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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 5

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 1967

- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** 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 Bill:
27 February 1967—Message No. 2—Ministers of State 1967.
- 4 **LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1967:** Mr Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a sum not exceeding Six million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars for a Defence Purpose, namely, Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EXCHANGE BUILDING, PITT STREET, SYDNEY:** Mr Kelly (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Erection of a new Exchange Building in Pitt Street, Sydney.
Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
- 6 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:
We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 7 **CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1967:** Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL 1967: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so that the Number of Members of the House of Representatives may be increased without necessarily increasing the Number of Senators.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 9 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ABORIGINALS) BILL 1967: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to omit certain words relating to the People of the Aboriginal Race in any State and so that Aborigines are to be counted in reckoning the Population.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 10 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL 1967: 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Holt (Prime Minister) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

No division being called for and there being no dissentient voice, Mr Speaker drew attention to the constitutional requirement that the Bill must be passed by an absolute majority and directed the bells to be rung.

The bells having ceased ringing, Mr Speaker again put the question and declared it in favour of the "Ayes". No division being called for and there being no dissentient voice Mr Speaker directed that the names of those Members present agreeing to the third reading be recorded, and appointed tellers.

Members agreeing to the Third Reading

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Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Harrison	Mr Munro
Mr Allan	Mr Costa	Mr Hasluck	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Courtney	Mr Haworth	Mr O'Connor
Mr Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hayden	Mr Opperman
Mr Arthur	Mr Crean	Mr Holt	Mr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Holten	Mr Peacock
Mr Barnes	Mr Curtin	Mr Howson	Mr Pearsall
Mr Beaton	Mr Daly	Mr Hughes	Mr Peters
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Benson	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Birrell	Mr Drury	Mr James	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr Stewart
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr St. John
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fairhall	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stokes
Miss Brownbill	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bryant	Mr Fox	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bury	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Turnbull
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chaney	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	Mr Whitlam
Mr Chipp	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Clark	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr Cleaver	Mr Gray	Mr McIvor	
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahan	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Minogue	Mr G. D. Erwin

Mr Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.
Bill accordingly read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 March 1967, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 22.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Vincent (Townsville), Queensland.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, Nos. 20, 21.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 9 February 1967.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Devine, Mr Jess and Mr McEwen.

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