

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 108

FRIDAY, 20 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 Mackay (Minister for the Navy), Mr L. H. Irwin and Mr Dobie presented petitions 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Cass 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 Cass were presented by Mr Turner and Mr Foster, and were severally received.

Mr Klugman and Mr Cass presented petitions 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Morrison 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.

Mr Hurford 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, (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 and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Hurford were presented by Sir John Cramer and Mr Wallis, and were severally received.

Mr Hayden 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.

Mr Everingham presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House declare adherence to the general principle of working for a democratic legislative, judicial and executive authority with constitutionally limited and adequate powers over armaments.

Petition received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Daly moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 39, government business, being called on forthwith, the matter being debated and the House voting thereon without adjournment.

Debate ensued.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House), who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Debate continued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

5 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported acquainting the House of changes in the membership of Senators on the following joint committees: 19 August 1971—Message—

No. 195—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—

(1) Resignation of Senator Prowse.

(2) Appointment of Senators Cant, Jessop and Webster.

No. 196—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—

(1) Discharge of Senator Webster.

(2) Appointment of Senators Guilfoyle and Lawrie.

6 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 19 AUGUST 1971: Mr Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a report, dated 19 August 1971, recommending an amendment of the standing orders of the House of Representatives. Ordered to be printed.

Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Trade Practices Act—Commissioner of Trade Practices—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.

8 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Dobie (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts: One hundred and twenty-ninth Report—Treasury Minute on the One hundred and nineteenth Report together with a summary of that report.

One hundred and thirtieth Report—Treasury Minute on the Eighty-fourth Report together with a summary of that report—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

9 ASSISTANCE TO THE WOOL INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to assistance to the wool industry through a scheme of deficiency payments.

Mr Patterson, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

10 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That the government business intervening before order of the day No. 39 be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 11 ASSISTANT MINISTERS—APPOINTMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: 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 29 April 1971*), viz.:

Assistant Ministers—Appointment—Ministerial statement, 29 April 1971—

And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Daly, viz.—That the following words be added to the motion: “and expresses its disapproval of the decision to appoint Assistant Ministers”—

Debate resumed.

Closure: Mr Swartz moved—That the question be now put.

Mr Swartz and Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made statements relating to the next business to be dealt with.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 48

Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Solomon
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Pettitt	
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson	Mr Fox
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair	Mr Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cass	Mr Gun	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Sherry
Mr Beazley	Mr Cope	Mr Jacobi	Mr Stewart
Mr Bennett	Mr Crean	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Berinson	Mr Daly	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Webb
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Whitlam
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calwell	Mr Garrick	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—being accordingly put—

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Tellers:

Mr Fox
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

- 12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 5, general business, being proceeded with forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 PAROLE OF PRISONERS ORDINANCE 1971 OF THE A.C.T.—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE: Mr Enderby moved, pursuant to notice—That sub-section 2 of section 3, and section 5 of the *Parole of Prisoners Ordinance 1971* (No. 3 of 1971), made under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910–1970*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Mr Enderby rising to speak in reply—

Closure: Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

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