

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 132

THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER 1971

1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Federal Government take immediate steps to act on behalf of all Australian people to preserve Lake Pedder in its natural state.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr Everingham and Mr Garrick, and were severally received.

Mr FitzPatrick presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House should (1) increase monetary aid for the refugees in India to at least \$10 million immediately and make provision for a further and extra grant for the victims of the famine in East Pakistan, (2) grant tax deductibility to donations of \$2 and over to Australian voluntary agencies working with the refugee problem and (3) ensure that the Australian Government does all in its power to help bring about a political settlement which would be acceptable to the people of East Pakistan.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr FitzPatrick were presented by Mr Bennett, Mr Sherry, Mr Kirwan, Mr Enderby and Mr Jenkins, and were severally received.

Mr Stewart 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 take steps to offer employment, at least on a temporary basis, in order to effect some relief, to academic and qualified persons among the refugees from Bangla Desh.

Mr Berinson, Mr Webb and Mr Bennett each 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 Pettitt presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government grant income tax deduction for donations over \$2 made towards the relief of overseas disaster areas and that this be effected with haste to ensure the maximum possible aid to those at present in refugee camps and those in danger of famine in East Pakistan.

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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Bennett also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to abolish the means test for all people who have reached retiring age or who otherwise qualify for social service benefits or pensions.

Mr Bennett also presented a petition from certain residents of Western Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to ensure provision of funds to provide for the all-weather sealing of the Eyre Highway.

Petitions severally received and read.

Mr Dobie presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will take immediate steps to release Geoff Mullen and other non-compliers with the National Service Act, and will repeal the National Service Act.

Petition received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Education Research Act—Australian Advisory Committee on Research and Development in Education—First Annual Report, for year 1970-71.

5 H.M.A.S. *Leeuwin*—INCIDENTS INVOLVING RECRUITS—REPORT OF JUDICIAL INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the findings of His Honour Judge Rapke in his inquiry into incidents involving the alleged maltreatment of recruits by other recruits at H.M.A.S. *Leeuwin*.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Beazley, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

Mr Mackay, by leave, made a further statement with reference to the matter.

6 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT: Mr Drury (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Committee of Privileges:

Report relating to a letter to the editor published in *The Australian*, 13 September 1971, together with Minutes of Proceedings.

Ordered to be printed.

Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for Thursday, 4 November 1971.

7 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

27 October 1971—Message—

No. 216—Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty 1971.

No. 217—Live-stock Slaughter Levy 1971 (*without requests*).

No. 218—Railway Agreement (Western Australia) 1971.

9 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Levy on certain Dried Vine Fruits.

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 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Collection of Levy imposed on certain Dried Vine Fruits.

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.

- 11 DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILIZATION BILL 1971: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Certain Dried Vine Fruits.  
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.
- 12 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL (No. 2) 1971: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States in Connexion with Universities.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp 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.
- 14 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1971: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp 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.
- 15 EXPORT INCENTIVE GRANTS BILL 1971: Mr Peacock (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Grants for the purpose of providing Export Incentives.  
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.
- 16 STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL 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 of South Australia and Tasmania.  
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.
- 17 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.
- 18 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY 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 Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 159, dated 30 September 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.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 12, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 13—

On the motion of Mr Hughes, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Page 5, line 30, before "matter", insert "civil".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 NORTHERN TERRITORY SUPREME COURT 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr Hughes, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 3, line 1, before "matter", insert "civil".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 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.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Territories, \$111,495,000—further considered and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Housing, \$7,235,000—

Mr Uren moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$1. Debate continued.

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

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The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 22 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the international monetary situation, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

International monetary situation—Ministerial statement, 28 October 1971.

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

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

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

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Housing, \$7,235,000—

Debate resumed on the proposed expenditure, and on the amendment moved thereto by

Mr Uren, viz.—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$1.

Mr L. R. Johnson rising to address the committee—

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

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

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

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Hallett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46

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

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

And so it was negatived.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, \$66,286,000—

Mr Daly moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$10.

Debate continued.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Drury, in the Chair)—

AYES, 40

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

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr Lloyd	Mr Snedden
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Solomon
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Swartz
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr England	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Kennedy rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Giles 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 eleven minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 October 1971, pursuant to statute:

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 4—Post and Telegraph.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1971—

- No. 24—Standard Time and Summer Time.  
No. 25—Film Classification.  
No. 26—Canberra Hospital.  
Regulations—1971—No. 7 (Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir William Aston, Mr Cross, Mr Forbes, Mr Garland, Mr Hansen, Mr Jarman, Mr Keating, Mr Luchetti\*, Mr McMahon and Mr Nicholls.

\* On leave

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