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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 37

THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST 1967

- 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Australian Meat Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
 The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1966.
 Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Twenty-ninth Annual Report, for 1966.
- 4 **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 Collard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT:** Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

SECOND REPORT

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

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.

Asian and Pacific Council—Second Ministerial Meeting, Bangkok, July 1967—Joint Communique.

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.

- Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1966.
- Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Forty-first Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1966.
- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for year ended 18 March 1967.
- Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 4 February 1966 to 10 February 1967.
- Instrument of the Minister made pursuant to section five of the *Housing Loans Insurance Act* 1965–1966 declaring a class of persons to be an approved class of lenders, dated 25 July 1967.
- 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.
- Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year ended 28 February 1967.
- Representation Act—
Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth and of the several States as at 30 June 1966.
Determination, made by the Chief Electoral Officer, of the number of Members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the several States, dated 14 August 1967.
- Transport Costs in Northern Australia—Report of Committee of Investigation.
- Vinyl Resin Bounty Act—Return for year 1966–67.

B. W. GRAHAM,
Chairman

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Mr Graham moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH PRISONERS BILL 1967: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

Message No. 61

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Sentences of Imprisonment imposed on, and the Release on Parole of, certain persons convicted of Offences against Laws of the Commonwealth*", 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, 24 August 1967

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL 1967: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

Message No. 63

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905–1966' in relation to Broadcasts from Ships in Waters adjacent to Australia*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 24 August 1967

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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

24 August 1967—Message No. 62—Navigation 1967.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past 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 24 August 1967, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 111.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1967—

No. 26—Licensing (No. 2).

No. 27—Motor Vehicles (No. 4).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1967—

No. 41—Land Titles Commission.

No. 42—Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1967—

No. 171—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 172—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 173—Australian Builders Labourers' Federation.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 27—Freehold Land (Subdivision and Use).

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 110.

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