

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 84

MONDAY, 15 MARCH 1971

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 MINISTERIAL AND DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that, on 10 March, consequent on the resignation of Mr Gorton as Prime Minister, His Excellency the Governor-General had commissioned him, as the newly elected Leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party, to form a Ministry. Pending the formation of the new Ministry, he would continue as Minister for Foreign Affairs. Mr Gorton had been sworn as Minister for Defence on 10 March.

Mr McMahon also informed the House that, on 12 March, the Prime Minister's Department and the Department of the Cabinet Office had been abolished and, in their place, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of the Vice-President of the Executive Council had been created. Mr McMahon indicated a wide range of functions, previously located in the Prime Minister's Department and the Treasury, for which the new Department of the Vice-President of the Executive Council would be responsible. The allocation to the Department of certain other functions was being examined. The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Sir Alan Hulme) would answer questions in the House on matters for which the Department of the Vice-President of the Executive Council would be responsible and the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Sir Kenneth Anderson) would answer such questions in the Senate.

3 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—PRECEDENCE TO NOTICE OF MOTION: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that he accepted the notice of motion given on 9 March by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) as a want of confidence motion for the purposes of standing order 110.

4 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice—That this House no longer has confidence in the Government.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Duthie moved—That Mr C. R. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negated.

Debate continued.

Mr Grassby rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Giles moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62

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

NOES, 58

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

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Mr Bennett	Mr Daly	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
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Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
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Mr Brown	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Hamer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahan	
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	

Tellers:

Mr Fox
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

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

Mr Scholes rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Snedden moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

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Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Klugman	
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Mr Connor	Mr Gun	Mr Martin	

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 March 1971, pursuant to statute:

Explosives Act—Explosives Areas Regulations—Order—Point Wilson—Scale of Fees.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—

Defence purposes—Williamstown, New South Wales.

Post office purposes—

Mount Isa, Queensland.

Rushworth, Victoria.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1971—

No. 6—Liquor.

No. 7—Weights and Measures.

No. 8—Inflammable Liquids.

No. 9—Legal Practitioners.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bonnett, Mr Corbett and Mr Sherry.

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