

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 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 PETITIONS: Mr Hurford presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) the allowance of personal education expenses as a taxation deduction, (2) the removal of the present age limit in respect of the deduction for education expenses, (3) an increase in the deduction allowable for tertiary education expenses and (4) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr Webb and Mr Graham, and were severally received.

Mr L. K. Johnson presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will seek the co-operation of the States and supply extra finance to the States to enable (1) proper town planning and development to halt the increase in densely populated areas which lead to increased crime, (2) the proper staffing and equipping of police forces to enable adequate crime prevention and detection measures to reduce the frightening increase of both solved and unsolved crime, (3) the proper detection of and rehabilitation of criminals and (4) compensation to victims of crimes of violence.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr L. K. Johnson was presented by Mr Garrick, and was received.

Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the export of all kangaroo products be banned immediately.

Petition received and read.

Mr Turner presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that this House (1) immediately ban the export of products made from kangaroos, (2) strongly urge the State governments to ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes until the select committee has made its recommendations and (3) add to the Constitution a clause empowering the Commonwealth Government to act to safeguard any species of wildlife that is endangered through any cause.

Petition received.

Mr Morrison presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of St. George praying that the House seek to ensure that Commonwealth legislation bearing on censorship of films, literature and radio and television programmes is so framed and so administered as to preserve sound moral standards in the community.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition to that presented by Mr Morrison was presented by Mr Snedden (Minister for Labour and National Service), from certain electors of the Division of Bruce, and was received.

- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Interim Report, for year 1969–70.
 The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
 Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1970.
- 5 **TRACTOR BOUNTY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's intention to introduce a temporary additional bounty on local tractor manufacture as an urgent short term measure pending investigation and report by the Tariff Board.
 Mr Patterson, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 6 **SELECT COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS:** Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice—
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and make recommendations on all aspects of the provision of, and arrangements for the supply of, pharmaceutical benefits under the *National Health Act 1953–1970*, with particular reference to—
 - (a) the scope of the scheme;
 - (b) all factors contributing to the cost of the scheme; and
 - (c) the effects of the scheme on the health and welfare of the community.
 - (2) That the committee consist of seven members, four to be appointed by the Prime Minister and three to be appointed by the Leader of the Opposition.
 - (3) That every appointment of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
 - (4) That the Chairman be appointed by the Prime Minister.
 - (5) That the Chairman have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also have a casting vote.
 - (6) That the Chairman of the committee may from time to time appoint another member of the committee to be Deputy Chairman, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
 - (7) That the Deputy Chairman, when acting as Chairman, have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also have a casting vote.
 - (8) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to move from place to place.
 - (9) That the committee report to the House as soon as possible.
 - (10) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 7 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 19 (1970):** Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 19 (1970).
 Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Tariff Board—Report—Pencils, crayons and chalks.
 Ordered to be printed.

9 UREA BOUNTY 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 53, dated 20 August 1970, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BOUNTY BILLS: Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—

(a) orders of the day Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty, the Sulphuric Acid Bounty, the Pyrites Bounty and the Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Bills being called on together,

(b) a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed, and

(c) messages from the Governor-General recommending appropriations for the several Bills being then announced together.

Question—put and passed.

11 SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY, SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY, PYRITES BOUNTY, AND CELLULOSE ACETATE FLAKE BOUNTY BILLS 1970: The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—

Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bills be now passed.

Question—put and passed.

12 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUE: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced recommending appropriations of revenue for the purposes of the following Bills:

20 August 1970—Message—

No. 54—Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty 1970.

No. 55—Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1970.

No. 56—Pyrites Bounty 1970.

No. 57—Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty 1970.

13 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1970–71: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Affairs, \$81,276,600—further debated. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

14 ADJOURNMENT: It being eleven o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 16 September 1970, pursuant to statute:

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1970—No. 56—Parliamentary Powers and Privileges (Broadcasting).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Bury, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Sir John Cramer, Mr Dobie, Mr Gorton, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen, Mr Katter, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls, Mr Scholes, Mr Sinclair, Mr Solomon and Mr Whittorn.

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