

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 156

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 1972

- 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 Cope presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will immediately enact legislation providing for a base pension rate of 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings and other health and social service changes and initiate a public inquiry into Australia's social welfare structure.
 Petition received.
 Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the Government will not enact any law that would detract from or hinder the rights of the Aborigines to be on the lawns outside Parliament House, and that the Government instruct its officers not to interfere with the Aborigines peacefully assembled there.
 Petition received and read.
 Mr Enderby informed the House that he proposed to take action in connection with the petition, and moved—That the petition be printed.
 Question—put and passed.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **CRAFTS—COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the establishment of a committee to undertake an inquiry into the state of crafts in Australia.
 Mr Hayden, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 5 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 21 March, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
- 6 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts: One hundred and thirty-fourth Report—Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (Appropriation Acts 1970-71)—
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
- 7 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
 7 March 1972—Message—
 No. 199—Banks (Shareholdings) 1972.
 No. 200—Dairy Produce Export Control 1972.
- 8 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 9 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
 Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
 Debate ensued.
 It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 10 AGED PERSONS HOMES—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Aged persons homes—List of subsidised homes at 31 December 1971 by Commonwealth Electoral Divisions.
 Mr Wentworth, by leave, made a ministerial statement in relation to the list of subsidised homes, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Aged persons homes—Ministerial statement, 9 March 1972—
 and moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 STATES GRANTS (INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS) BILL 1972: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Beazley, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House, while not refusing a second reading to the Bill, is of the opinion that it should provide for the establishment of an Australian Schools Commission to examine and determine the needs of students in government and non-government primary, secondary and technical schools, and recommend grants which the Commonwealth should make to the States to assist in meeting the requirements of all school age children on the basis of needs and priorities”—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 12 PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATION BILL 1972: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Settlement of Matters arising out of Employment in the Public Service.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Lynch moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
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 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

FIFTEENTH 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 9 December 1971, recommends that the following be printed:

Marine Science in Australia—Report of the Interim Council of the Australian Institute of Marine Science, dated July 1971.

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act—Report of the Commonwealth Actuary on the Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Fund as at 30 June 1970.

Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Forty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1969–70.

Superannuation Fund—Ninth Quinquennial Investigation, as at 30 June 1967—Report by the Superannuation Board.

Report presented to the Board by the Commonwealth Actuary.

G. D. ERWIN,

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Chairman

Mr Erwin moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members 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 twenty-three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 21 March, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr L. F. Bowen, Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Mr MacKellar and Mr Morrison.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives