

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 129

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER 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 Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service) presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government go beyond the plea of the Prime Minister for magnanimity and compassion in the trial of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on charges of treason and insist on the liberty of this openly and democratically elected leader.

Mr Lynch also presented a petition from certain residents of Mornington Peninsula praying that this House (1) immediately ban the export of products made from kangaroos, (2) strongly urge the State governments to ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes until the select committee has made its recommendations and (3) add to the Constitution a clause empowering the Commonwealth Government to act to safeguard any species of wildlife that is endangered through any cause.

Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Mr Enderby, Mr Staley, Mr Jenkins and Mr Whittorn each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House (a) increase monetary aid for the East Pakistani refugees to at least \$5 million immediately, (b) encourage and sponsor teams of volunteers with needed skills and medical supplies and (c) maintain this aid for the period of the crisis.

Mr Jenkins and Mr Fulton each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.

Mr Reid presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will provide \$10 million for relief purposes in India and East Pakistan, and a further \$50 million over 3 years to help rehabilitate the refugees in East Pakistan.

Mr Enderby also 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 Bennett 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 England presented a petition from certain citizens of the community of Parkes, N.S.W., praying that this House take note of the evil effects of the proposed closing of the divisional telecommunications office at Parkes and that it designate Parkes to be the divisional headquarters for the Parkes, Bathurst and Dubbo telecommunications divisions which are to be amalgamated.

Mr Graham 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.

Petitions severally received.

- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth:
 Aircraft accident at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport, N.S.W., on 29 January 1971, involving DC8-63 Aircraft CF-CPQ and Boeing 727 Aircraft VH-TJA—Accident investigation report by Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation.
 Atomic Weapons Tests Safety Committee—Report, dated May 1971, on strontium 90 and caesium 137 in the Australian environment during 1969 and some results for 1970.
- 5 **AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Jones, by leave, made a statement with respect to the opportunity of the House to debate the air accident investigation report presented to the House today and other reports of a similar nature.
- 6 **STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** Mr Foster asked leave to make a statement.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 7 **COMMONWEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:
 Commonwealth Administrative Review Committee—Report dated 25 August 1971.
 Mr McMahon, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:
 Commonwealth Administrative Review Committee—Report—Ministerial statement, 14 October 1971.
 Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hughes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS—FIRST SPECIAL REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on Publications:
 Report relating to the distribution and pricing of Parliamentary Publications together with appendixes and extracts from the minutes of proceedings (First special report)—
 and, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.
 Mr Erwin moved—That the paper be printed.
 Mr Keogh and Mr Hamer, by leave, also made statements with reference to the report.
 Question—That the paper be printed—put and passed.
- 9 **LOAN (DEFENCE) BILL 1971:** Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the raising by way of Loan of Moneys in the Currency of the United States of America and to authorize the expending of those Moneys for Defence Purposes, and for purposes connected therewith.

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 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF ANULA AND WULAGI NEIGHBOURHOODS, SANDERSON DISTRICT, DARWIN: 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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of Anula and Wulagi neighbourhoods, Sanderson District, Darwin.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STOKES HILL POWER STATION, DARWIN—STAGE 5 EXTENSIONS: 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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of stage 5 extensions, Stokes Hill Power Station, Darwin.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 WOOL (DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS) 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 Patterson 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—

- (1) the one-year emergency grant moneys available under the Bill should be directed only to those bona fide wool producers, big or small, who are genuinely in need of emergency finance, and
- (2) the emergency finance should be complemented by legislation to (a) establish a single statutory marketing authority to acquire, appraise and market the entire wool clip, and (b) implement a progressive reconstruction and rehabilitation programme to apply to those areas of wool production and marketing which are in urgent need of improvement and assistance”.

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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Sir C. Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr Barnes	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Lloyd	Mr Swartz
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whitourn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Pettitt	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid	
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson	

Tellers:

Mr Fox
Mr Turnbull

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Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Morrison	Mr Cope
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 155, dated 8 October 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr L. H. Irwin moved the following amendment: Clause 33, page 21, omit “Justice of the Peace” (wherever occurring), insert “Judge in Chambers of a Supreme Court of a State or Territory”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1971–72: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts, \$30,460,000—further debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Cope reported accordingly.

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

- 14 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 26 October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

TWELFTH 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 meeting of the Committee on 13 September 1971 and another paper previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for year 1970–71.

Air Navigation Act—Minister for Civil Aviation—Eleventh Annual Report, for year 1970–71.

Aircraft accident at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport, N.S.W., on 29 January 1971, involving DC8-63 Aircraft CF-CPQ and Boeing 727 Aircraft VH-TJA—Accident investigation report by Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports, for period 1 September 1967 to 30 June 1970.

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twenty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1970–71, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Armed Services Pay—Committee of Inquiry—Other ranks—Report (No. 2). Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Nineteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

Atomic Weapons Tests Safety Committee—Report, dated May 1971, on strontium 90 and caesium 137 in the Australian environment during 1969 and some results for 1970.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—Eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-ninth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1970–71.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Twenty-third Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Forty-fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1970.

Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Second Annual Report, for year 1970–71.

Citizenship Act—Return for year 1970–71.

Commonwealth Administrative Review Committee—Report dated 25 August 1971.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1970–71.

- Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Financial statements for year 1970–71.
- Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Report for 1970.
- Defence Report 1971.
- Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1970–71.
- Department of National Development—Report for year 1970–71.
- Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Fifteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Seventeenth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1970–71.
- Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- Immigration (Education) Act—Migrant Education Programme—Report for year 1970–71.
- Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
- Inter-Parliamentary Union—Fifty-eighth Conference, The Hague, October 1970—Report of the Australian Delegation.
- Meat Industry Act—Australian Meat Board—Thirty-sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Fourteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- National Fitness Act—Report for 1970.
- National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Eleventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Town Management Ordinance 1970, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
- Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Twelfth Annual Statement, for year 1970–71.
- Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Annual Report for year 1970–71.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1971.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1971.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1970–71.
- River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1969–70.
- Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1970–71.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Twenty-third Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Twenty-third Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1970.

- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—First Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Twenty-second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.
- Social Services Act—Director-General of Social Services—Thirtieth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.
- States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act—Second Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1970–71.
- States Grants (Secondary Schools Libraries) Act—Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for 1970.
- Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1970–71, together with Summary of Recommendations and statement of action taken in respect of the Recommendations.

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G. D. ERWIN,
Chairman

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

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

14 October 1971—Message—

No. 211—National Health 1971 [No. 2].

No. 212—Apple and Pear Stabilization 1971.

No. 213—Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty 1971 (*without requests*).

No. 214—Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Collection 1971.

No. 215—Apple and Pear Organization 1971.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr Foster rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Swartz moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 26 October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnard, Mr Bate, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr J. F. Cairns*, Mr Calwell, Mr Duthie, Mr Forbes, Mr Hansen, Mr Jess, Mr Keating, Mr Killen, Mr Luchetti*, Mr Lucock*, Mr McIvor, Mr McLeay*, Mr Nicholls, Mr Nixon, Mr Scholes and Mr Snedden.

* On leave

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