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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 38

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 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 **DEATH OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER (THE RIGHT HONOURABLE VISCOUNT BRUCE):** Mr Holt (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Right Honourable Viscount Bruce, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death on 25 August 1967 of the Right Honourable Viscount Bruce of Melbourne and Westminster Gardens in the City of Westminster, a Member of this House for the Division of Flinders from 1918 to 1929 and again from 1931 to 1933, and Prime Minister of Australia for over six years. It places on record its appreciation of his long and distinguished public service.
And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anthony (Minister for the Interior) and Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **EXCISE TARIFF BILL (NO. 2) 1967:** Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to vary the Rates of Excise Duty on Canned Fruit.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **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 Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 6 **DEFENCE FORCE PROTECTION BILL 1967:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act for the Protection of the Defence Force in respect of its Operations in or near Viet-Nam.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill 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.

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Debate resumed.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen 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 29 August 1967, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Child Welfare Ordinance 1966, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

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

Nos. 177 and 178—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 179—Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia.

No. 180—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 181—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemmen.

No. 182—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 183—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 184—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 185—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 186—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.

No. 188—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 28—Canberra Community Hospital.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Arthur, Mr Calder, Mr Calwell*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Daly, Mr Dobie, Mr Failes, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Gibbs*, Mr C. K. Jones*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes*, Mr Maisey, Mr McEwen and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave.

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