

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 135

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 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 Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service) presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the export of products made from kangaroos be banned and the Commonwealth Government take necessary steps to have all wildlife in Australia brought under its control.
- Mr Lynch also presented a petition from members of the Council for Adult Education Book Discussion Group, Rosebud, Victoria, praying that this House will ban the export of products made from kangaroos immediately, insist that State governments prohibit the commercial shooting of kangaroos and enact legislation to give the Commonwealth Government control of all native wildlife throughout Australia.
- A similar petition to the second petition presented by Mr Lynch was presented by Mr Fox from certain residents of Victoria.
- Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts) 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.
- Mr Howson also presented a petition from an elector of Victoria, praying that this House will repeal the National Service Act, remove from the record all convictions made under it, and cause Charles Martin and Geoffrey Mullen, and all others imprisoned under it, to be released and cease all further prosecutions under it.
- Mr Howson also 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 Reid presented a petition from certain residents of Australia praying that the Government will immediately increase aid by \$10 million to the Pakistani refugees, exclusive of the cost of distribution.
- Mr Gun presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Kingston praying that section twenty-six of the National Service Act be repealed.
- Mr Bennett and Mr Garrick 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 Fox and Mr Morrison each 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 Brown presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government (1) give immediate aid of at least \$10 million to help relieve the suffering of Pakistani refugees in India, (2) take the necessary diplomatic steps to seek a political solution and (3) urge the United Nations to make a more effective effort to intervene on behalf of these stricken people.

Mr Morrison also presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House seek to have Australia adopt the principle followed by Britain, Italy, Greece, Malta, The Netherlands, France, Germany, Turkey, Canada and the United States of America, which already transfer the social entitlement of their citizens wherever they may choose to live.

Mr Garrick also 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.

Petitions severally received.

Mr Bennett also presented a petition from certain residents of Western Australia praying that action be taken to move the Perth Airport from its present site.

Petition received and read.

- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Anthony (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Holten (Minister for Repatriation), Mr Swartz (Minister for National Development) would act as Minister for Repatriation.

- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Independent schools in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory—Statement of Commonwealth per capita grants payments for 1970.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1970-71.

States Grants (Teachers Colleges) Act—Annual Statement of payments under the Act, for year 1970-71.

- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Webb had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to deal with the crisis of growing unemployment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Webb addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 7 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT RELATING TO A LETTER TO THE EDITOR PUBLISHED IN *The Australian*, 13 SEPTEMBER 1971: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Committee of Privileges relating to a letter to the editor published in *The Australian*, 13 September 1971—

Mr Swartz (Leader of the House) moved—That the House agrees with the committee in its report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON ADVANCED EDUCATION BILL 1971: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Commission on Advanced Education.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION BILL 1971: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Universities Commission Act 1959-1968*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 PAPUA NEW GUINEA BILL 1971: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Territory of Papua and the Territory of New Guinea.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING) BILL 1971: Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States for the purpose of Housing.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Cairns 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.

- 12 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1971: Mr K. M. K. Cairns (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 20 of the *Homes Savings Grant Act 1964-1970*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Cairns 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.

- 13 SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL 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.

Mr Foster rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 55

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

NOES, 49

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 162, dated 18 August 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 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Patterson moved—That the clause be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Hallett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51

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

NOES, 54

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

And so it was negated.

Clause 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 Peacock (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 PYRITES BOUNTY BILL 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 163, dated 18 August 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 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Patterson moved—That the clause be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Hallett, in the Chair)—

AYES, 48

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

NOES, 56

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

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Hallett reported accordingly.

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

- 15 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 National Development, \$39,680,000—

Debate resumed by Mr Connor who moved, as an amendment—That the proposed expenditure be reduced by \$1.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 45

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

NOES, 50

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

And so it was negatived.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 16 September be varied by next considering the proposed expenditures for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Defence Services and the Postmaster-General's Department in that order.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$28,521,000—debated and agreed to.

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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

16 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:

- 3 November 1971—Message No. 164—
Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty 1971.
Live-stock Slaughter Levy 1971.
Railway Agreement (Western Australia) 1971.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

- 4 November 1971—Message No. 219—Wool (Deficiency Payments) 1971.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1971

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell, Mr Cope, Mr Enderby, Mr Forbes, Mr Holten, Sir Alan Hulme, Mr Jarman, Mr Keating*, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls, Mr Sinclair and Mr Wallis.

* On leave

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