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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 160

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 1972

- 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Solomon and Mr Morrison each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will (1) take immediate steps to make emergency finance available to the States for State school education and (2) divert the large sums of public money being spent on private schools to the government school system for which the Government is truly responsible. Mr Enderby presented a petition from certain citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the words "or for preventing conception" be deleted from sub-section (1.) of section 46 of the A.C.T. Pharmacy Ordinance.
Mr L. F. Bowen presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Kingsford-Smith praying that (1) the curfew between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be rigidly enforced, (2) the use of Electra aircraft and/or jet aircraft be prohibited within the curfew hours, (3) concessional airport charges be granted to encourage aircraft operators to use their aircraft during normal business hours and (4) a social survey be taken of the area surrounding the Airport to indicate the magnitude of unrest and disturbance attributable to aircraft noise.
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 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.
Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development), Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Katter (Minister for the Army), Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy), Mr Jones, Sir John Cramer, Mr Duthie, Sir Charles Adermann, Mr Griffiths, Mr England, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Armitage, Mr Solomon, Mr Keogh, Mr Grassby, Mr Drury, Mr L. F. Bowen, Mr Whittorn, Mr Scholes, Mr Luchetti and Mr Everingham each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to call a halt to the closing of post offices and the reorganisation of the Post Office and initiate a joint parliamentary inquiry into the Postmaster-General's Department.
Mr Foster, Mr Cope, Mr James and Mr McIvor each 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.
Petitions severally received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence, owing to illness, of Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), Senator Cotton (Minister for Civil Aviation) was acting as Postmaster-General and Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service) would represent the Acting Postmaster-General in this House.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Independent schools in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory
—Statement of Commonwealth per capita grants payments for 1971.

6 MERINO RAMS—RELAXATION OF EXPORT EMBARGO: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave—That this House supports the partial relaxation of the embargo on the export of merino rams as recommended by the Australian Wool Industry Conference.

Mr Patterson moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “if a majority of wool growers affected decide by referendum or other fair means in favour of removing or relaxing the embargo”.

Debate continued.

Mr Daly rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 55

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Whitton
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	Sir W. Turnbull

NOES, 50

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 49

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

NOES, 53

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
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Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid	Sir W. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

The question—That the motion be agreed to—having been declared by the Deputy Speaker to have been passed on the voices—

Question—That the motion be agreed to—by leave, again put—

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

AYES, 53

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Solomon
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Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Kirwan	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
24 March 1972—Message No. 203—
Customs Tariff 1972.
Income Tax Assessment 1972.
Public Service 1972.
States Grants (Independent Schools) 1972.
States Grants (Capital Assistance) 1972.
Loan (Australian Wheat Board) 1972.
- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN AIRLINE POLICY: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Jones had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for an even-handed two airline policy”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Jones addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
By leave, the discussion was interrupted until a later hour this day.
- 9 DEFENCE—FUTURE PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government’s future defence programme, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
Defence—Future programme—Ministerial statement, 28 March 1972.
Australian Defence Review.
Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN AIRLINE POLICY: The discussion previously interrupted was resumed.
Discussion concluded.
- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 AUSTRALIAN FORCES IN VIETNAM 1962 TO 1972—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Chipp (Deputy Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 23 March 1972*), viz.:
Australian Forces in Vietnam 1962 to 1972—Ministerial statement, 23 March 1972—
Debate resumed.
Mr Katter (Minister for the Army) addressing the House—
Point of order: Mr Foster raised a point of order that remarks of the Minister were a reflection on Members of the Opposition.
Deputy Speaker’s ruling: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Corbett) ruled that there was no substance in the point of order.
Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Foster moved—That the ruling be dissented from.
Mr Katter, by leave, addressed the House.
Motion of dissent withdrawn, by leave.
Ordered—That Mr Katter be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 March 1972: By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Agreement establishing a Registry of Scientific and Technical Services for the Asian and Pacific Region, signed for Australia at Manila on 16 July 1971.
- (2) Agreement between Australia and South Africa concerning Postal Parcels, signed at Canberra on 13 October 1971.
- (3) Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization "INTELSAT" and Operating Agreement, signed for Australia at Washington on 20 August 1971.
- (4) Cultural Agreement between Australia and India, signed at New Delhi on 21 October 1971.
- (5) Exchange of Notes of 1 December 1971 constituting an Agreement between Australia and Malaysia and Singapore on Five Power Defence Arrangements.
- (6) Exchange of Notes of 28 January 1972 between Australia and Indonesia extending automatically from year to year the Trade Agreement signed at Djakarta on 17 December 1959.
- (7) Agreement between Australia and South Africa concerning an International Observer Scheme for land-based whaling stations, signed at Pretoria on 13 December 1971 and at Cape Town on 24 December 1971.
- (8) Cultural Agreement between Korea and Australia, signed at Seoul on 11 May 1971.
- (9) Air Transport Agreement between Australia and the Philippines, signed at Manila on 15 November 1971.
- (10) Protocol drawn up at New York on 12 March 1971 relating to an amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Article 50 (a)), signed for Australia at Montreal on 15 December 1971.

Pursuant to statute:

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 36.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Commonwealth offices purposes—Bendigo, Victoria.

Defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 35.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 37.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—

1971—No. 433—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

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No. 6—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.

No. 7—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

Nos. 8 and 9—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 10—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 21—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 22—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 24—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

No. 25—Australian Journalists' Association.

Nos. 34 and 35—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 48—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
No. 49—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemmen.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr Buchanan, Mr Bury*, Mr Calwell, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr A. D. Fraser, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Jess, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr Nixon and Mr Uren.

* On leave

N. J. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives