

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 80

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 1971

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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) 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 was presented by Mr Armitage, and was received.

Mr Scholes 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.

Petition received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED: Mr J. F. Cairns having raised a point of order which was ruled upon by the Chair and not having resumed his seat when directed by the Chair to do so, Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Lalor (Mr Cairns) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

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

Question—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Reid
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahan	
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
			<i>Tellers:</i>
			Mr Fox
			Mr Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Kirwan	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Griffiths	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at twenty-nine minutes past three o'clock p.m. for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

- 5 PENSIONERS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Griffiths, by leave, made a statement with reference to a remark concerning pensioners alleged to have been made at a meeting of the Australian Parliamentary Labor Party.

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

- 6 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Fourteenth Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1970.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CIVIC AID AND REHABILITATION IN INDO-CHINA: 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 inform the Parliament on the future of the Australian Task Force in South Vietnam and its plans for civic aid and rehabilitation in Indo-China".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Barnard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1971: 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 Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 9 LOAN (AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD) BILL 1971: Mr Bury (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Borrowings of Moneys by the Commonwealth and the Lending of those Moneys to the Australian Wheat Board.

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.

- 10 CUSTOMS BILL 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act* 1901–1968 in relation to the manner of Payment of Duties of Customs and in relation to Refunds, Rebates and Remissions of those Duties.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Chipp 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.

- 11 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1971: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hughes 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.
- 12 CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH BILL 1971: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for and in relation to the Promotion of Research in connexion with Criminology.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hughes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 NAVAL DEFENCE BILL 1971: Mr Killen (Minister for the Navy), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the provisions of the *Naval Defence Act 1910–1968* relating to Cadets, and to provide for certain incidental matters.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Killen 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.
- 14 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1971: 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 Bury (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bury (Treasurer) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 24 February 1971, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of municipal reserve in the Northern Territory at Darwin.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Collard, Mr Drury, Mr Gun, Mr Howson, Mr Hurford and Mr Jess.

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