

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 49

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 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 PETITIONS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Werriwa 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 L. R. Johnson, from certain electors of the Division of Hughes, and by Mr Robinson, from certain electors of New South Wales, and were severally received.

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 Jenkins 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.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Jenkins was presented by Mr L. R. Johnson, and was received.

Mr Enderby 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.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Enderby was presented by Mr Keogh, and was received.

Mr L. R. Johnson presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.

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.

Mr Whittorn 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. Petition received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Meat Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1969–70.
Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology—Report for year 1969–70.

5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed augmentation of electrical supply system, central city area, Darwin (Thirteenth report of 1970).

Report relating to the proposed augmentation of town water supply, Alice Springs, N.T. (Fourteenth report of 1970).

Severally ordered to be printed.

6 POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL 1970: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act* 1901–1968 in relation to the Registration of Newspapers for Postal Purposes and to amend certain Regulations under that Act.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hulme 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.

7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

8 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (NO. 2) 1970: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act* 1947–1969, as amended by the *Social Services Act* 1970.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Wentworth, during his speech, by leave, presented the following paper:

Age and Invalid Pensions—Additional information.

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

9 REPATRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1970: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act* 1920–1969, as amended by the *Repatriation Act* 1970, so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions and Allowances and for additional Repatriation Boards and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of certain Payments resulting from those amendments.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holten 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.

10 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1970: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act* 1940–1969 so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions and Allowances and for matters connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holten 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.

11 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 5 and 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

12 **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.

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

13 **ARMED SERVICES PAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of adjustments of the pay structure within the Armed Services, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Armed Services pay—Ministerial statement, 3 September 1970.

Mr Peacock (Minister for the Army) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate ensued.

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

14 **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.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 56

Mr Adermann	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	Mr Wentworth
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Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Reid	

NOES, 50

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$3,753,000—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

15 AUSTRALIA'S EXTERNAL AID—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to Australia's external aid.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

16 STANDING ORDER 40—DAYS AND HOURS OF SITTING: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That standing order 40 be omitted with a view to inserting the following standing order in place thereof:

40. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business—

(a) in the first sitting week after any non-sitting period extending beyond a week, on—

Tuesday at two o'clock p.m.
 Wednesday at two o'clock p.m.
 Thursday at ten o'clock a.m. and
 Friday at ten o'clock a.m.;

(b) in the second week on—

Monday at two o'clock p.m.
 Tuesday at ten o'clock a.m.
 Wednesday at two o'clock p.m. and
 Thursday at ten o'clock a.m.

From the termination of the last sitting in the second sitting week, the House shall stand adjourned until the second Tuesday after that termination.

The three-weekly cycle will then be repeated.

(2) That the standing order come into operation on 13 October 1970.

Debate ensued.

Mr Cass, by leave, moved the following amendments together—

(1) That paragraph (a) of proposed standing order 40 be amended by omitting "two o'clock p.m." (wherever occurring) and inserting "half-past two o'clock p.m." in place thereof.

(2) That paragraph (a) of proposed standing order 40 be amended by omitting "ten o'clock a.m." (wherever occurring) and inserting "half-past ten o'clock a.m." in place thereof.

(3) That paragraph (b) of proposed standing order 40 be amended by omitting "Monday at two o'clock p.m." and inserting "Monday at half-past two o'clock p.m." in place thereof.

(4) That paragraph (b) of proposed standing order 40 be amended by omitting "Tuesday at ten o'clock a.m." and inserting "Tuesday at half-past two o'clock p.m." in place thereof.

(5) That paragraph (b) of proposed standing order 40 be amended by omitting "Wednesday at two o'clock p.m. and Thursday at ten o'clock a.m." and inserting "Wednesday at half-past two o'clock p.m. and Thursday at half-past ten o'clock a.m." in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Bryant moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the question of hours of sitting being discussed for each day separately.

Debate ensued.

Mr Snedden, who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Motion to suspend standing orders withdrawn, by leave.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted by the amendments moved together stand part of the motion—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Ordered—That the words proposed to be inserted by amendments (1) and (2) be considered together.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Ordered—That the words proposed to be inserted by amendment (3) be considered.

Mr D. M. Cameron moved, as an amendment to the words proposed to be inserted—That “half-past two o’clock p.m.” be omitted with a view to inserting “ten o’clock a.m.” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted by Mr D. M. Cameron stand part of amendment (3)—was put accordingly, and passed.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted by amendment (3) be so inserted—put and passed.

Ordered—That the words proposed to be inserted by amendments (4) and (5) be considered together.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Motion, as amended, viz.—

- (1) That standing order 40 be omitted with a view to inserting the following standing order in place thereof:

40. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business—

- (a) in the first sitting week after any non-sitting period extending beyond a week, on—

Tuesday at half-past two o’clock p.m.

Wednesday at half-past two o’clock p.m.

Thursday at half-past ten o’clock a.m. and

Friday at half-past ten o’clock a.m.;

- (b) in the second week on—

Monday at half-past two o’clock p.m.

Tuesday at half-past two o’clock p.m.

Wednesday at half-past two o’clock p.m. and

Thursday at half-past ten o’clock a.m.

From the termination of the last sitting in the second sitting week, the House shall stand adjourned until the second Tuesday after that termination.

The three-weekly cycle will then be repeated.

- (2) That the standing order come into operation on 13 October 1970—agreed to.

17 STANDING ORDER 91—TIME LIMITS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That standing order 91 be amended as recommended in the Report of the Standing Orders Committee brought up on 18 August 1970.

- (2) That the amended standing order come into operation on 13 October 1970.

Debate ensued.

Mr Solomon moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to paragraph (1): “subject to the following amendments:

Subject	Omit time proposed by Standing Orders Committee, viz.:	Insert
<i>In the House—</i>		
Censure or want of confidence motion accepted by a Minister as provided under standing order 110—		
Mover	40 minutes	30 minutes
Prime Minister or one Minister deputed by him	40 minutes	30 minutes
Second reading of a bill—		
Main Appropriation Bill for year—		
Any other Member	25 minutes	20 minutes
Other bills (Government)—		
Mover	40 minutes	30 minutes
Leader of Opposition or one Member deputed by him	40 minutes	30 minutes
Any other Member	25 minutes	20 minutes
Other bills (Private Government Member)—		
Mover	40 minutes	30 minutes
Prime Minister or one Minister deputed by him	40 minutes	30 minutes
Leader of Opposition or one Member deputed by him	40 minutes	30 minutes
Any other Member	25 minutes	20 minutes
Other bills (Opposition Member)—		
Mover	40 minutes	30 minutes
Prime Minister or one Minister deputed by him	40 minutes	30 minutes
Any other Member	25 minutes	20 minutes
Debates not otherwise provided for—		
Mover of a motion	25 minutes	20 minutes

Debate continued.

Adjournment negatived: It being eleven o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued on the motion and the amendment.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 53

Mr Adermann	Mr Everingham	Mr Hurford	Mr Peacock
Mr Bonnett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jacobi	Mr Pettitt
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr James	Mr Reid
Mr Brown	Mr Fox	Mr Jarman	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bury	Mr Garland	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Snedden
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr Cass	Mr Graham	Mr Kennedy	Mr Street
Mr Chipp	Mr Grassby	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hamer	Mr Klugman	
Mr Dobie	Mr Holten	Mr Lynch	
Mr Drury	Mr Hughes	Mr Martin	
Mr Enderby	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	

Tellers:

Mr Gorton
Mr Turnbull

NOES, 39

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr England	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bennett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Keating	Mr Turner
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kirwan	Mr Wallis
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Howson	Mr Morrison	Mr K. M. K. Cairns
Mr Crean	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson	Mr Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Motion, as amended, agreed to.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for water supply purposes—County of Palmerston, Northern Territory.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance (No. 3) 1969, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent from part of section 8 of the Ordinance.

Ordinance—1970—No. 32—Special Purposes Leases (No. 3) 1968.

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

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