

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 107

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST 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 Jess presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) the allowance of personal education expenses as a taxation deduction, (2) the removal of the present age limit in respect of the deduction for education expenses, (3) an increase in the deduction allowable for tertiary education expenses and (4) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition was presented by Mr Keogh, and was received.

Mr Gun, Mr Jacobi and Mr L. R. Johnson presented petitions from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) the allowance of personal education expenses as a taxation deduction, (2) the removal of the present age limit in respect of the deduction for education expenses, (3) an increase in the deduction allowable for tertiary education expenses, (4) an increase in the maintenance allowance for students and (5) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Morrison presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the sales tax and customs duties on all forms of contraceptive devices be removed, and that all contraceptive devices be placed on the National Health Scheme Pharmaceutical Benefits list.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Morrison were presented by Mr Jess, Mr Enderby, Mr Gun and Mr Griffiths, and were severally received.

Mr Jess also presented a petition from certain electors of Australia praying that the Government revise its interpretation of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 relating to chemical agents of warfare, and declare that it regards all chemical substances employed for their toxic effects on man, animals or plants, as being included in the prohibitions laid down by that Protocol.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Jess relating to the Geneva Protocol were presented by Mr L. K. Johnson and Mr Luchetti, and were severally received.

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.

Mr Wallis presented a petition from certain citizens of South Australia 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.

Petition received.

Mr L. H. Irwin presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House should cause the Australian Government to recognise the right of Australian professional people engaged in the creative and performing arts to further develop their skills and talents in Australia, and to be protected from overseas programmes in a way that will encourage an Australian television and radio industry.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr L. H. Irwin were presented by Mr Morrison and Mr Dobie, and were severally received.

Mr L. K. Johnson 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.

Petition received.

Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the words: "or for preventing conception" be deleted from sub-section (1.) of section 46 of the A.C.T. Pharmacy Ordinance.

Petition received and read.

Mr Cohen 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.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veteran's Residences Trust Fund—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1969–70.
States Grants (Independent Schools) Act—Statement of payments for year 1970.

5 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had appointed Senators Carrick and Hannan to be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6 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-eighth Report—The Australian Tourist Commission—and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

7 NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1971: Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Service Act 1951–1968*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Barnard moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued. It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted; Mr Bryant was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 PAPERS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Letters dated 29 April 1965 exchanged between Mr H. D. Anderson, Australian Ambassador to the Republic of Vietnam, and His Excellency Dr Phan Huy Quat, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vietnam.

- 9 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: 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 paper (*presented on 18 August 1971*), viz.:

Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 18 August 1971—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Swartz moved, by leave—

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

- Paper:* Mr Turner, at the conclusion of his speech, by leave, presented the following paper:

Trade with the People's Republic of China—Paper prepared by Legislative Research Service, 17 August 1971.

Debate continued.

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

- 10 PAPER: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1970–71.

- 11 AUSTRALIAN TRADE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:

Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement on Australian trade, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian trade—Ministerial statement, 19 August 1971.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 12 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Stabilization of Returns from the Exportation from Australia of certain Apples and Pears.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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.

- 13 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose an Export Duty on the Exportation from Australia of certain Apples and Pears.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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.

- 14 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Collection of Export Duty imposed by the *Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Act 1971*.

Bill read a first time.

- Mr Sinclair 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.
- 15 APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Organization Act 1938–1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair 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.
- 16 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964–1968*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair 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 LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a sum not exceeding Four million dollars for a Defence Purpose, namely, Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair 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 (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL 1971: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Advanced Education.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fairbairn 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.
- 19 SUPERANNUATION (PENSION INCREASES) BILL 1971: Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr Snedden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Superannuation Pensions.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Peacock 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.
- 20 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS (PENSION INCREASES) BILL 1971: Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr Snedden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Defence Forces Retirement Pensions.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Peacock 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.
- 21 PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES (INCREASES) BILL 1971: Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr Snedden (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Parliamentary Retiring Allowances.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Peacock 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.

- 22 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 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 Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 8, government business, be postponed until after notice No. 9, government business.
- 24 SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Bounty on the Production of Sulphuric Acid.
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.
- 25 PYRITES BOUNTY BILL 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pyrites Bounty Act 1960–1970*.
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.
- 26 AIR NAVIGATION BILL 1971: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27 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 nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 August 1971, pursuant to statute:

Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for 1970.
National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 101.
Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1970–71.
Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—1971—No. 1 (Education Ordinance).
Papua and New Guinea Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 102.
Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.
Pyrites Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.
Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year ended 28 February 1971.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinance—1971—No. 16—Presbyterian Church Trust Property.
Regulations—1971—No. 5 (Law Reform Commission Ordinance).
Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.
Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Return for year 1969–70.
Urea Bounty Act—Return for period 1 January 1970 to 18 November 1970.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Fulton, Mr Jenkins and Mr King.

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