

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

No. 86

WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 1971

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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 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR R. C. WHEELER):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the death, on 16 March, of Mr Roy Crawford Wheeler, a Member of this House for the Division of Mitchell from 1949 to 1961.  
 As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 3 **PETITION:** Mr Jones presented a petition from certain citizens of the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Hunter Valley areas praying that the House take immediate steps to request the Queensland Government to abolish the discriminatory Queensland Aboriginal and Islanders Act.  
 Petition received and read.
- 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Gorton (Minister for Defence), Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General) would act as Minister for Defence.
- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
  - 16 March 1971—Message—
  - No. 133—Income Tax Assessment 1971.
  - No. 134—Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty 1971.
  - No. 136—New South Wales Grant (Flood Mitigation) 1971.
- 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN WOOL COMMISSION AND WOOL INDUSTRY:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Patterson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to report to Parliament on the operations of the Australian Wool Commission and on the critical economic condition of the Australian wool industry".  
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
 Mr Patterson addressed the House.  
 Discussion ensued.  
*Paper:* Mr Patterson, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by the Minister for Primary Industry—  
 Mr Sinclair laid upon the Table the following paper:  
 Text of verbal report to Australian Wool Industry Conference by International Wool Secretariat—Sydney, 16-17 March 1971.  
 Discussion continued.  
 Mr Foster rising to address the House—  
 Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration) moved—That the business of the day be called on.  
 Question—put and passed.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1971: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 132

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Broadcasting and Television Act 1942-1969'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16 March 1971

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

*In the committee*

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 1, clause 2, after sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause:

"(1A.) The amendments of the Principal Act effected by sections 4A and 6A, and by sub-section (2.) of section 8, of this Act shall take effect on the twenty-eighth day after this Act receives the Royal Assent."

No. 2—Page 2, after clause 4, insert the following new clause:

"4A. Section 11 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

'11.—(1) A member of the Board shall be paid such remuneration, and such annual allowance (if any), as the Parliament provides, but until the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, that remuneration and that allowance (if any) shall be as are prescribed.

Remuneration  
and allowances  
of members of  
the Board.

'(2.) A member of the Board shall be paid such other allowances as are prescribed.'"

No. 3—Page 4, after clause 6, insert the following new clause:

"6A. Section 33 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

'33.—(1) A Commissioner shall be paid such remuneration, and such annual allowance (if any), as the Parliament provides, but until the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, that remuneration and that allowance (if any) shall be as are prescribed.

Remuneration  
and allowances  
of Com-  
missioners.

'(2.) A Commissioner shall be paid such other allowances as are prescribed.'"

No. 4—Page 4, clause 8, at end of clause, add the following sub-clause:

"(2.) Section 43 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words 'sub-section (8.) of this section' and inserting in their stead the words 'sub-sections (7.) and (8.) of this section'; and

(b) by omitting sub-section (8.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections:—

'(7.) The general manager shall be paid such salary, and such annual allowance (if any), as the Parliament provides, but until the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, that salary and that allowance (if any) shall be as are prescribed.

'(8.) The general manager shall be paid such other allowances as are prescribed.'"

No. 5—Page 7, clause 17, before sub-section (1.) of proposed section 132A, insert the following sub-section:

“(1A.) A person who lays an information or makes a complaint alleging that another person has committed a prescribed offence shall state in the information or complaint the address of the place of residence or business last known to him of that other person.”

No. 6—Page 8, clause 17, lines 3 and 4, leave out “address shown in the summons, or in any information, complaint or similar document relating to the summons, as his address”, insert “address shown in any information or complaint relating to the summons as his address”.

No. 7—Page 8, clause 17, lines 10 to 13, leave out “address shown in the summons, or in any information, complaint or similar document relating to the summons, as the address of the defendant”, insert “address shown in an information or complaint relating to the summons as the address of the defendant”.

No. 8—Page 9, clause 17, line 7, after “conviction”, insert “or within such further period as the court allows”.

No. 9—Page 9, clause 17, line 15, leave out “may”, insert “shall”.

On the motion of Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, the House adopted the report.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 1971: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 135

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Overseas Telecommunications Act 1946-1968’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 16 March 1971

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

*In the committee*

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 6, clause 7, lines 9 and 10, leave out “Minister may declare, by instrument in writing under his hand”, insert “regulations may provide”.

On the motion of Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration), the amendment was agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, the House adopted the report.

10 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 97, dated 24 February 1971, 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 Hughes (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY POWER STATION, ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.—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 an electricity supply power station at Alice Springs, N.T.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH 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.

Ordered—That Mr James be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 98, dated 24 February 1971, 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.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr L. F. Bowen moved the following amendment: Page 3, after paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph:

“(aa) to conduct such criminological research as is referred to it by either House of the Parliament or by the Parliament of any State;”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr Kirwan rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) 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 seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 March 1971, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 29.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 31.

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 30.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 28.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1971—No. 4 (Supply of Services Ordinance).

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 33, 34.

Wool Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 32.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Bonnett, Mr Corbett, Mr Giles, Mr Gorton, Mr Sherry and Mr Whittorn.

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