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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 1967

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- 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 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POSTAL SECTION OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT:** 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 Government's failure to maintain the efficiency of the postal section of the Postmaster-General's Department and its failure to maintain harmonious industrial relations with the unions in the introduction of automotive processes". The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Webb addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

Suspension of sitting: At nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker left the Chair.
Resumption of sitting: At eight o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

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- 4 **PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY:** Mr Speaker reported that, accompanied by honourable Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament, agreed to by the House yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:
- MR SPEAKER,
Thank you for your Address in Reply which you have just presented to me.
It will be my pleasure and my duty to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen at once the Message of Loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which the Address gives expression.
- 5 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 28 FEBRUARY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs): That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 28 February*), viz.:
- Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 28 February, 1967—
Debate resumed.
Mr Wentworth addressing the House—
Closure of Member moved: Mr Uren moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.
Question—put.

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

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| Mr Barnard | Mr Cope | Mr Griffiths | Mr Patterson |
| Mr Beaton | Mr Courtney | Mr Hansen | Mr Peters |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Crean | Mr Hayden | Mr Uren |
| Mr Birrell | Mr Cross | Mr C. K. Jones | |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Curtin | Mr Luchetti | |
| Mr J. F. Cairns | Mr Daly | Mr McIvor | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Calwell | Mr J. R. Fraser | Mr Minogue | |
| Mr Collard | Mr Fulton | Mr Nicholls | Mr Duthie |
| Mr Connor | Mr Gray | Mr O'Connor | Mr James |

NOES, 71

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| Mr Adermann | Sir J. Cramer | Mr Hulme | Mr Opperman |
| Mr Allan | Mr Dobie | Mr L. H. Irwin | Mr Pearsall |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Drury | Mr Jess | Mr Pettitt |
| Mr Armstrong | Mr England | Mr Jessop | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Arthur | Mr Fairbairn | Mr Katter | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Barnes | Mr Fairhall | Mr Kelly | Mr Snedden |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Forbes | Sir W. Kent Hughes | Mr St. John |
| Mr Bosman | Mr Fox | Mr King | Mr Stokes |
| Mr Bowen | Mr J. M. Fraser | Mr Lee | Mr Street |
| Mr Bridges-Maxwell | Mr Freeth | Mr Lucock | Mr Swartz |
| Miss Brownbill | Mr Gibbs | Mr Lynch | Mr Turnbull |
| Mr Buchanan | Mr Gibson | Mr Mackay | Mr Turner |
| Mr Bury | Mr Hallett | Mr Maisey | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr K. M. K. Cairns | Mr Hasluck | Mr McEwen | Mr Whittorn |
| Mr Chaney | Mr Haworth | Mr McLeay | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Holten | Mr McMahon | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cleaver | Mr Howson | Mr Munro | Mr G. D. Erwin |
| Mr Corbett | Mr Hughes | Mr Nixon | Mr Killen |

And so it was negatived.

The time allowed to Mr Wentworth by standing order 91 for his speech having expired during the division—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Wentworth continuing to speak for a period not exceeding 10 minutes.

Question—put.

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

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| Mr Armstrong | Mr England | Mr Jessop | Mr Pettitt |
| Mr Arthur | Mr Fairbairn | Mr A. T. Jones | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Barnes | Mr Fairhall | Mr Katter | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Forbes | Mr Kelly | Mr Snedden |
| Mr Bosman | Mr Fox | Sir W. Kent Hughes | Mr St. John |
| Mr Bowen | Mr J. M. Fraser | Mr Killen | Mr Stokes |
| Mr Bridges-Maxwell | Mr Freeth | Mr King | Mr Street |
| Miss Brownbill | Mr Gibbs | Mr Lee | Mr Swartz |
| Mr Buchanan | Mr Gibson | Mr Lucock | Mr Turner |
| Mr Bury | Mr Hallett | Mr Lynch | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr K. M. K. Cairns | Mr Hasluck | Mr Mackay | Mr Whittorn |
| Mr Chaney | Mr Haworth | Mr Maisey | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Holten | Mr McLeay | <i>Tellers:</i> |
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Mr Wentworth continued his speech.

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

6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker reported message No. 6, dated 8 March 1967, from the Senate concurring in the resolution of the House relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory, and agreeing that the resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 March 1967, pursuant to statute:

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Devine, Mr Failes, Mr Giles and Mr Jarman.

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