

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 96

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 1971

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- 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 PETITION: Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that a Committee of Inquiry, on which are represented the Department of Education and Science, institutions of tertiary education, practising educators, and the Canberra community, be instituted to inquire into the form that an Australian Capital Territory Education Authority should take, the educational principles and philosophy that should underly it, and its mode of operation and administration.  
Petition received and read.
  - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore of delegation led by the Honourable D. L. Chipp, M.P., Minister for Customs and Excise, 25 June to 16 July 1970.
  - 5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:  
Interim Report relating to the proposed redevelopment of Alice Springs Hospital, N.T. (Fourth report of 1971).  
Ordered to be printed.
  - 6 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Daly (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:  
Report on Sunday observance in the Australian Capital Territory—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.
  - 7 WILLIAMSTOWN NAVAL DOCKYARD—ART EXHIBITION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of steps he would take to avoid industrial difficulties connected with the proposal to hold an art exhibition at the Williamstown Naval Dockyard during the employees' lunch break.
  - 8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—  
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.  
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 9 EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1971: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), for Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain Contingent Liabilities of the Export Payments Insurance Corporation.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Anthony 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 INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT BILL 1971: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), for Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Ratification by Australia of the Wheat Trade Convention, 1971 and the Food Aid Convention, 1971 and to repeal certain Acts.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 COMPENSATION (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES) BILL 1971: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for Compensation in respect of Employees of the Commonwealth and certain other Persons by reason of Injury or Disease, or Loss or Destruction of, or Damage to, certain Property, occurring in Circumstances connected with their Employment.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Ordered—That Mr Wentworth be granted an extension of time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES) BILL 1971: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide Rights in respect of the Injury, Disease or Death, or the Loss or Destruction of, or Damage to, certain Property, of certain Civilian Employees employed in connexion with the United States Naval Communication Station in Australia.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH LIABILITY) BILL 1971: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Accidents (Commonwealth Liability) Act 1963–1970*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN TELESCOPE AGREEMENT BILL 1971: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act 1970*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1971: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), for Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to increase certain Amounts of Compensation payable to, and in respect of, Seamen.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Holten moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 FISHERIES BILL 1971: Mr Holten (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Fisheries in certain Australian Waters.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Holten moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 CONTINENTAL SHELF (LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES) BILL 1971: Mr Holten (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Living Natural Resources of the Continental Shelf.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Holten moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) BILL 1971: Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States for the purpose of Housing.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Cairns moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Uren), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—  
That Mr Jarman be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Privileges and that, in his place, Mr Brown be appointed a member of the committee.  
Question—put and passed.
- 20 NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY EXTENSION 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 Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1970-1971: 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 Lucock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

- 23 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Swartz (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 6 April 1971*), viz.:

International Affairs—

Ministerial statement, 6 April 1971.

Detailed statement on the global situation, 6 April 1971—

Debate resumed by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and that the Australian Government should establish diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China and work for her representation in the United Nations”.

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

Debate continued.

Mr Swartz, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 24 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight 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 22 April 1971, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 50.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 45.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 44.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 46.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 47, 48, 49.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Mr Garland, Mr Gorton, Mr Hughes, Mr Jarman, Mr Lynch, Mr Scholes, Mr Sherry\* and Mr Sinclair.

\* On leave

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