

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 115

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 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 Hurford presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Adelaide praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed.

Petition received and read.

Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Jones and Mr O'Keefe presented petitions 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Bennett 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 O'Keefe presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House take appropriate steps to procure the repeal of, or to nullify the effect of *The Aborigines' and Torres Strait Islanders' Affairs Act 1965*.

Mr Kennedy 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.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs) laid upon the Table the following paper:

Department of Foreign Affairs—Record of telephone conversation on 19 August 1971 between Mr T. Tada, First Secretary, Japanese Embassy and Mr J. A. Benson, Department of Foreign Affairs, on the subject of—Japan: Remarks by the Leader of the Opposition.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1970-71.

- 5 TACTICAL TRAINER BUILDING, H.M.A.S. *Watson*, SOUTH HEAD, SYDNEY—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a tactical trainer building at H.M.A.S. *Watson*, South Head, Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a community college at Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING, BENDIGO, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a communications building at Bendigo, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT (FRUIT CANNERIES) BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia to enable that State to make Loans to Jon Preserving Co-operative Limited and Riverland Fruit Products Co-operative Limited.

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.

- 9 NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (LEETON CO-OPERATIVE CANNERY LIMITED) BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the State of New South Wales to enable that State to make a Loan to Leeton Co-operative Cannery Limited.

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.

- 10 NATIONAL SERVICE BILL [1971 No. 2]: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Service Act 1951–1968* and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Lynch 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 WESTERN AUSTRALIA (SOUTH-WEST REGION WATER SUPPLIES) AGREEMENT BILL 1971:

Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Western Australia (South-west Region Water Supplies) Agreement Act 1965*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Peacock 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.

## 12 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (NO. 2) 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 by Mr Hayden who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “while not opposing the Bill, the House is of opinion that—

- (1) the increases proposed are inadequate,
- (2) social service payments generally are inadequate to maintain an acceptable standard of living,
- (3) steps should be taken immediately to eliminate poverty,
- (4) a national superannuation system should be established and the means test eliminated,
- (5) pension payments should be a proportion of average weekly earnings adjusted annually and
- (6) a joint select committee should be established to inquire into and report upon the social welfare needs of the Australian community”.

*Suspension of standing orders moved—Motion without notice:* Mr Hayden moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Oxley moving a motion for the appointment forthwith of a select committee of this House to inquire into and report upon Australian proposals and overseas practices in relation to a national superannuation scheme.

Debate ensued on the motion to suspend the standing orders.

*Closure:* Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 56

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

## NOES, 48

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. 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 Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Brown	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negated.

Debate on original question and the amendment continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Drury, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52

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

NOES, 46

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Cohen	Mr Fulton	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Collard	Mr Garrick	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 141, dated 25 August 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Wentworth, the Bill was read a third time.

13 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY MOVED: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

44 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Sixteenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

46 Tariff policy—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

47 Taxation—Statutory definition of a public company—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

48 International Affairs—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the papers—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam, viz.*—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”.

- 51 Teaching of Asian languages and cultures in Australia—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the following paper presented on 31 March 1971: Teaching of Asian languages and cultures in Australia—Report of Commonwealth Advisory Committee.
- 52 Devaluation compensation for rural industries—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 Migration and Settlement Agreement with Malta—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 United Kingdom levies on imports of agricultural commodities—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

- 14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 15 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1971–72—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House condemns the Budget because (a) it breaks the Prime Minister’s pledge to Parliament on taking office to bring into effect for 1971–72 a fundamental review of social services and of methods for adjusting them, (b) it contains no proposals to balance the finances and functions of the Commonwealth, the States and local government and (c) it produces no programmes for high national objectives of social welfare, economic strength and national security”—

Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

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

- 16 AJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.  
Mr Armitage rising to address the House—  
*Closure:* Mr Giles moved—That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

## FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1971

AYES, 46

Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Jess	Mr Reid
Mr Bury	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Garland	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Kiilen	Mr Staley
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Chipp	Mr Hamer	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Dobie	Mr Howson	Mr MacKellar	
Mr Drury	Mr Hughes	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Mr Hunt	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Giles
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

## NOES, 31

Mr Armitage	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Berinson	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry	Mr Cope
			Mr Scholes

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 September 1971, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 118.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 119.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 17—Motor Traffic (No. 2).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr Jenkins, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr King, Mr Luchetti, Mr Lucock, Mr McLeay, Mr Solomon and Mr Wallis.

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J. A. PETTIFER,  
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives