

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 1970

- 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 **DEATH OF SENATOR THE HONOURABLE G. C. MCKELLAR:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Senator the Honourable G. C. McKellar, and moved— That this House expresses its deep regret at the death on 13 April 1970 of the Honourable Gerald Colin McKellar, a Senator for the State of New South Wales from 1958, and a Minister of the Crown from 1964 to 1969, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
 And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr McEwen (Leader of the Australian Country Party) and other honourable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
 Question—passed.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Jarman presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
 Mr Stewart presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Lang praying that the Australian Government take positive action as soon as possible to re-establish confidence in the Commonwealth arbitration system.
 Petitions severally received and read.
 A similar petition to that presented by Mr Stewart was presented by Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Education and Science), from certain electors of the Division of Parramatta, and was received.
- 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr McMahan (Minister for External Affairs), Senator Anderson (Minister for Supply) would act as Minister for External Affairs and Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development) would represent the acting Minister in this House.
- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 **GROUNDING OF *Oceanic Grandeur*—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of details relating to the grounding of the *Oceanic Grandeur* in the Torres Strait and of safety measures that have been taken to minimise the risk of further groundings.
 Mr Jones, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
 Mr Sinclair and Mr Jones, by leave, made further statements on the subject.
- 7 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Report relating to proposed development works at H.M.A.S. *Tarangau* at Los Negros Island (Sixth report of 1970).
 Ordered to be printed.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CIVIL AVIATION (OFFENDERS ON INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT) BILL 1970: Mr Speaker reported message No. 7, dated 9 April 1970, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House of a Bill for “*An Act relating to a Convention on Offences and certain other Acts committed on board Aircraft*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 GLADSTONE POWER STATION AGREEMENT BILL 1970: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland with respect to the Construction of a Power Station at Gladstone.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Gorton moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1970: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953–1969*.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Forbes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 COMMONWEALTH SERUM LABORATORIES BILL 1970: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act 1961–1966* in relation to the Importation and Sale of certain Vaccines.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Forbes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Hayden), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 ADDITIONAL STOREHOUSE AT STORES DEPOT, TOTTENHAM, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK: 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of additional storehouse building at Stores Depot, Tottenham, Vic.
- Question—put and passed.
- 13 HIGH SCHOOLS, CASUARINA (DARWIN) AND ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.—APPROVAL OF WORK: 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of high schools at Casuarina (Darwin) and Alice Springs, N.T.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
- 14 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BLOCKS AND INFORMATION AND DISPLAY BUILDING, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK: 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of administrative office blocks, 6, 7 and 8 and an information and display building, Darwin.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.

- 15 VIETNAM MORATORIUM CAMPAIGN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Vietnam Moratorium Campaign to be held on 8, 9 and 10 May 1970, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Vietnam Moratorium Campaign—Ministerial statement, 14 April 1970—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and this House (a) affirms the right of peaceful demonstration and the right of Australian people to express opposition to the war in Vietnam, as do the great majority of governments and peoples in the world, (b) supports efforts by the United States Government to achieve disengagement from that war and (c) declares this disengagement to be an urgent need of humanity”.

Debate continued.

Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment—That all words after “House” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “affirms the right of dissent designed to change the law and Government policy by lawful and orderly processes but condemns the concept that such dissent may be properly expressed by violent demonstrations, by attacks on persons and property, and by interference with the peaceful activities of other citizens”.

Debate continued.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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 14 April 1970:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Exchange of Notes dated 27 January 1970, between Australia and Indonesia, constituting an Agreement to extend the 1959 Trade Agreement.
- (2) Agreement between Australia and the European Space Research Organisation for the provision and operation of trials facilities at Woomera, signed 10 January 1970.
- (3) Exchange of Notes dated 29 and 30 January 1970, between Australia and the United States of America, constituting an Agreement on the importation of meat into the United States of America.
- (4) Exchange of Notes dated 25 March 1970, between Australia and the United States of America constituting an Agreement, superseding the 1960 Agreement, on space vehicle tracking and communications facilities.
- (5) Amendment to the Plant Protection Agreement for the South East Asia and Pacific Region—Instrument of Acceptance deposited by Australia on 17 July 1969.

Pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—K. R. Edwards.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Immigration—J. M. W. Ip.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1970—

No. 6 (Building Ordinance).

No. 7 (Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bury, Mr J. M. Fraser, Mr Garrick, Mr Gun, Mr Holten, Mr Jenkins, Mr King, Mr McMahon and Mr Scholes.

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