

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 188

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 1972

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- 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:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Defence), Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration), Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior), Mr Mackay (Minister for the Navy), Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), Mr Brown, Mr Cope, Mr Reid and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that Australia's official development assistance in 1972-73 be increased to at least \$240 million, and that Australia's aid and trade policies be reviewed to benefit developing countries.
 - Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Mr Brown and Mr Fox—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House will take immediate steps to ensure that State education is given a higher priority in the allocation of Federal funds and that emergency action be taken to solve the present acute shortage of teachers in the secondary teaching service.
 - Mr Armitage, Mr Klugman and Mr Luchetti—from certain residents of the western suburbs in the Sydney metropolitan area and surrounding districts praying that this House take appropriate steps to ensure that the Government does not proceed with the proposal to site the second twenty-four hour international airport for Sydney at Richmond or anywhere else in the far western suburbs of the metropolitan area.
 - Mr Davies, Mr Sherry and Mr Solomon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will, in regard to the use of Commonwealth funds to aid church schools, restore to the Australian people true religious freedom which can exist only when Church and State are legally separated both in form and substance.
 - Mr Foster, Mr Klugman and Mr Reynolds—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House provide the finance to enable State Education Departments and local government authorities to establish pre-school and after-school centres and facilities for training the staff for these centres.
 - Mr Fairbairn and Mr Beazley—from certain electors of New South Wales praying that this House will immediately make a substantial federal emergency grant to all State Governments for education services and carry out a public national survey to determine needs of the States after 1975.
 - Mr Armitage—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will immediately introduce legislation to grant the vote to citizens of 18, 19 and 20 years of age.
 - Mr L. F. Bowen—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—from certain employees in Parliament House, Canberra, praying that an early decision will be taken by the Government to build the new and permanent Parliament House which will, in the long run, be a more economical way to house the Parliament and which will at the same time be an impressive and proud symbol of Australia's progress and national unity.

Mr Foster—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will request that a special meeting of Cabinet be called to provide \$10 million for relief purposes in Bangla Desh and a further \$100 million over 3 years to help the reconstruction of its economy.

Mr Fox—from certain citizens of Victoria praying that the Government will take immediate action to alleviate the hardship being experienced by persons paying hospital fees for pensioner relatives hospitalised in private rest homes by allowing these fees as a concessional deduction for income tax purposes.

Mr L. K. Johnson—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.

Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that Australia's official aid to overseas countries be raised to one per cent of the gross national product, contributions to registered overseas aid organisations by Australian citizens be tax deductible and Australia's aid and trade policies be reviewed to benefit developing countries.

Mr Uren—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.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Department of Education and Science—Report for 1971.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1971.

5 COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION FUND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Snedden (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a question asked yesterday by the honourable Member for Blaxland (Mr Keating) regarding investment by the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund.

Mr Keating, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Snedden and Mr Keating, by leave, made further statements on the subject.

6 CIVIL AVIATION POLICY—RECENT GOVERNMENT DECISIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Sir Reginald Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of recent Government decisions on civil aviation policy, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Civil aviation policy—Recent Government decisions—Ministerial statement, 30 August 1972.

Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Jones be granted an extension of time.

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

7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

8 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1972-73—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House condemns the Budget because it fails to define adequate economic and social goals for Australia; and in particular because it provides no programme for restoring full employment, no means of checking the costs and prices of goods and land, no framework for improving the standards of education, health, welfare and public transport and no national plan for our capital cities and regional centres”—

Debate resumed.

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

9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Foster 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-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 August 1972, pursuant to statute:

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 105—Vice-Chancellorship Amendment No. 2.

No. 106—Faculties and Faculty Boards (Institute of Advanced Studies).

No. 107—Faculties (School of General Studies) Amendment No. 12.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr Calwell, Mr Duthie, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr A. D. Fraser, Mr Katter, Mr Turner and Mr Whittorn.

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