

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 120

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1971

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- 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Honourable Tupuola Efi, M.L.A., Minister for Works, Marine and Transport, Western Samoa and a delegation of four, led by Mr Isao Matsudaira, from the House of Councillors of the Diet of Japan, were present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
  - 3 **PETITION:** 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.
  - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 5 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Armed Services Pay—Committee of Inquiry—Other ranks—Report (No. 2).  
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1971.  
Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Annual Report for year 1970-71.
  - 6 **PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES—INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**  
Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the terms of reference of an inquiry into Parliamentary salaries and allowances which would be undertaken by Mr Justice Kerr.  
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Turner, by leave, also made statements in connection with the matter.
  - 7 **RURAL RECONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT TRAINING SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's rural reconstruction employment training scheme, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Rural reconstruction employment training scheme—Ministerial statement, 16 September 1971.

Mr Peacock (Minister for the Army) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Patterson moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “but this House is of opinion that the scheme as proposed by the Government should not be confined only to displaced farmers, their families, their work force or those workers displaced by technological change but should include all people in rural areas whose occupation is directly dependent on the viability of farming such as people engaged in local businesses or country town works who will also be unemployed”.

Debate continued.

Several Members 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Hallett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53

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

NOES, 45

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
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>
Mr Cope	Mr Gun	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 46

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

## NOES, 54

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

And so it was negatived.

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

- 8 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

One hundred and thirty-first Report—Treasury Minute on the One hundred and twelfth Report together with a summary of that report.

One hundred and thirty-second Report—Treasury Minute on the One hundred and fifteenth 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 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1971: Mr Forbes (Minister representing the Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Provision of Pharmaceutical Benefits and Medical Services.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.

- 11 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERMINATION OF COMMONWEALTH TAX) 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.

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

## AYES, 53

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

## NOES, 46

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	Mr Webb
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 James

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 Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) ASSESSMENT 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 20 (1971): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 20 (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—

Chain and parts therefor, of iron or steel chain and chains (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Light weight cotton sheeting.

Severally ordered to be printed.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Woven man-made fibre fabrics.

Ordered to be printed.

- 16 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.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Hallett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50

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

NOES, 44

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

- Parliament.
- Department of the Treasury, and } together.
- Advance to the Treasurer
- Department of Customs and Excise; } together.
- Department of Primary Industry, and
- Department of Trade and Industry
- Department of Education and Science.
- Department of the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts.
- Department of External Territories.
- Department of Housing.
- Department of Immigration.
- Department of the Interior.
- Department of Labour and National Service.
- Department of National Development.
- Postmaster-General's Department.
- Defence Services—
- Department of Defence; } together.
- Department of the Navy;
- Department of the Army;
- Department of Air;
- Department of Supply (including the } together.
- Antarctic Division), and
- General Services

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.  
 Repatriation Department, and  
 Department of Social Services } together.  
 Department of Shipping and Transport.  
 Department of Foreign Affairs.  
 Department of Health.  
 Attorney-General's Department.  
 Department of Civil Aviation.  
 Department of Works.

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$4,829,000—  
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 17 POST OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES—RE-ORGANISATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the re-organisation of the Australian Post Office telecommunications activities, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Post Office telecommunications activities—Re-organisation—Ministerial statement, 16 September 1971.

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

Debate ensued.

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

- 18 ADJOURNMENT: Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 28 September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 September 1971, pursuant to statute:

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1971—

No. 304—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 308 and 314—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 315—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 316—Australian Nursing Federation.

Nos. 317, 318 and 319—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 320—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 321—Australian Workers' Union.

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

J. A. PETTIFER,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives