

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 128

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 1971

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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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will (a) ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes, (b) ban the export of all kangaroo products from Australia, (c) prevent the extinction of the red kangaroo, (d) institute a scientific survey of the kangaroo population, (e) establish large national parks of good quality land as major tourist attractions and (f) take control of and be completely responsible for the management of Australia's wildlife.
Mr Chipp (Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Australian Government will grant a further \$10 million immediate aid to the East Pakistani refugees in India and will take the initiative in urging the instatement of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the elected leader of his people and in creating a political climate which will enable the refugees now in India to make a speedy, safe return to their own country.
Mr Chipp and Mr Garrick each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House (a) increase monetary aid for the East Pakistani refugees to at least \$5 million immediately, (b) encourage and sponsor teams of volunteers with needed skills and medical supplies and (c) maintain this aid for the period of the crisis. Petitions severally received.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this 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. Petition received and read.
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Whitlam were presented by Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr Connor, Mr Reynolds and Mr Grassby, and were severally received.
Mr Reid presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will provide \$10 million for relief purposes in India and East Pakistan, and a further \$50 million over 3 years to help rehabilitate the refugees in East Pakistan.
Mr King presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government grant income tax deduction for donations over \$2 made towards the relief of overseas disaster areas and that this be effected with haste to ensure the maximum possible aid to those at present in refugee camps and those in danger of famine in East Pakistan.
Mr Connor also presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House raise to \$10 million Australian aid to refugees now in India from East Pakistan and give support to all efforts to guarantee the fully autonomous development of the people of Bangla Desh. Petitions severally received.
Mr Hamer presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Government will immediately grant a further \$10 million in aid to Pakistan refugees and use all diplomatic channels available to urge the creation of a political climate in East Pakistan which will enable the nine million refugees in India to return to their homeland.

Mr Wallis presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Grey praying that the Government re-examine the question of financial assistance for the construction of the Lock-Kimba pipe line in South Australia in order that its completion can be expedited and by doing so alleviate the hardships experienced in the area due to a lack of an available and reticulated water supply.

Mr England presented a petition from certain citizens of the community of Parkes, N.S.W., praying that this House take note of the evil effects of the proposed closing of the divisional telecommunications office at Parkes and that it designate Parkes to be the divisional headquarters for the Parkes, Bathurst and Dubbo telecommunications divisions which are to be amalgamated.

Petitions severally received and read.

Mr Morrison and Mr Webb each presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the sales tax and customs duties on all forms of contraceptive devices be removed, and that all contraceptive devices be placed on the National Health Scheme Pharmaceutical Benefits list.

Mr Enderby 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.

Petitions severally received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Hayden, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science)—

Mr Fraser laid upon the Table the following paper:

The provision of special grants for capital purposes and for recurrent purposes in State primary and secondary schools—Extracts from proceedings of Conferences of Commonwealth and State Ministers, June 1970 and April 1971.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Air Navigation Act—Minister for Civil Aviation—Eleventh Annual Report, for year 1970-71.

Citizenship Act—Return for year 1970-71.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Scholes moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Corio (Mr Scholes) moving forthwith the motion relating to aid to Pakistan of which he gave notice yesterday.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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, 53

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

NOES, 48

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Foster	Mr Keogh	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Klugman	
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Morrison	Mr Cope
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson	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 Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
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Mr Brown	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Katter	Mr Staley
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Lloyd	Mr Wentworth
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And so it was negatived.

- 6 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1971 [No. 2]: 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 Hayden who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “while not opposing the second reading of the Bill, the House is of opinion that—
- (1) the Commonwealth nursing home policy is unsatisfactory because of—
 - (a) its costliness to patients and their families, and
 - (b) an inadequate provision of alternative forms of accommodation and domiciliary services;
 - (2) the system of voluntary insurance for medical services is on the point of collapse because of—
 - (a) the failure of subsidised medical benefits for low income earners,
 - (b) widespread non-observance of the most common fee, and
 - (c) the spiralling cost of medical insurance through the wasteful use of funds, and
 - (3) pharmaceutical benefits should be provided at no cost to the patient”.
- Debate continued.

Suspension of standing orders moved—Motion without notice: Mr Kennedy moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Bendigo (Mr Kennedy) moving that this House is of the opinion that a select committee should be set up immediately to investigate and recommend on health care needs of underprivileged groups in Australia.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 43

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Uren
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Kennedy	Mr Wallis
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Kirwan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	Mr Cope
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr James

NOES, 52

Sir C. Adermann	Mr England	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Solomon
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Katter	Mr Staley
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Swartz
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Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull
Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Reid	

And so it was negatived.

Debate on original question and the amendment continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 51

Sir C. Adermann	Mr Dobie	Sir A. Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Reid
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Brown	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Katter	Mr Solomon
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Kelly	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lloyd	Mr Swartz
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Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	Mr Fox
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 45

Mr Armitage	Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reynolds
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sherry
Mr Bonnett	Mr Daly	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Stewart
Mr Berinson	Mr Davies	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Everingham	Mr Jones	Mr Wallis
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Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Kirwan	
Mr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Klugman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin	Mr Cope
Mr Collard	Mr Gun	Mr Morrison	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. 154, dated 11 October 1971, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 4—

Ordered to be considered by paragraphs.

Clause to the end of paragraph (a) agreed to, after debate.

Paragraph (b) postponed.

Paragraph (c) debated and agreed to.

Postponed paragraph (b) of clause 4, and clauses 5 and 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 7 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Hallett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Health), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

8 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (TASMANIA) BILL 1971: Mr Hunt (Acting Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania with respect to certain Railway Works.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1971-72: 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 the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts, \$30,460,000—debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Hallett reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Kirwan rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 October 1971, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1971—

No. 49—Co-operative Societies.

No. 50—Encouragement of Primary Production.

No. 51—Mining (No. 2).

No. 52—Ports.

No. 53—Veterinary Surgeons.

No. 54—Marketable Securities.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr N. H. Bowen, Mr J. F. Cairns*, Mr Calwell, Mr Duthie, Mr Forbes, Mr Hansen, Mr Jess, Mr Keating, Mr Luchetti*, Mr Lucock*, Mr McIvor, Mr McLeay*, Mr Nicholls, Mr Nixon, Mr Snedden and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave

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