

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 123

THURSDAY, 30 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 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.

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.

Mr Kirwan also 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.

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.

Mr Enderby also 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Bennett presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will seek the co-operation of the States and supply extra finance to the States to enable (1) proper town planning and development to halt the increase in densely populated areas which lead to increased crime, (2) the proper staffing and equipping of police forces to enable adequate crime prevention and detection measures to reduce the frightening increase of both solved and unsolved crime, (3) the proper detention and rehabilitation of criminals and (4) compensation to victims of crimes of violence.

Mr Klugman presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House seek to have Australia adopt the principle followed by Britain, Italy, Greece, Malta, The Netherlands, France, Germany, Turkey, Canada and the United States of America, which already transfer the social entitlement of their citizens wherever they may choose to live.

Petitions severally received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Klugman was presented by Mr Cass, and was received.

Mr Bennett also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that protection is given to the residents of Aged Persons Establishments.

Petition received and read.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration), Senator Cotton (Minister for Civil Aviation) would act as Minister for Immigration and that in this House, Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service) would represent the Acting Minister for Immigration and Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development) would represent the Minister for Health.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 AIRLINE SUBSIDIES—STATEMENT: Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation) and Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made statements regarding the payment of subsidies on airline services in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.
- 6 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Daly (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:
Report on the forty-eighth series of variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
- 7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL (No. 2) 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 NORTHERN TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 PAY-ROLL TAX (STATE TAXATION OF COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES) BILL 1971: Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Liability for State Pay-roll Tax of certain Commonwealth authorities.
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.
- 10 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1971: Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Expenditure of a Capital Nature and to Authorize the Borrowing of Certain Moneys by the Commonwealth.
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.

- 11 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) BILL 1971: Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Welfare and Advancement of the Aboriginal People of Australia.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY 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 Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 EXPORTS PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION 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.
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 assisting the Minister for Trade and Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 21 (1971): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 21 (1971).
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Tariff Board—Report—Malleable cast iron pipe fittings.
Ordered to be printed.
- 17 PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS BOUNTY 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 147, 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 Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
30 September 1971—Message—
No. 201—Post and Telegraph 1971.
No. 202—Post and Telegraph Rates 1971.
No. 203—Broadcasting and Television (No. 2) 1971.

19 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) 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 Mr Nixon (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

20 AIR NAVIGATION 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 Jones who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading the House is of opinion that a joint select committee should be established to investigate and report upon accidents involving international aircraft and the serious problems of Qantas and the South Pacific route”.

Debate continued.

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

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

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Gun	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr Jacobi	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Calwell	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

21 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

30 September 1971—Message—

No. 204—Superannuation (Pension Increases) 1971.

No. 205—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (Pension Increases) 1971.

No. 206—Parliamentary Retiring Allowances (Increases) 1971.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 September 1971, pursuant to statute:

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1971—

No. 18—Pharmacy.

No. 19—Optometrists.

No. 20—Nurses Registration.

No. 21—Architects.

No. 22—Agents.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Charles Adermann, Mr Bate, Mr Berinson, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr Bryant, Mr J. F. Cairns*, Mr Davies, Mr Forbes, Mr Hansen, Mr Jenkins, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr King, Mr Luchetti*, Mr Lucock*, Mr MacKellar, Mr McIvor, Mr McLeay, Mr Snedden and Mr Wallis.

* On leave

N. J. PARKES,

Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives