

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 65

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 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 Staley 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.

Mr Jacobi 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.

Petition received and read.

3 BRIDGE TRAGEDY IN VICTORIA—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a statement expressing shock and regret on behalf of the Government and the Parliament at the tragedy which had occurred during construction of a bridge in Victoria and extended sympathy to the dependants of those who had been killed in the accident.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr McEwen (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and Mr Crean (on behalf of Mr McIvor and himself), by leave, joined in the expression of regret and sympathy.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Aboriginal Enterprises (Assistance) Act—Commonwealth Capital Fund for Aboriginal Enterprises—Second Annual Report, for year 1969-70.

Marginal Dairy Farms Agreements Act—Copy of Agreement made on 14 September 1970 between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Queensland in relation to the Marginal Dairy Farms Reconstruction Scheme.

Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1969-70.

6 SERVICE EMPLOYMENT—COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:

Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to appoint a committee of inquiry into financial terms and conditions of service employment, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Service employment—Committee of inquiry—Ministerial statement, 16 October 1970.

Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of the opinion that, instead of the proposed committee, a joint select committee of both Houses be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Australian Defence Forces in relation to (i) pay and allowances of all personnel, (ii) provision for the retraining of officers and men, (iii) housing and (iv) educational facilities for the children of servicemen”.

Debate continued.

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 42

Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kilien	Mr Snedden
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hulme	Mr McLeay	Tellers:
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr McMahon	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 33

Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Beazley	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Luchetti	Tellers:
Mr Cass	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 45

Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Reid
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Kilien	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Staley
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Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	

NOES, 37

Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Sherry
Mr Beazley	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Jones	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Hayden moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Wills making a statement on defence in reply to the Minister for the Navy as arranged with the Government.

Debate ensued.

Mr C. R. Cameron addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 43

Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Reid
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Snedden
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Solomon
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	Mr Street
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Jones	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cass	Mr Griffiths	Mr Luchetti	Mr Cope
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison	
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 35

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Whitlam
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And so it was negatived.

8 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Corio (Mr Scholes) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.

9 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

15 October 1970—Message No. 77—Sales Tax (Nos. 1 to 9) 1970 (*without requests*).
16 October 1970—Message No. 78—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1970 [No. 2].

10 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—Postmaster-General's Department, \$64,988,000—further debated.

Limitation of debate: The debate having continued for 2½ hours, the Deputy Chairman (Mr Cope) 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 expenditures—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, \$23,724,000—
Department of the Navy, \$216,888,000—
Department of the Army, \$402,512,000—
Department of Air, \$272,998,500—
Department of Supply, \$104,600,500—
General Services, \$3,757,300—

together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Cope reported accordingly.

11 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Birrell, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Corbett, Mr Cross, Mr Davies, Mr Dobie, Mr Fulton, Mr Garland, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen*, Mr Hughes, Mr Katter*, Mr Kelly, Mr Keogh, Mr Kirwan, Mr McIvor, Mr Nicholls*, Mr Patterson, Mr Scholes* and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave

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