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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 33

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 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 PETITIONS: Mr Connor presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government implement Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by providing increased social service and housing benefits for the aged, the invalid, the widowed and their dependants.  
Petition received and read.  
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Dobie, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr Costa and Mr Curtin, and were severally received.
  - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1966-67—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Advance to the Treasurer for year 1966-67—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1966.  
Ordered—That the statement be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House at the next sitting.
  - 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Nineteenth Annual Report, for year 1965-66.  
Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act—Report of the Commonwealth Actuary on the Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Fund for the period 1 March 1959 to 30 June 1966.
  - 6 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided against the introduction of a Government sponsored life insurance scheme for servicemen but would seek an amendment of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits legislation to admit certain categories of servicemen who are now excluded. Mr McMahon then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits—Ministerial statement, 16 August 1967—  
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNCIL—SECOND MINISTERIAL MEETING, BANGKOK, 1967—PRESENTATION OF PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:  
 Asian and Pacific Council—Second Ministerial Meeting, Bangkok, July 1967—  
 Joint Communiqué.  
 Statement by the Rt Hon. P. M. C. Hasluck, M.P., Minister for External Affairs, at opening public session.  
 Outline of Australia's position as expressed to the Council by Mr Hasluck—and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers.
- 8 CHOWILLA DAM PROJECT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the proposal that the Chowilla Dam Project be deferred pending further investigation, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 Chowilla Dam Project—Ministerial statement, 16 August 1967—  
 and moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
 Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Chaney, by leave, also made statements, and Mr Fairbairn, by leave, made two further statements, on the matter referred to in the ministerial statement.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 STATES GRANTS (WATER RESOURCES MEASUREMENT) BILL 1967: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Measurement and Investigation of their Water Resources.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Fairbairn moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 HAYMARKET TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, SYDNEY—CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FLOORS—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 that the following proposed work be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Construction of three additional equipment floors and one plant and amenities floor to the Haymarket Telephone Exchange, Sydney.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY 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.  
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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 In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Webb, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 4, page 2, after sub-section (1.) of proposed section 6A insert the following penalty:

“Penalty: One thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding Five years.”

Clause 4, page 2, at the end of sub-section (2.) of proposed section 6A add the following paragraph:

“(e) enter into any contract agreement or arrangement for advertising, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such advertising is to be done in or in connection with an unauthorised broadcast.”.

Clause 4, page 2, lines 42 and 43, omit the penalty, insert the following penalty: “Penalty: Five hundred dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding One year.’”.

Clause 6, page 3, lines 35–37, omit the clause, insert the following clause:

“6. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting in sub-section (1.), after the words ‘Court of Summary Jurisdiction’, the words ‘having jurisdiction with respect to the offence’; and
- (b) by omitting all words after ‘section’ in sub-section (1.) and inserting in their stead the words ‘may be committed for trial or, with his consent, dealt with summarily’.”.

Proceedings  
in respect  
of offences.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

**AYES, 35**

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson
Mr Beaton	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Beazley	Mr Courtnay	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr Clark	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	Mr James

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

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) AGREEMENT 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 Deputy of the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 44, dated 16 August 1967, from His Excellency the Deputy of 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 Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

14 COMMONWEALTH PRISONERS 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.

15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

16 NAVIGATION 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.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Calwell, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Daly, Mr Failes, Mr Gibbs, Mr Jess, Mr C. K. Jones, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr McEwen and Mr Whittorn.

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