

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 48

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 1970

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- 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 Whittorn presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Balaclava 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 were presented by Mr Jones, from certain electors of the Division of Newcastle, by Mr Jess, from certain electors of the Division of La Trobe, by Mr Enderby, from certain electors of the Australian Capital Territory, by Mr L. F. Bowen, from certain electors of the Division of Kingsford-Smith, by Mr Jacobi, from certain electors of the Division of Hawker, and by Mr Jenkins, from certain electors of the Division of Scullin, and were severally received.
Mr Daly 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 Bennett 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.
Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
Petitions severally received and read.
A similar petition to that presented by Mr Fox was presented by Mr FitzPatrick, and was received.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1969.
 - 5 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDANTS—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker made a statement with reference to the decision to station House attendants in corridors on the House of Representatives side of Parliament House for security purposes.
 - 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS LEGISLATION—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE:** Message No. 65, dated 1 September 1970, from the Senate was reported concurring in the resolution of the House relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Legislation, and agreeing that the resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTING OF HOUSE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, leave be granted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to meet during the sitting of the House on Thursday, 3 September 1970.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF PORT OF DARWIN: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Development of the Port of Darwin.
Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
- 10 STATES GRANTS (MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS) BILL 1970: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Mental Health Institutions) Act 1964–1967* and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Forbes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 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.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Legislation—Joint Select Committee: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Senators and Members as members of the Joint Select Committee on Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Legislation:

Senator Maunsell had been appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator Devitt had been appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senator Byrne had been appointed by the Leader of the Australian Democratic Labor Party in that House.

Mr Jess, Mr Hamer and Mr Bonnett had been appointed by the Prime Minister, and Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Crean had been appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in this House.

Mr Jess had been appointed by the Prime Minister to be Chairman of the committee.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Sir John Cramer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

1 September 1970—Message No. 52—
Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement 1970.
Book Bounty 1970.

13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until midnight—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until half-past ten o'clock in the morning.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 2 September 1970, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1970—No. 5—Church of England Land.

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 MacKellar, Mr Nicholls and Mr Scholes.

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