

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 77

FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 1971

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 Grassby presented a petition from certain European citizens of New South Wales praying that the House take steps to provide the Aboriginal people of the Balranald district with high standard housing, increased employment opportunities and full legal title to the land comprising the Balranald Reserve.

Mr Reynolds 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.

Petitions severally received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Reynolds was presented by Mr MacKellar, and was received.

Mr Jones presented a petition from certain citizens of Newcastle 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.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Australian Dairy Produce Board—Forty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1969-70.

Meat Industry Act—Australian Meat Board—Thirty-fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.

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

Report relating to the proposed construction of an electricity supply power station, Alice Springs, N.T. (First report of 1971).

Ordered to be printed.

6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—YIRARA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS, ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.: 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, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of Yirara Residential College for Aboriginal students at Alice Springs, N.T.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 SUGAR AGREEMENT 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

8 DEFENCE PAY 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Killen (Minister for the Navy), the Bill was read a third time.

9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Killen (Minister for the Navy) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr J. F. Cairns addressing the House—
Closure: Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to 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 Barnard, Mr Beazley, Mr Birrell, Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Collard, Mr Drury, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Garland, Mr Gun, Mr Howson, Mr Hurford, Mr Jess, Mr Mackay and Mr Snedden.

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