

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 70

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 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 Gun presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House make legal provision for a further undergraduate representative on the Council of the Australian National University.  
Petition received.  
Mr L. R. Johnson presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House take immediate steps to ensure that emergency finance from the Commonwealth will be given to the States for their public education services which provide schooling for 78 per cent of Australia's children.  
Mr Davies presented a petition from certain citizens of the Division of Braddon praying that the House seek to ensure that Commonwealth legislation bearing on films, literature and radio and television programmes is so framed and so administered as to give the maximum freedom to adults to choose what they will watch, read and listen to, even in the face of pressure from those who seek to impose their ideas and morals on others who do not share them.  
Petitions severally received and read.  
Petitions from certain citizens of South Australia praying that this House take immediate steps to increase the base pension rate to 30 per cent of average weekly male earnings were presented by Mr Jacobi and Mr Gun.  
Petitions severally received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:  
Audit Act—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts, for year 1969–70.  
Ordered to be printed.  
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Bankruptcy Act—Third Annual Report for year 1969–70.  
Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Forty-fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1969.  
Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Ninth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.  
Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Thirty-ninth Report, and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure certified by the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, for year 1969–70.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Australian Wine Board—Forty-second Annual Report, for year 1969–70, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1969–70.

5 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

26 October 1970—Message—

No. 89—Fisheries 1970.

No. 90—Income Tax 1970 (*without requests*).

No. 91—Income Tax (Partnerships and Trusts) 1970 (*without requests*).

No. 92—Gold-Mining Industry Assistance 1970.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: 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 Bills:

26 October 1970—Message No. 74—

Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 1) 1970.

Diesel Fuel Tax (No. 2) 1970.

Excise Tariff 1970.

Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1970.

States Grants (Mental Health Institutions) 1970.

Sheltered Employment (Assistance) 1970.

Wireless Telegraphy Regulations 1970.

Agricultural Tractors Bounty 1970.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRICES AND TRADE PRACTICES ACT:

Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Patterson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to protect the Australian consumer and export industries from rapidly increasing prices and to apply and extend the Trade Practices Act".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Patterson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK) BILL 1970: Mr Lynch (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Guarantee by the Commonwealth of the Discharge of the Obligations of the Administration of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea under a Loan Agreement made with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 21 (1970): Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 21 (1970).

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

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

Tariff Board—Report—Nitrogenous fertilisers (Interim report: Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins—Review) and nitrogenous fertilisers (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Ordered to be printed.

- 11 **DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave—That Customs Tariff Proposals No. 13 (1970) and Excise Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1970), constituting part of order of the day No. 50, government business, be discharged.  
Question—put and passed.
- 12 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 **STATES GRANTS (WATER RESOURCES MEASUREMENT) 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Corbett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 14 **AUSTRALIAN WOOL COMMISSION BILL 1970:** Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Wool Commission for purposes connected with the Marketing of Australian Wool.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Ordered—That Mr Anthony be granted an extension of time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **COMMONWEALTH PLACES (APPLICATION OF LAWS) BILL 1970:** Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Application and Administration of Laws in Places acquired by the Commonwealth for Public Purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Hughes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **BANKRUPTCY BILL 1970:** Mr Hughes (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Bankruptcy.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Hughes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1970:** Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate, by leave, ensued.  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Chipp, the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 **STATES GRANTS (WATER RESOURCES MEASUREMENT) 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. 75, dated 4 June 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 Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

20 STATES GRANTS 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 Crean addressing the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 October 1970: By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Asian and Pacific Council—

Agreement establishing an Economic Co-operation Centre for the Asian and Pacific Region, signed at Wellington on 19 June 1970.

Joint Communique of the Fifth Ministerial Meeting, Wellington, 19 June 1970.

Pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 156.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 143.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 145.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 157.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 161.

Excise Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 142.

High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 146.

Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 154.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for railway line and water pipeline purposes—County of Palmerston, Northern Territory.

Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 151.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 158, 159.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1970—

No. 77—Artificial Breeding of Stock.

No. 78—Metric Conversion.

No. 79—National Cultural Property (Preservation) (Amendment).

No. 80—Transport (Collection of Information by Authorized Persons).

No. 81—Sir Hubert Murray Stadium Trust (Amendment).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 144.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, Nos. 147, 148, 149, 160.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 150.

Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 153.

Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 152.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1970, No. 155.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Berinson, Mr Calwell, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Dobie, Mr Hamer, Mr Katter, Mr Mackay, Mr Nicholls and Mr Scholes\*.

\* On leave

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