

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 62

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Jose B. Laurel Jnr, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the Philippines, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honourable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Peacock (Minister for the Army) presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Higgins praying that the Government give full, prompt and unbiased consideration to the air bus proposal of Mr Peter Wood which is directed at reducing air fares by the establishment of a cheap system of air transport to be based on a suitable, locally made, two-engined aircraft.
- Mr McIvor presented a petition from certain citizens of Victoria praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.
- 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.
- 4 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Jose B. Laurel Jnr was joint leader of a delegation from the Congress of the Philippines and that other members of the delegation were now present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a warm welcome.
- 5 **SENATE ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that all States were in agreement on the time-table proposed for the Senate elections. The dates in connection with the elections had been fixed as follows:
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| Issue of writs | .. | .. | .. | Friday, 16 October 1970 |
| Nominations | .. | .. | .. | Thursday, 29 October 1970 |
| Polling | .. | .. | .. | Saturday, 21 November 1970 |
| Return of writs | .. | .. | .. | On or before Thursday, 7 January 1971. |
- 6 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) was acting as Minister for Primary Industry.
- 7 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 8 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1970.
- The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
- Air Navigation Act—Minister for Civil Aviation—Tenth Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Twenty-second Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

- 9 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, had assented to the following Bills:

1 October 1970—Message No. 61—

Post and Telegraph Rates 1970.

Post and Telegraph 1970.

- 10 SELECT COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Members as members of the Select Committee on Pharmaceutical Benefits:

Mr Brown, Mr Garland, Mr Lucock and Mr Mackay had been appointed by the Prime Minister, and Mr Berinson, Mr Gun and Mr Hayden by the Leader of the Opposition.

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

- 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL SERVICE EXEMPTION—Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to extend exemption from national service to persons whose conscientious beliefs do not allow them to engage in a particular war or particular warlike operations".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Barnard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Hurford addressing the House—

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 56

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

NOES, 52

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12 SALES TAX BILLS (Nos. 1 to 9) 1970: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 56

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

NOES, 49

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

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

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bills were together read a third time.

13 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1970 [No. 2]: 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

14 DESIGNS LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the appointment of a Designs Law Review Committee and of its membership and terms of reference.

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

15 EXCISE TARIFF 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.

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

AYES, 53

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

NOES, 47

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

16 DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (No. 1) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

17 DIESEL FUEL TAX 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

18 CUSTOMS TARIFF 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

19 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 Garland addressing the House—

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

Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

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 13 October 1970, pursuant to statute:

- Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for year 1969–70.
- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 132.
- Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 135, 136.
- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for period 19 March 1969 to 31 December 1969.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 133.
- Homes Savings Grant Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 139.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Broadcasting and television purposes—Launceston, Tasmania.
 - Civil aviation purposes—Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.
 - Department of the Interior purposes—Victoria Park, Western Australia.
 - Department of National Development purposes—Clay, Victoria.
- Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 138.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 134.
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1970—
 - No. 59—Appropriation 1970–71.
 - No. 60—District Courts (Service of Summons).
 - No. 61—Imports (General Levy).
 - No. 62—Public Accounts Committee (Amount of Allowances).
 - No. 63—Bills of Exchange (Amendment).
 - No. 64—Income Tax (Amendment).
 - No. 65—Institute of Technology (Amendment).
 - No. 66—Loan (Works, Services and Government Instrumentalities).
 - No. 67—Motor Traffic (Amendment).
 - No. 68—Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting.
 - No. 69—Second-hand Dealers (Second-hand Motor Vehicles).
 - No. 70—Arawa Township Development.
 - No. 71—Retirement Benefits (Contract Officers) (Amendment).
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 137.
- Pyrites Bounty Act—Return for year 1969–70.
- Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for years ended 28 February 1969 and 28 February 1970.
- Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Return for year 1968–69.
- Therapeutic Substances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 140.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr Cross, Mr Dobie, Mr Fulton, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen*, Mr James, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Katter*, Mr Kelly, Mr Nicholls*, Mr Scholes and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave

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