

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 136

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 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 PETITIONS: Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Gorton, Mr Duthie and Mr England each 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.

Mr L. R. Johnson and Mr Keogh 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 and Mr Hamer each 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 Fox presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Government, in order to effect relief to some, grant at least temporary entry to academic and qualified persons among those from Bangla Desh and that donations over \$2 be tax deductible when contributed towards the relief of refugees inside and outside East Pakistan.

Petitions severally received.

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.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Bennett were presented by Mr England, Mr Berinson and Mr Garrick, and were severally received.

Mr Hamer also presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Government will substantially increase and continue its aid to Pakistani refugees in India and use its influence with its friends and allies to initiate action which will lead West Pakistani authorities to withdraw their troops from East Bengal and negotiate with the provisional Government of Bangla Desh to bring about a speedy rehabilitation of the refugees in their own country.

Mr Fox also presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of products made from kangaroos be banned and the Commonwealth Government take necessary steps to have all wildlife in Australia brought under its control.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Bennett also presented a petition from certain residents of Western Australia praying that action be taken to move the Perth Airport from its present site.

Petition received and read.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1971-72—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1971-72: Message No. 165, dated 9 November 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
- Mr Snedden (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate, by leave, ensued.
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
- Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
- On the motion of Mr Snedden, the Bill was read a third time.
- 5 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 expenditures—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, \$25,048,000—
 Department of the Navy, \$261,081,000—
 Department of the Army, \$465,081,000—
 Department of Air, \$287,420,000—
 Department of Supply (including the Antarctic Division), \$112,305,000—
 General Services \$4,541,000—

together debated.

Mr Scholes moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure for the Department of Supply be reduced by \$1.

Debate continued.

Several Members 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 Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	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 Luchetti	Mr James

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

And so it was negatived.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 4 November be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Postmaster-General's Department until after the proposed expenditures for the Repatriation Department and the Department of Social Services.

Proposed expenditures—

Repatriation Department, \$374,545,000—

Department of Social Services, \$51,118,000—

together debated.

Mr Hayden moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him moving a motion for the appointment of a joint select committee.

Chairman's ruling: The Chairman (Mr Lucock) ruled that the standing orders are adopted by the House sitting as a House and cannot be amended or suspended by a committee of the whole which is a creature of the House. This is an established rule of the House. The motion is, therefore, out of order and cannot be accepted.

Mr Hayden moved—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

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

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Dobie	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Drury	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr England	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Brown	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

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

6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:

9 November 1971—Message No. 220—Supply (No. 3) 1971–72.

7 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 November 1971, pursuant to statute:

Honey Levy Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 140.

Honey Levy Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 141.

Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for post office purposes—District of Riverton, South Australia.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, Nos. 138, 139.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 84—Workers' Compensation (Amendment).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1971—

No. 27—Careless Use of Fire.

No. 28—Education.

Regulations—1971—

No. 8 (Marketable Securities Ordinance).

No. 9 (Milk Authority Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Calwell, Mr Enderby, Mr Forbes, Mr Holten, Mr Jarman, Mr Jenkins, Mr Keating*, Mr Kelly, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls, Mr Pettitt, Mr Sinclair and Mr Turner.

* On leave

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