

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1970

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- 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 FitzPatrick presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Government introduce cheap air travel by establishing a secondary airline using proven functional aircraft such as the DC3.
- 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 Morrison 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.
- Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) presented a petition from certain residents of the Commonwealth praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
- Mr Daly presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Grayndler 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.
- Petitions severally received and read.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Australian Egg Board—Interim Report for year 1969–70.
  - Defence Report 1970.
  - Department of Education and Science—Report for 1969.
  - Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1969–70.
  - Home Savings Grants Scheme—Interim Statement of the Secretary, Department of Housing, for year 1969–70.
  - International Labour Organization Convention No. 47—Text of Convention concerning the reduction of hours of work to forty a week, adopted by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session, Geneva, 22 June 1935.
  - Social Services—Developments 1949–1970.
  - Social Services, Repatriation and Health Benefits—Rates in Australia, United Kingdom and New Zealand, October 1970.
  - States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act—Interim Statement for year 1969–70.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board—Third Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Twenty-second Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Social Services Act—Director-General of Social Services—Report for year 1969–70.

Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the Third Annual Report of the Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board.

Mr Stewart and Mr Patterson, by leave, also made statements in connection with the Report.

- 5 TOWN WATER SUPPLY, ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Acting Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Augmentation of town water supply, Alice Springs, N.T.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 TRANSPORTABLE HOUSES AND CLASSROOM, R.A.A.F. BASE, LEARMONTH, W.A.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Acting Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Provision of forty transportable houses and one classroom for the R.A.A.F. Base, Learmonth, W.A.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1970: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1970: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (No. 2) 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, this House is of opinion that—
- (1) the increases proposed are inadequate,
  - (2) social service payments generally are inadequate to maintain an acceptable standard of living,
  - (3) steps should be taken immediately to eliminate poverty and

(4) a contributory national superannuation system should be established and the means test eliminated”.

Debate continued.

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

11 NORTHERN TERRITORY URANIUM DEPOSITS—LEGISLATION TO PREVENT OVERSEAS TAKEOVER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the intention of the Government to legislate to prevent an overseas takeover of companies controlling the recently discovered uranium deposits at Nabarlek in the Northern Territory.

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

12 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (NO. 2) 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 Hayden, viz.—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, this House is of opinion that—*

- (1) the increases proposed are inadequate,
- (2) social service payments generally are inadequate to maintain an acceptable standard of living,
- (3) steps should be taken immediately to eliminate poverty and
- (4) a contributory national superannuation system should be established and the means test eliminated”—

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)—

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

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

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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 58, dated 3 September 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1970–71: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Affairs, \$81,276,600—further debated.

*Limitation of debate:* The debate having continued for 5 hours, the Chairman called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired.

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$18,966,000—debated.

It being eleven o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negatived:* The question was accordingly proposed—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.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Debate continued.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 September 1970, pursuant to statute:

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 57—Public Service Board (Amendment).

No. 58—Electricity Supply (Administration Power Stations).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Bury, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Sir John Cramer, Mr Dobie, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen, Mr Katter, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls, Mr Scholes and Mr Sinclair.

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