

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1970

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- 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 Mackay presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings.
Mr Mackay also presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Lowe 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.
Petitions severally received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Third Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.
Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Fourteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969-70.
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1969-70, together with Summary of Recommendations and statement of action taken in respect of the Recommendations.
 - 5 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.
Question—put and passed.
 - 6 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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 by Mr Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "the Bill be withdrawn and that a Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the desirability and practicability of removing the Australian Post Office from the administrative influence of the Public Service Board and of establishing a public corporation to manage the business of the Post Office".
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 53

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	Mr Giles
Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Reid	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 50

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keating	Mr Wallis
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Foster	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr A. D. Fraser	Mr Keogh	Mr Whitlam
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 52

Mr Adermann	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Solomon
Mr Bate	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Graham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Swartz
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
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Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Calder	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Chipp	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Luchetti	Mr Duthie
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 7 POST AND TELEGRAPH 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 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 expenditures—

Department of Customs and Excise, \$28,112,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$77,867,000—

Department of Trade and Industry, \$40,030,000—

together further debated.

It being eleven o'clock p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

- 9 ADJOURNMENT: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 September 1970, pursuant to statute:

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 130.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 127.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 128, 129.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnard, Mr Brown, Mr Bury, Mr Calwell, Sir John Cramer, Mr Dobie, Mr England, Mr Hamer, Mr Hansen*, Mr Katter*, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls* and Mr Scholes.

* On leave

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