

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 130

TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 1971

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
- 2 **ABSENCE OF MR SPEAKER:** The Clerk having informed the House that Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees (Mr Lucock) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
- 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Webb presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House should (1) increase monetary aid for the refugees in India to at least \$10 million immediately and make provision for a further and extra grant for the victims of the famine in East Pakistan, (2) grant tax deductibility to donations of \$2 and over to Australian voluntary agencies working with the refugee problem and (3) ensure that the Australian Government does all in its power to help bring about a political settlement which would be acceptable to the people of East Pakistan.  
 Petition received and read.  
 Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government will increase Australia's aid for the refugees in East Pakistan to \$10 million and find the means by which regular and large consignments of high protein foods and vitamin additives can be sent to sustain the children who are now dying in East Pakistan.  
 Mr Garland (Minister for Supply), Mr Reid and Mr Gorton each 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.  
 Petitions severally received.  
 A similar petition to that presented by Mr Webb was presented by Mr Enderby, and was received and read.  
 Similar petitions to that presented by Mr Webb were presented by Mr Turner, Mr Stewart and Mr Solomon, and were severally received.  
 Mr Crean, Mr Gorton and Mr Garrick each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House (1) increase monetary aid for the Pakistani refugees to at least \$10 million immediately, (2) encourage and sponsor teams of volunteers with needed skills and medical supplies and (3) maintain this aid for as long as the crisis persists.  
 Mr Lloyd 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.  
 Mr Scholes and Mr Gorton each 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 Gorton, Mr McIvor and Mr Whittorn each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Government, in order to effect relief to some, grant at least temporary entry to academic and qualified persons among those from Bangla Desh and that donations over \$2 be tax deductible when contributed towards the relief of refugees inside and outside East Pakistan.

Mr Crean and Mr Garrick each presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take steps to offer employment, at least on a temporary basis, in order to effect some relief, to academic and qualified persons among the refugees from Bangla Desh.

Mr Gorton also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government go beyond the plea of the Prime Minister for magnanimity and compassion in the trial of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on charges of treason and insist on the liberty of this openly and democratically elected leader.

Mr Hamer presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Government will immediately grant a further \$10 million in aid to Pakistani 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 Hughes 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 Fox presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that this House (1) immediately ban the export of products made from kangaroos, (2) strongly urge the State governments to ban the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes until the select committee has made its recommendations and (3) add to the Constitution a clause empowering the Commonwealth Government to act to safeguard any species of wildlife that is endangered through any cause.

Mr Connor and Mr L. R. Johnson each 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.

Mr Solomon also presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Federal Government take immediate steps to act on behalf of all Australian people to preserve Lake Pedder in its natural state.

Petitions severally received.

- 4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Bryant 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 for Pakistani refugees of which he gave notice on 12 October 1971.

Debate ensued.

Mr Scholes 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 Acting Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62

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

## NOES, 52

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|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Mr Armitage      | Mr Connor      | Mr Hayden        | Mr Reynolds     |
| Mr Barnard       | Mr Cope        | Mr Hurford       | Mr Scholes      |
| Mr Beazley       | Mr Crean       | Mr Jacobi        | Mr Sherry       |
| Mr Bennett       | Mr Daly        | Mr Jenkins       | Mr Stewart      |
| Mr Berinson      | Mr Davies      | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Uren         |
| Mr Birrell       | Mr Enderby     | Mr L. R. Johnson | Mr Wallis       |
| Mr L. F. Bowen   | Mr Everingham  | Mr Jones         | Mr Webb         |
| Mr Bryant        | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Kennedy       | Mr Whitlam      |
| Mr J. F. Cairns  | Mr Foster      | Mr Keogh         |                 |
| Mr Calwell       | Mr Fulton      | Mr Kirwan        |                 |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Garrick     | Mr Klugman       |                 |
| Mr Cass          | Mr Grassby     | Mr Martin        | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cohen         | Mr Griffiths   | Mr McIvor        | Mr Duthie       |
| Mr Collard       | Mr Gun         | Mr Morrison      | 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 Acting Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 52

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| Mr Armitage      | Mr Connor      | Mr Hayden        | Mr Reynolds     |
| Mr Barnard       | Mr Cope        | Mr Hurford       | Mr Scholes      |
| Mr Beazley       | Mr Crean       | Mr Jacobi        | Mr Sherry       |
| Mr Bennett       | Mr Daly        | Mr Jenkins       | Mr Stewart      |
| Mr Berinson      | Mr Davies      | Mr L. K. Johnson | Mr Uren         |
| Mr Birrell       | Mr Enderby     | Mr L. R. Johnson | Mr Wallis       |
| Mr L. F. Bowen   | Mr Everingham  | Mr Jones         | Mr Webb         |
| Mr Bryant        | Mr FitzPatrick | Mr Kennedy       | Mr Whitlam      |
| Mr J. F. Cairns  | Mr Foster      | Mr Keogh         |                 |
| Mr Calwell       | Mr Fulton      | Mr Kirwan        |                 |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Garrick     | Mr Klugman       |                 |
| Mr Cass          | Mr Grassby     | Mr Martin        | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cohen         | Mr Griffiths   | Mr McIvor        | Mr Duthie       |
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| Sir C. Adermann    | Mr Drury        | Mr L. H. Irwin | Mr Pettitt      |
| Mr Anthony         | Mr England      | Mr Jess        | Mr Reid         |
| Mr Barnes          | Mr G. D. Erwin  | Mr Katter      | Mr Robinson     |
| Mr Bate            | Mr Fairbairn    | Mr Kelly       | Mr Sinclair     |
| Mr Bonnett         | Mr J. M. Fraser | Mr Killen      | Mr Snedden      |
| Mr N. H. Bowen     | Mr Garland      | Mr King        | Mr Solomon      |
| Mr Brown           | Mr Giles        | Mr Lloyd       | Mr Staley       |
| Mr Buchanan        | Mr Gorton       | Mr Lynch       | Mr Street       |
| Mr Bury            | Mr Graham       | Mr Mackay      | Mr Swartz       |
| Mr K. M. K. Cairns | Mr Hallett      | Mr MacKellar   | Mr Turner       |
| Mr Calder          | Mr Hamer        | Mr Maisey      | Mr Wentworth    |
| Mr D. M. Cameron   | Mr Holten       | Mr McLeay      | Mr Whittorn     |
| Mr Chipp           | Mr Howson       | Mr McMahon     |                 |
| Mr Corbett         | Mr Hughes       | Mr Nixon       | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Sir J. Cramer      | Sir A. Hulme    | Mr O'Keefe     | Mr Fox          |
| Mr Dobie           | Mr Hunt         | Mr Peacock     | Mr Turnbull     |

And so it was negatived.

## 5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Defence) having answered a question asked by Mr J. F. Cairns—

*Point of order:* Mr Cairns raised a point of order alleging that Mr Fairbairn had stated that this and other questions had been asked for the purpose of undermining security, and claimed that such a charge should only be made on a substantive motion.

*Acting Speaker's ruling:* Mr Acting Speaker stated that the question was answered in general terms and ruled that there was no substance in the point of order.

*Dissent from ruling moved:* Mr Cairns moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

**AYES, 54**

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

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

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice continued.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Loans (Qantas Airways Limited) Bill (No. 2) 1971—Text of letter to be given by Qantas Airways Ltd on the use of aircraft.

Oil industry—Report by Sir Leslie Melville, K.B.E., Commonwealth Government Arbiter, on oil industry terms and conditions for refining of indigenous crude oil on behalf of independent marketers, dated 12 October 1971

Senate Election 1970—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Sub-division in relation to the Senate Election 1970, viz.:

☐ New South Wales.

Victoria.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Western Australia.

Tasmania.

Tariff Board—Report—Grinding wheels of the depressed centre type and cutting off wheels (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Post and Telegraph Act—Australian Post Office—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970–71.

Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—

Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1970–71.

No. 5—Report for period 1 July 1970 to 21 June 1971.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1970–71.

Tobacco Industry Act—Sixteenth Annual Report, for year 1970–71.

- 7 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Stewart asked leave to make a statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 8 POST OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES—RE-ORGANISATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 26 OCTOBER 1971—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of modifications in the arrangements for re-organisation of the Australian Post Office telecommunications activities, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Post Office telecommunications activities—Re-organisation—Ministerial statement, 26 October 1971.  
Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Robinson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the outcome of the debate in the United Nations General Assembly on Chinese representation in the United Nations.  
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 10 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:  
20 October 1971—Message No. 156—  
Apple and Pear Stabilization 1971.  
Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty 1971.  
Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Collection 1971.  
Apple and Pear Organization 1971.  
National Health 1971.
- 11 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.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts, \$30,460,000—further debated.

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

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The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 12 THE ARTS IN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Government's support for The Arts and informing the House of the proposed appointment of the first Director of the National Gallery, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
The Arts in Australia—Ministerial statement, 26 October 1971.  
Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate ensued.  
Ordered—That Mr Hayden be granted an extension of time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 NATIONAL FILM AND TELEVISION TRAINING SCHOOL—ANSWER TO QUESTION, AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, answered a question asked by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) on 14 October concerning the proposals of the Interim Council for a National Film and Television Training School, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:  
National Film and Television Training School—Interim Council—  
First Report, November 1970.  
Second Report, March 1971.  
Tables of Estimates of Costs of Establishing the School.  
Text of letter, dated 28 July 1971, from the Chairman of the Council to the Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts.  
Survey of Employment Opportunities for Graduates of the Training School—Consultants' report.  
Answer by the Prime Minister to a question asked by the Leader of the Opposition on 14 October concerning the proposals of the Council for a National Film and Television Training School, 26 October 1971.  
Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1971–72: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts, \$30,460,000—further considered and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Territories, \$111,495,000—debated. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

- 15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Mr Foster 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 twenty-three minutes past 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 26 October 1971, pursuant to statute:

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 29 September 1971.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of educational reserve at Darwin.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 132.

Pig Slaughter Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 134.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1971, No. 133.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1971—

No. 322—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.

No. 347—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees' Union of Australia.

No. 348—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Laboratory Craftsmen Association.

No. 349—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

No. 350—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.

No. 351—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1971—No. 23—Milk Authority.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir William Aston, Mr Cross, Mr Forbes, Mr Hansen, Mr Jarman, Mr Keating, Mr Luchetti\* and Mr Nicholls.

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\* On leave

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