

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 109

MONDAY, 23 AUGUST 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) and Mr Morrison 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.  
Mr Enderby 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 Morrison and Mr L. H. Irwin 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 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 **MINISTERIAL CHANGE—SWEARING-IN AS EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT MINISTERS:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that Mr J. M. Fraser had been appointed Minister for Education and Science in place of Mr Fairbairn who retained his portfolio of Minister for Defence.  
Mr McMahon also informed the House that in furtherance of his intention to appoint Assistant Ministers, Mr Dobie, Mr McLeay, Mr Robinson and Mr Street had been sworn as Executive Councillors.
  - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 5 **MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED:** Mr A. D. Fraser having raised a point of order and not having resumed his seat when directed by the Chair to do so, Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr Fraser) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.  
Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Eden-Monaro be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Revnolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Fulton	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr James
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr McIvor	
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at eighteen minutes to four o'clock p.m. for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

- 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—REFERENCE TO STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: Mr Keating moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would allow him to move that the matter of the distribution of questions without notice be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

- 7 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF MATTER: Mr Keating moved—That the matter of the distribution of questions without notice be referred to the Standing Orders Committee

Question—put and passed.

- 8 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of visit to Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam of delegation led by the Honourable R. McN. Holten, M.P., Minister for Repatriation, 22 June to 15 July 1970.

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SALE OF WHEAT TO CHINA: Mr 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 destructive effect of the Australian Government's foreign policy of continued hostility to China on the sale of wheat to that country".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—Mr Patterson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Foster addressing the House—

Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT RELATING TO THE COMMITMENT TO PRISON OF MR T. UREN, M.P.—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Committee of Privileges relating to the commitment to prison of Mr T. Uren, M.P.—

Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Report of the Committee of Privileges be noted by the House.

*Papers:* Mr Bowen, during his speech, by leave, presented the following papers:

Copies of letters from the Attorney-General of New South Wales and the Premier of New South Wales in relation to the report of the Committee of Privileges.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Bryant, Mr Turnbull and Mr Uren, by leave, made statements in connection with the Report of the Committee of Privileges and associated matters.

- 11 PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), by leave, made statements relating to the codification of the law of parliamentary privilege.

- 12 TARIFF BOARD BILL 1971: Mr Anthony (Minister for Trade and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tariff Board Act 1921–1966*.

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.

- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 14 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 18 (1971): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 18 (1971).

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

- 15 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Reports—

Plastic products, etc.

Trout.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 16 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 19 AUGUST 1971: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Standing Orders Committee brought up on 20 August 1971—

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee brought up on 20 August 1971 be adopted, and that the standing orders of the House be amended as recommended by that Committee, to come into operation on Tuesday, 28 September 1971.

Debate ensued.

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

- 17 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—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Mr Uren moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “but this House deplores the conduct of the Prime Minister in attempting to narrow debate on the question of Australia’s future diplomatic and trade relations with the People’s Republic of China to a personal and partisan level and for basing his approach on incorrect information”.

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

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

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

Debate continued.

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

18 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—TENTH REPORT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Tenth Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The Report is as follows:

#### TENTH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Advance to the Treasurer 1970–71.

Australian Parliamentary Mission—Report of visit to the Council of Europe, Turkey, France, Belgium, Britain and Yugoslavia of mission led by the Hon. Sir William Aston, K.C.M.G., M.P., Speaker of the House of Representatives and Senator the Hon. Sir Kenneth Anderson, Minister for Supply, 9 January to 12 February 1971.

Book Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.

Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for 1970.

Department of Supply—Report for year 1970–71.

Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Twenty-third Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

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.

New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on administration of New Guinea for 1969–70.

Nitrogenous Fertilisers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1970–71.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1971—No. 20—Mining 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to part of section 7 of the Ordinance.

Papua—Report for year 1969–70.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.

Postmaster-General—Fourth Annual Statement: Post Office Prospects and Capital Programme 1971–72.

Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Parliaments of Australia, Cook Island, Fiji, Nauru, Papua and New Guinea and Western Samoa—Report of Fourth Conference, Parliament Chamber, Fiji, 22 to 24 June 1971.

Pyrites Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year ended 28 February 1971.

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1970–71.  
Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1969–70.  
States Grants (Independent Schools) Act—Statement of payments for year 1970.  
Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.  
Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Return for year 1969–70.  
Trade Practices Act—Commissioner of Trade Practices—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.  
United Nations—General Assembly—Twenty-fifth Session, New York, 15 September to 17 December 1970—Report of the Australian Delegation.  
Urea Bounty Act—Return for period 1 January 1970 to 18 November 1970.  
Wheat Research Act—Thirteenth Annual Report for 1970.

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Chairman

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Mr Erwin moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 23 August 1971, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—K. J. Tourle.

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

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