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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 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 HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND—ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connection with the Address in Reply:

MR SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the substance of the Address in Reply which you presented to me on 8th March, 1967, has been communicated to Her Majesty The Queen.

It is The Queen's wish that I convey to you and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives Her Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which your Address gives expression.

13th April, 1967

CASEY,
Governor-General.

3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), Senator Gorton (Minister for Education and Science) would act as Minister for External Affairs. Mr Holt stated that questions in the House relating to external affairs should be addressed to him.

Mr Holt also informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) would act as Minister for Health and Mr Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) would represent the Minister for Education and Science in this House.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—First Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1966.

6 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:

13 April 1967—Message No. 10—

Statute Law Revision (Decimal Currency) 1967.

Stevedoring Industry Charge 1967.

Tasmania Grant (Gordon River Road) 1967.

Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1967.

Customs Tariff 1967.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Uren had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need, in view of the increasing overseas control of commercial undertakings and key industries and the overseas take-over of natural resources, to appoint an all-Party Parliamentary Committee to inquire into all aspects of overseas investment in Australia and how best it can be planned”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Uren addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 8 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 9 EXCHANGE BUILDING, PITT STREET, SYDNEY—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Kelly (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1913–1966, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Erection of a new telephone exchange building in Pitt Street, Sydney.
- Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 10 SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT (ASSISTANCE) 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 Sinclair (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1967: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:
- MR SPEAKER, Message No. 16
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend sections 5, 12 and 15 of the ‘Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948–1966’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
- A. M. McMULLIN,
President
- The Senate,
Canberra, 18 April 1967.
- Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 NATIONAL HEALTH 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 11, dated 12 April 1967, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 April 1967, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, Nos. 41, 42.

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.

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

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 9—Land Tenure (Transitional Provisions).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 15—Institute of Higher Technical Education.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 5—Rates.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Calwell, Mr Fulton, Mr Hasluck, Mr Jarman, Mr Jess, Mr Katter and Mr McEwen.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives