

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 116

FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1971

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1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House should cause the Australian Government to recognise the right of Australian professional people engaged in the creative and performing arts to further develop their skills and talents in Australia, and to be protected from overseas programmes in a way that will encourage an Australian television and radio industry.

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

Mr Jones 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, (4) an increase in the maintenance allowance for students and (5) the exemption of non-bonded scholarships for part-time students from income tax.

Mr Sherry presented a petition from certain electors of Australia praying that the Government revise its interpretation of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 relating to chemical agents of warfare, and declare that it regards all chemical substances employed for their toxic effects on man, animals or plants, as being included in the prohibitions laid down by that Protocol.

Mr Klugman presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that a Committee of Inquiry, on which are represented the Department of Education and Science, institutions of tertiary education, practising educators, and the Canberra community, be instituted to inquire into the form that an Australian Capital Territory Education Authority should take, the educational principles and philosophy that should underly it, and its mode of operation and administration.

Mr Foster presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Sturt praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed.

Petitions severally received.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT MINISTERS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister) informed the House that Mr Holten, in addition to his duties as Minister for Repatriation, would assist the Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mr McMahon also informed the House of the following appointments of Assistant Ministers:

- Mr Dobie to assist the Prime Minister;
- Mr King to assist the Minister for Primary Industry;
- Senator Marriott to assist the Minister for Health and Leader of the Government in the Senate;
- Mr Robinson to assist the Postmaster-General;
- Mr Street to assist the Minister for Labour and National Service, and
- Mr McLeay to assist the Minister for Civil Aviation.

Mr McMahon stated that Senator Marriott and Mr King would take up their duties after they had been sworn as Members of the Executive Council.

Mr McMahon further informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Senator Wright, Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) would act as Minister for Works and be represented in the Senate by Senator Anderson (Minister for Health).

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED—MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Armitage moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent this House considering a motion at this time to establish a select committee to inquire into and report on the allocation of land to Ministers of the Crown on which are built houses at Government expense and which enables them to make undisclosed profits.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) 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, 55

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

NOES, 47

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr Hurford	Mr Patterson
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Jones	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Klugman	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	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)—

## AYES, 47

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And so it was negatived.

- 6 MINISTERIAL HOUSING IN CANBERRA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hunt (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the policy of the Government in the provision of housing for Ministers and senior Commonwealth personnel in Canberra.

Mr Enderby, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 7 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1970.

- 8 LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Robinson be discharged from attendance on the Library Committee, and that, in his place, Mr O'Keefe be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SCHOOLS AT ALICE SPRINGS AND DARWIN, N.T.: Mr Chipp (Acting Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of primary and pre-schools at Bradshaw (Alice Springs) and Nakara (Darwin), N.T.

Mr Chipp presented plans in connection with the proposed works.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 NORTHERN TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT ROADS—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Chipp (Acting Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of Northern Territory development roads (1971 reference).

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 REPATRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1971: 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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill the House condemns the Government because—

- (1) it has failed to restore the relative values of repatriation pensions and
- (2) the Bill does not provide for the appointment of a select committee to review the Repatriation Act, its operation and all of its provisions, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Government”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 142, dated 25 August 1971, 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 Holten (Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 10 September 1971, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1971—No. 20 (Public Service Ordinance).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Calwell, Mr Cass, Mr Dobie, Mr Jenkins, Mr L. R. Johnson, Mr King, Mr Luchetti, Mr Lucock, Mr McIvor, Mr McLeay, Mr Nixon, Mr Solomon and Mr Wallis.

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J. A. PETTIFER,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives