

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 140

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 1971

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- 1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 PETITIONS: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) presented a petition from certain supporters of the Committee to Stop Duffy's Forest Airport praying that this House will at once take appropriate steps to ensure that the Government revokes the lease of the Crown Land belonging to the State of New South Wales and ceases all negotiations for purchase of 37 acres of land privately owned which comprise the 136 acres necessary for the airport site and abandon the proposal to establish an airport at Duffy's Forest.
Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration) 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, Mr Sherry and Mr Whittorn 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 Kelly presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Wakefield and Mr Giles presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Angas praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed.
Mr Giles also presented a petition from certain electors of South Australia praying that the House will amend the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and cause such machinery and plant which can be used by vigneron for bulk handling of grapes to be included in that Act as an exemption.
Mr Kirwan and Mr Webb each 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.
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 Webb and Mr Kirwan each 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 Bennett also 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.
Petitions severally received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Patterson, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General)—

Sir Alan Hulme laid upon the Table the following paper:

Document relating to appearance of Mr Matteson on Australian Broadcasting Commission television programme.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

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

23 November 1971—Message No. 234—Loan (Defence) 1971.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOLD MINING INDUSTRY: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Collard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need for the Government to provide assistance to the gold mining industry to prevent the large scale unemployment and population and economic disruption which must otherwise occur on the goldfields of Western Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Collard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE PLANT,

TENNANT CREEK, N.T.: 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 a sewerage reticulation and treatment plant, Tennant Creek, N.T.

Mr Chipp presented a plan in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Bryant moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the debate on order of the day No. 68, government business, being resumed forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54

Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr Reid
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Maisey	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	Mr Giles
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	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 Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 49

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	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 Keating	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Keogh	
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Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hamer	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Maisey	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr McLeay	
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	

Tellers:

Mr Giles
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

9 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING) 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 Uren who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of opinion that the Commonwealth Government should provide the States with adequate funds to enable them to—

- (1) meet the special housing needs of (a) low income earners, (b) pensioners, (c) migrants, (d) Aborigines and (e) deserted wives and similarly disadvantaged people and
- (2) acquire existing dwellings for restoration and allocation by rental or sale”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 51

Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Peacock
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Reid
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Bury	Mr Hamer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Solomon
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr MacKellar	Mr Swartz
Sir J. Cramer	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	Mr Giles
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 46

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

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. 173, dated 4 November 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 agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), the House adopted the report.

Mr Cairns moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—VIETNAM CONFLICT—AUSTRALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL: The following message from the Senate was reported:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 235

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives, for information, the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day:

“That the Senate of the Australian Parliament places on record its appreciation and gratitude to the personnel of all Australian forces who served in the Viet-Nam conflict for their courage, dedication and sense of duty.

“Particularly do we express our sympathy for the relatives of those Australians who gave their lives during this conflict.”

MAGNUS CORMACK,

The Senate,
Canberra, 24 November 1971

President

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That this House associates itself with Senate message No. 235 and endorses fully the sentiments expressed in the message. Debate adjourned (Mr L. H. Irwin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT 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 Uren who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of opinion that (a) a purchaser of a dwelling-house who receives financial assistance as a consequence of the *States Grants (Housing) Act 1971* should be eligible to receive a grant under the Homes Savings Grant Act and (b) the assessed value of a dwelling-house for the purposes of a homes savings grant to an eligible person should be increased to Twenty thousand dollars”.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1971

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 48

Mr Bate	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Robinson
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Snedden
Mr Brown	Mr Hallett	Mr Lucock	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hamer	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Holten	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Howson	Mr MacKellar	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hughes	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr McLeay	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr Nixon	
Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Pettitt	Mr Giles
Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Reid	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 43

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Barmard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Everingham	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Kirwan	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	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 K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 November 1971, pursuant to statute:

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 99—Liquor (Affiliated Colleges).

No. 100—Board of the Institute of Advanced Studies Amendment No. 4.

No. 101—Board of the School of General Studies Amendment No. 5.

No. 102—Academic Progress (School of General Studies) Amendment No. 1.

No. 103—Enrolment, Courses and Degrees Amendment No. 6.

No. 104—Faculties (School of General Studies) Amendment No. 11.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation purposes—Lindfield, New South Wales.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Barnes, Mr Calwell, Mr Dobie and Mr Sinclair.

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