature and radio and television programmes is so framed and so administered as to preserve sound moral standards in the community.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Chipp regarding censorship were presented by Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Defence), from certain electors of the Division of Wannon, by Mr Crean, from certain electors of the Division of Melbourne Ports, by Mr Fairbairn, from certain electors of the Division of Farrer, by Mr Stewart, from certain electors of the Division of Lang, by Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), from certain electors of the Division of Berowra, by Mr Garrick, from certain electors of the Division of Batman, by Mr Bate, from certain electors of the Division of Macarthur, by Mr Cohen, from certain electors of the Division of Robertson, by

Mr Peacock (Minister for the Army), from certain electors of the Division of Kooyong, by Mr Reid, from certain electors of the Division of Holt, by Mr Brown, from certain electors of the Division of Diamond Valley, by Mr McIvor, from certain electors of the Division of Gellibrand, by Mr Street, from certain electors of the Division of Corangamite, by Mr Wallis, from certain electors of the Division of Grey, by Mr MacKellar, from certain electors of the Division of Warringah, by Mr Reynolds, from certain electors of the Division of Barton, and by Mr Hamer, from certain electors of the Division of Isaacs, and were severally received.

Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that comprehensive consumer protection legislation be enacted in the Australian Capital Territory.

Petition received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Torres Strait Islanders—Tender for exploitation of wolfram deposits on Moa Island—Copy of letter dated 29 July 1970 from the Honourable W. C. Wentworth, Minister for Social Services and Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs, to the Honourable N. T. E. Hewitt, Minister for Conservation, Marine and Aboriginal Affairs of Queensland.

5 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1970-71—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House condemns this deceptive and negative Budget because it fails to meet the real needs of the Australian people, especially with respect to (a) standards of social service and war pensioners, (b) assistance to school, hospital and urban authorities and (c) restructuring of stricken primary industries and because it introduces and increases taxes and charges of a regressive and inequitable nature”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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.

6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (QUORUM OF MEMBERS) BILL 1970: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Quorum of Members of the House of Representatives.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1970-71—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House condemns this deceptive and negative Budget because it fails to meet the real needs of the Australian people, especially with respect to (a) standards of social service and war pensioners, (b) assistance to school, hospital and urban authorities and (c) restructuring of stricken primary industries and because it introduces and increases taxes and charges of a regressive and inequitable nature”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Keogh addressing the House—

It being eleven o'clock p.m.—

8 ADJOURNMENT: It being eleven o'clock p.m.—The Question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 September 1970:
By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between Australia and the Royal Lao Government, signed at Vientiane on 24 March 1970, extending the Foreign Exchange Operations Fund Agreement entered into on 24 December 1963.
- (2) Agreement between Australia and South Africa relating to air services, signed at Pretoria on 2 April 1970.
- (3) Amendment to the Trade Agreement between Australia and New Zealand, signed at Canberra on 27 April 1970.
- (4) Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between Australia and the United States of America on the launching of three Aerobee rockets by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, signed at Canberra on 22 May 1970.
- (5) Arrangement concerning certain dairy products under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed by Australia on 12 February 1970.

Pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—A. T. Ennew.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Administrative Actions (Investigations) Ordinance 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

Prices Regulations Ordinance 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

Regulations—1970—No. 17 (Licensed Surveyors Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr Hansen, Mr Katter, Mr Nicholls and Mr Scholes.

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