

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 27

TUESDAY, 19 MAY 1970

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- 1 The House met, at one minute past three o'clock p.m. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Right Honourable P. E. Trudeau, M.P., Prime Minister of Canada, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honourable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
 - 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Whittorn presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of products made from kangaroos be banned and that legislation be passed to make the kangaroo a protected animal throughout Australia.
Petition received and read.
Mr Snedden (Minister for Labour and National Service) and Mr Garrick presented petitions from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.
Petitions severally received.
Mr Berinson presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) a joint Commonwealth-State inquiry into inequalities in Australian education, (2) the immediate financing of special programmes for low income earners and others and (3) the provision of pre-school opportunities for all children.
Petition received and read.
Mr Luchetti presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Macquarie praying that the Australian Government take positive action as soon as possible to re-establish confidence in the Commonwealth arbitration system.
Petition received and read.
 - 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration), Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin (Minister for Housing) was acting as Minister for Immigration and Mr Snedden (Minister for Labour and National Service) would represent the acting Minister in this House.
 - 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 6 **NATIONAL HEALTH BILL DEBATE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Buchanan, by leave, made a statement concerning certain remarks made by him during the debate on the National Health Bill.
 - 7 **LAW REFORM FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPER:** Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to law reform in the Australian Capital Territory and the establishment of a Law Reform Commission for the Territory, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Law reform for the Australian Capital Territory—Ministerial statement, 19 May 1970.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Connor asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: 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 Bill:

15 May 1970—Message No. 18—Parliamentary Counsel 1970.

- 9 IMMIGRATION (EDUCATION) BILL 1970: Mr Snedden (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Immigration), for Mr Lynch (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of certain Courses of Instruction for Immigrants and certain other Persons.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 10 BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL 1970: Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bills of Exchange Act 1909–1958*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hughes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1970: 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.

Mr Whittorn was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr G. D. Erwin, Mr Lynch and Mr Mackay.

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