

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 93

WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL 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 PETITIONS: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service) presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House will ban the export of products made from kangaroos immediately, insist that State governments prohibit the commercial shooting of kangaroos and enact legislation to give the Commonwealth Government control of all native wildlife throughout Australia.
Mr Jones and Mr Lucock presented petitions from certain wives of serving Royal Australian Air Force members praying that the House take immediate steps to alleviate the inadequate rates of pay, allowances and conditions existing in the Armed Forces at present.
Mr Hughes 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.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) asked leave to make a statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
 - 5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Australian Capital Territory Police—Annual Report for year 1969-70.
 - 6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Maranoa (Mr Corbett) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
 - 7 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 Franklin (Mr Sherry) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
 - 8 QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the sequence of events relating to a question without notice asked by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) with respect to sales of wheat to Mainland China.

- 9 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY POLICE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement with reference to the Annual Report of the Australian Capital Territory Police for the year 1969–70.
Mr Giles was granted leave to make a statement with reference to the matter.
Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that Mr Giles was out of order as his statement did not relate to the same matter.
- 10 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Everingham be discharged from attendance on the Standing Orders Committee and that, in his place, Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) be appointed a member of the committee.
Question—put and passed.
- 11 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had appointed Mr MacKellar to be a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in the place of Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Education and Science).
- 12 SELECT COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had appointed Mr Buchanan to be a member of the Select Committee on Pharmaceutical Benefits in the place of Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy) and that Mr Buchanan had been appointed by the Prime Minister to be Chairman of the committee.
- 13 COUNCIL OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act 1964–1966*, this House appoints Mr Fox and Mr Beazley to be members of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, and to continue as members until the dissolution of the Twenty-seventh Parliament.
Question—put and passed.
- 14 ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 20 April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
- 15 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Dobie (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
One hundred and twenty-seventh Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1969–70—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
- 16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S ATTITUDE TO MAINLAND CHINA—LOSS OF WHEAT MARKET: Mr Deputy 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 attitude of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Australian Country Party towards Mainland China which has resulted in the loss of Australia's most important wheat market".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Patterson addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Mr Daly rising to address the House—
Mr Giles moved—That the business of the day be called on.
Question—put and passed.
- 17 PUBLIC ORDER (PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY) 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Drury), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 18 STATES GRANTS (PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS COLLEGES) BILL 1971: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Pre-school Teachers Colleges) Act 1968*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Fairbairn moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL TRAINING) BILL 1971: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States for Buildings and Equipment for use in Technical Training.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Fairbairn moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 PUBLIC ORDER (PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY) 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 Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DRIED FRUITS LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1971: The following message from the Senate was reported:
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| MR SPEAKER, | Message No. 147 |
| The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " <i>An Act relating to the Collection of Levy under the 'Dried Fruits Levy Act 1971'</i> ", 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. | |
| The Senate, | A. M. McMULLIN, |
| Canberra, 7 April 1971 | President |
- Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
- 23 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:
- 25 Pay-roll tax—Statement by Premier of Victoria—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 26 Press statement by the Leader of the Opposition, 23 September 1970—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 30 Wool industry assistance—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 31 Defence—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

32 Vietnam moratorium campaign—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam, viz.*—That the following words be added to the motion: “and this House (a) affirms the right of peaceful demonstration and the right of Australian people to express opposition to the war in Vietnam, as do the great majority of governments and peoples in the world, (b) supports efforts by the United States Government to achieve disengagement from the war and (c) declares this disengagement to be an urgent need of humanity”—*And on the amendment moved by Mr Wentworth to the proposed amendment, viz.*—That all words after “House” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “affirms the right of dissent designed to change the law and Government policy by lawful and orderly processes but condemns the concept that such dissent may be properly expressed by violent demonstrations, by attacks on persons and property, and by interference with the peaceful activities of other citizens”.

Question—put and passed.

24 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 20 April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 April 1971, pursuant to statute:

Christmas Island Act—

Ordinance—1971—No. 2—Registration of Births and Deaths.

Regulations—1971—No. 1 (Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for broadcasting station purposes—Byrock, New South Wales.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Darwin Town Area Leases Ordinance (No. 3) 1968, Special Purposes Leases Ordinance (No. 4) 1968, Valuation of Land Ordinance (No. 3) 1968, Crown Lands Ordinance (No. 5) 1968, Freehold Titles (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance 1970, and Agricultural Leases (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinances.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bonnett, Mr Calwell, Mr Corbett*, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Garland, Mr Jess, Mr Killen, Mr McIvor and Mr Sherry*.

* On leave

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