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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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No. 36

WEDNESDAY, 23 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 **CAPRICORNIA BY-ELECTION:** Mr Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the writ in connection with the by-election for the Capricornia Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House yesterday.
 - 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Curtin 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 Mackay, Mr O'Connor and Mr Costa, and were severally received.
 - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 **OSAKA EXPOSITION 1970—AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that, in response to an invitation from the Government of Japan, Australia had indicated its decision in principle to participate in a World Exposition to be held at Osaka from March to September 1970.
 - 6 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS:** Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed erection of Commonwealth Offices, Lismore, New South Wales
Report relating to the proposed erection of a Mail Exchange Building, Perth, Western Australia.
Severally ordered to be printed.
 - 7 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Cope be appointed a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, in the place of Mr Gray, deceased.
Question—put and passed.
 - 8 **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:
 - 16 Off-shore Petroleum, Uniform Legislation—Disposal of Natural Gas discovered in Bass Strait—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the papers.
 - 17 Sydney and Melbourne Airports—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

- 18 Medical Evacuation from Viet Nam—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 19 Aircraft Accident near Winton, Queensland—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 20 Visit to Japan by Minister for External Affairs—Twenty-third Session of ECAFE—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 21 Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund—Quinquennial Investigation—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 22 Withholding Tax—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 23 Northern Territory—Form of Government—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 24 Cyprus—United Nations Force—Continuation of Australian Police Element—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 25 Cost of F-111 Aircraft Programme—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 26 Television Services—Extension to additional areas—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 27 Papua and New Guinea—Proposed agreement for mining copper on Bougainville Island—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 AGED PERSONS HOMES BILL 1967 [No. 2]: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Persons Homes Act 1954-1957*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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.

- 11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1967-68—BUDGET DEBATE: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House condemns the Budget because—
- (1) it places defence costs on those least able to pay them;
 - (2) it fails to curb administrative waste and extravagance;
 - (3) it defers and retrenches development projects; and
 - (4) it allows social service and war pensioners to fall still further behind their fellow citizens”—

Debate resumed.

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

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

23 August 1967—Message No. 60—Natural Gas Pipeline (South Australia) Agreement 1967.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

* On leave.

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