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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 1970

- 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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain members of the Country Women's Association in Tasmania praying that the Government will impose a small tax on dog powder and non-essential cosmetics and abolish taxation on items which are essential for babies, elderly folk and geriatric patients.
 - Mr Birrell presented a petition from certain citizens of South Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.

Petitions severally received and read.

- Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Birrell were presented by Mr Foster, by Mr Wallis, from certain electors of the Division of Grey, and by Mr Luchetti, from certain citizens of New South Wales, and were severally 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.

Mr Klugman presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House seek to ensure that Commonwealth legislation bearing on films, literature and radio and television programmes is so framed and so administered as to give the maximum freedom to adults to choose what they will watch, read and listen to, even in the face of pressure from those who seek to impose their ideas and morals on others who do not share them.

Petition received and read.

- A similar petition to that presented by Mr Klugman was presented by Mr Sherry, and was received.
- Mr Klugman 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.

Petition received and read.

- A similar petition to that presented by Mr Klugman was presented by Mr Reynolds, and was received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Oxley (Mr Hayden) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Oxley be suspended from the service of the House.

Question-put.

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

Ayes, 55

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

Noes, 50

Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	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 A. D. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Whitlam
Mr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cohen	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	Tellers:
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended for the remainder of the day and for the next seven consecutive days, this being his second occasion of suspension during the year, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

4 Papers: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Northern Territory—Report for year 1969–70.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.

Services Trust Funds Act-

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Twenty-third Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Twenty-second Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Forty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1968-69.

5 UNITED KINGDOM LEVIES ON IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the intention of the United Kingdom Government to introduce a system of levies on the imports of a number of agricultural commodities, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

United Kingdom levies on imports of agricultural commodities—Ministerial statement, 28 October 1970.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) 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.

6 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

27 October 1970-Message-

No. 93—Seat of Government (Administration) 1970.

No. 94—Processed Milk Products Bounty (No. 2) 1970.

7 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:

27 October 1970-Message No. 76-

Income Tax Assessment 1970.

Income Tax 1970.

Income Tax (Partnerships and Trusts) 1970.

8 Public Works Committee—Reports: Mr Fulton brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed development of the Port of Darwin (Twenty-first report of 1970).

Report relating to the proposed construction of the Point Peron-Garden Island Causeway (Naval support facility, Cockburn Sound), W.A. (Twenty-second report of 1970).

Severally ordered to be printed.

9 Public Accounts Committee—Report—Statement by Member: Mr Hurford (Acting Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

One hundred and twenty-third Report—Expenditure from Advance to the Treasurer (Appropriation Acts 1969-70)—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Uren had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's inaction in preventing the serious damage to the environment which results from noise, from pollution of air and water and from destruction of flora and fauna".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Uren addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Foster addressing the House-

Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question-put and passed.

11 Precedence to government business: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), for 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.

12 CONSTRUCTION OF COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, STAGE 1, HOBART—APPROVAL OF WORK:

Mr Chipp (Minister representing the 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: Construction of Commonwealth Offices, Stage 1, Hobart.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

13 Australian Film Development Corporation Bill (No. 2) 1970: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Remuneration of the Members of the Australian Film Development Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

The debate having been closed by Mr Snedden having spoken in reply-

Mr Sherry, by leave, addressed the House.

Mr Snedden, by leave, again addressed the House.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snedden, the Bill was read a third time.

14 EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL (No. 2) 1970: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Salaries of the Commissioner and of an Acting Commissioner of the Export Payments Insurance Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snedden, the Bill was read a third time.

15 Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Bill (No. 2) 1970: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Salaries and Allowances of the Director and the Assistant Directors of the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snedden, the Bill was read a third time.

16 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL (No. 2) 1970: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Salary and Allowances of the Person holding the Office of Director constituting the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snedden, the Bill was read a third time.

17 Australian National University Bill 1970: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian National University.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen 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.

- 18 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 19 STATES GRANTS 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.

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

20 Australian Wool Commission 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.

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

21 LOAN (DEFENCE) BILL (No. 2) 1970: Mr Bury (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain sum of Money for Defence Purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bury 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.

22 Australian Wool Commission 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.

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

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight-

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Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 77, dated 27 October 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 11—

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: Page 4, line 34, omit "Commission", insert "Minister".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 15, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 16-

Mr Patterson, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 5, line 15, after "member" insert "or his deputy".

Page 5, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause:

"(1a.) If a member or his deputy has direct managerial or policy-making responsibility in any wool-broking or wool-buying firm in Australia or elsewhere, the Minister shall, by notice published in the *Gazette*, remove the member or his deputy from office.".

Page 5, lines 29-31, omit ", otherwise than as a member of, and in common with the other members of, an incorporated company consisting of not less than twenty-five persons".

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 19-

Mr Patterson, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 8, line 32, omit "from day to day, or".

Page 8, after paragraph (b) of sub-clause (1.) insert the following paragraph:

"(ba) if the Commission buys the wool at the appropriate reserve price it will make arrangements so that the grower whose wool is bought is paid within fourteen days; and"

Page 8, line 45, at the end of paragraph (c) of sub-clause (1.) add "at the best possible price".

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 22-

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: Page 10, lines 3 and 4, omit "an approved bank or from another lender", insert "the Reserve Bank".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report.

Mr Anthony moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and passed—Mr L. H. Irwin dissenting.

Bill read a third time.

23 STATES GRANTS 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 Patterson moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

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AILS.	

Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson
Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	
Mr Gun	Mr Keogh	Tellers:
Mr Hurford	Mr Kirwan	Mr Duthie
Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr James
	Mr Everingham Mr FitzPatrick Mr Foster Mr Garrick Mr Grassby Mr Gun Mr Hurford	Mr Everingham Mr L. K Johnson Mr FitzPatrick Mr L. R Johnson Mr Foster Mr Jones Mr Garrick Mr Keating Mr Grassby Mr Gun Mr Keogh Mr Hurford Mr Kirwan

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Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Tellers:
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid	
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson	Mr Fox
Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Mr Solomon 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

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Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Reid
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Snedden
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Solomon
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr Swartz
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Tellers:
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull
	Noes	, 33	
Mr Armitage	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bennett	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cope	Mr Hurford	Mr Kirwan	Tellers:
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 78, dated 24 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 Bury (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 Suspension of standing orders—States Grants Bills: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—
 - (a) orders of the day Nos. 3, 4 and 5 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the States Grants (Debt Charges Assistance) Bill, the States Grants (Capital Assistance) Bill and the States Grants (Special Assistance) Bill being called on together,
 - (b) a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed, and
 - (c) messages from the Governor-General recommending appropriations for the Bills being then announced together.

Question-put and passed.

25 STATES GRANTS (DEBT CHARGES ASSISTANCE), STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE), AND STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILLS 1970: The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the Bills be now passed.

Question-put and passed.

- 26 Messages from the Governor-General recommending appropriations: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced recommending appropriations of revenue for the purposes of the following Bills:
 - 24 September 1970—Message No. 79—States Grants (Debt Charges Assistance) 1970.
 - 22 October 1970-Message No. 81-States Grants (Special Assistance) 1970.
 - A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the following Bill: 24 September 1970—Message No. 80—States Grants (Capital Assistance) 1970.
- 27 Adjournment: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Bryant rising to address the House-

Closure: Mr Snedden 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)—

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	Ayes,	, 43	
Mr N. H Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Reid
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Snedden
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Solomon
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Street
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr Swartz
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	Tellers:
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull
	Noes	, 34	
Mr Armitage	Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Kennedy	
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Keogh	Tellers:
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Kirwan	Mr Duthie
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Martin	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Papers: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 October 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—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserve in the Northern Territory at Alice Springs.

Members present: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Berinson, Mr Calwell, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Dobie, Mr Hamer, Mr Katter, Mr Nicholls, Mr Scholes* and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave

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