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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 9

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 1967

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- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **PETITION:** Mr Arthur presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that the Australian Government increase by an immense amount its contributions to non-military overseas aid, such aid to be financed, if necessary, by increases in taxation, administered by some international organisation such as the United Nations and offered to countries without reference to political advantage or purposes, but solely on the basis of need.
Petition received.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
8 March 1967—Message—
No. 7—Constitution Alteration (Parliament) 1967.
No. 8—Constitution Alteration (Aboriginals) 1967.
 - 5 **HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave—That Mr C. K. Jones be discharged from attendance on the House Committee, and that, in his place, Mr McIvor be appointed a member of the committee.
Question—put and passed.
 - 6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES BILL AND ASSOCIATED BILLS:** Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Bill and five associated Bills—
(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and
(b) the consideration of the Bills in one committee of the whole.
Question—put and passed.
 - 7 **DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES, CUSTOMS TARIFF (No. 2), EXCISE TARIFF, INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT, PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT AND SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILLS 1967:** Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) presented the following Bills:
A Bill for an Act relating to Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities, and for other purposes;
A Bill for an Act relating to the Exemption from Duties of Customs of Goods for the use of certain Representatives of Governments of Countries other than Australia and their Staffs and Families;

A Bill for an Act relating to the Exemption from Duties of Excise of Goods for the use of certain Representatives of Governments of Countries other than Australia and their Families;

A Bill for an Act relating to the Exemption from Income Tax of Income of certain Representatives of Governments of Countries other than Australia and their Staffs and Families;

A Bill for an Act relating to the Exemption from Pay-roll Tax of Wages paid by certain Representatives of Governments of Countries other than Australia; and

A Bill for an Act relating to the Exemption from Sales Tax of Goods for the use of Governments of Countries other than Australia and for the use of certain Representatives of those Governments and their Staffs and Families.

Bills together read a first time.

Mr Hasluck moved—That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

9 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.

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

10 TARIFF BOARD REPORT—MAN-MADE FIBRES, ETC.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Tariff Board—Report—Man-made fibres and yarn, tyre cord and tyre cord fabric and interim report under the general textile reference on man-made fibres and yarn, tyre cord and tyre cord fabric—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

11 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRATION PLANNING COUNCIL—APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the honourable Member for Henty (Mr Fox) had been appointed to the position of Chairman of the Commonwealth Immigration Planning Council following the resignation of the honourable Member for Ryan (Mr Drury) from this office. Mr Snedden expressed appreciation of the services which had been rendered by Mr Drury.

- 13 MANNING OF M. V. *Jeparit*—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Chipp (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the arrangements made for naval sailors to replace members of the Seamen's Union in the manning of the M. V. *Jeparit* on a voyage to South Viet Nam.
- 14 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 28 FEBRUARY—PAPER NOTED: 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.
Question—put and passed.
- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 16 STATUTE LAW REVISION (DECIMAL CURRENCY) 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.
On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 March 1967:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency, Australia and the United States of America for the application of Safeguards, signed 26 September 1966.
- (2) Agreement between Australia and the United States of America relating to the establishment of a Joint Defence Space Research Facility, signed 9 December 1966.
- (3) Agreement between Australia and Canada relating to the Canada Pension Plan, signed 13 December 1966.
- (4) Protocol for the further prolongation of the 1958 International Sugar Agreement, signed 16 December 1966.
- (5) Exchange of Notes dated 11 January 1967, between Australia and Laos constituting an amendment to the 1963 Agreement concerning the Foreign Exchange Operations Fund for Laos.
- (6) Exchange of Notes dated 13 January 1967, between Australia and Mexico constituting an Agreement relating to Visa Fees.
- (7) Agreement and Exchange of Notes dated 6 February 1967, between Australia and the United Nations Development Programme concerning assistance from the Special Fund sector of the United Nations Development Programme for the Territory of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea.
- (8) Optional Protocol (to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations) concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, signed 18 April 1961.

Pursuant to statute:

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1967—

No. 6—Institute of Higher Technical Education 1966.

No. 7—Water Resources 1966.

No. 8—Retirement Benefits (Contract Officers) 1966.

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

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