

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 117

MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 1971

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 PRIVILEGE—LETTER IN "THE AUSTRALIAN"—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Cohen raised a matter of privilege based upon a letter to the editor published in *The Australian* on Monday, 13 September 1971. Mr Cohen produced a copy of *The Australian* containing the letter and gave the names of the printer and the publisher of that newspaper.

Mr Cohen then moved—That the matter of the letter to the editor signed by P. Wintle, published in *The Australian* of Monday, 13 September 1971, be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3 PETITIONS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain pupils of Ingleburn North Primary School, their parents and certain other citizens of the area praying that this House will immediately ban the export of products made from kangaroos, do all it can to prohibit the commercial shooting of kangaroos and consider making the kangaroo a protected animal throughout Australia.

Petition received and read.

Mr L. H. Irwin 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 Kirwan 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.

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

4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

5 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1970–71.

6 **INCOME TAX BILL 1971:** Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes.

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.

7 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1971:** Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.

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.

8 **SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

9 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

10 **POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL 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 Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted because it does not provide for (a) the severance of the Postmaster-General's Department from the control of the Public Service Board and (b) the application of special telephone charges in those areas designated for accelerated development by agreement between the Commonwealth and any State and its Authorities".

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 52

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

NOES, 47

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls
Mr Beazley	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 Cohen	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 2 and 4, government business, being called on.

Question—put and passed.

12 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

13 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 **SELECT COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Prime Minister had appointed Mr Lloyd to be a member of the Select Committee on Pharmaceutical Benefits in the place of Mr Robinson.
- 15 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—ELEVENTH REPORT:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Eleventh Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The Report is as follows:

ELEVENTH 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:

- Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1970.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1970.
- Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology—Report for year 1970–71.
- Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 1 February 1970 to 31 January 1971.
- Department of Education and Science—Report for 1970.
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Forty-seventh Annual Report, for year 1970–71, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1970.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Forty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
- Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.
- 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.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Darwin Town Area Leases (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance 1971 and Local Government Valuations (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance 1971, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinances.

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G. D. ERWIN,
Chairman

Mr Erwin moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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

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