

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 97

FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 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 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.

Mr FitzPatrick presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that, in respect of taxation concessions, the Government will take immediate steps to (1) investigate the location of Zone A and Zone B areas so that towns of equal isolation and cost factor will receive the same Zone concession, (2) investigate with a view to increasing the amount of concession entitlement for Zone B and (3) amend the Income Tax Assessment Act so that travel and accommodation expenses be allowable deductions when there is a requirement to travel from isolated areas to cities for specialist medical treatment.

Mr Bryant presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) a joint Commonwealth-State inquiry into inequalities in Australian education, (2) the immediate financing of special programmes for low income earners and others and (3) the provision of pre-school opportunities for all children.

Petitions severally received and read.

Mr Kirwan presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House give earnest consideration to the crisis in Aboriginal welfare which exists in the South West Land Division of Western Australia.

Petition received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Mr MacKellar having asked a question of the Minister for Immigration—

Points of order having been raised by several Opposition Members in relation to the question—

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that he would allow the question.

Dissent from ruling: Mr C. R. Cameron moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration) answered the question.

Questions without notice concluded.

4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Daly asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Daly moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as will allow the honourable Member for Grayndler to make a statement on the immigration policy of the Australian Labor Party as he knows it to be and interprets it.
- Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and as will allow the Minister for Immigration to make a statement on the Government’s policy on immigration”.
- Debate continued.
- Amendment negatived.
- Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
- 6 **IMMIGRATION POLICY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Daly made a statement on the immigration policy of the Australian Labor Party as he knows it to be and interprets it, and, by leave, presented the following papers:
- Immigration policy of the Australian Labor Party—
- Immigration Review Committee—
 - Agenda of first meeting, 7 August 1964.
 - Motion of Mr Chamberlain.
 - Motion of Mr Oliver.
 - Recommendations for the Committee.
 - Report to the 1965 Federal Conference of the Australian Labor Party.
 - Speech by Mr F. M. Daly, M.P. on presentation of the Committee’s recommendation to the 1965 Federal Conference of the Australian Labor Party.
 - Extracts from the Official Report of Proceedings of the 26th Commonwealth Conference of the Australian Labor Party, 2–6 August 1965.
 - Immigration policy affecting non-Europeans—
 - Australian Labor Party Immigration Committee recommendation regarding the statement of the Minister.
 - Extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Australian Parliamentary Labor Party on 23 March 1966.
 - Extracts from *Hansard* of speeches by Messrs Daly, Jones, Collard, L. R. Johnson, Beazley, Stewart, Birrell, Peters and Barnard on 24 and 29 March 1966.
- Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), moved, by leave—That the House take note of the papers.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Forbes—Minister for Immigration), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING:** Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past two o’clock p.m.
- Question—put and passed.
- 8 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DOCTORS’ FEES AND MEDICAL BENEFITS:**
- Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “Doctors’ fees and medical benefits”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
- Mr Whitlam addressed the House.
- Discussion ensued.
- Discussion concluded.
- 9 **SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government’s intention to extend the Commonwealth secondary school libraries programme for a further three years.

- 10 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FURTHER PAYMENT) BILL 1971: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the making by Australia of a further Payment to the International Development Association.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Snedden 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 LOANS (QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED) BILL 1971: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing by the Commonwealth of Moneys in the Currency of the United States of America to be made available to Qantas Airways Limited, and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Snedden 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 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1970–71: 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.
Mr Turnbull was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for the Army) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at one minute to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Beazley, Mr Berinson, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Bury, Mr Calder, Mr Calwell, Sir John Cramer, Mr Garland, Mr Garrick, Mr Gorton, Mr Grassby, Mr Hughes, Mr Hunt, Mr Jarman, Mr Mackay, Mr Patterson, Mr Reynolds, Mr Scholes, Mr Sinclair and Mr Wentworth.

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