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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 42

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australian Dairy Produce Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
 - Australian Honey Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
 - Australian Wool Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
 - Christmas Island—Report for year 1965–66.
 - Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1965–66.
 - Norfolk Island—Report for year 1965–66.The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
 - States Grants (Advanced Education) Act—Statement by Minister, dated 25 August 1967, specifying additional project and estimated cost approved under Section 5 (1.) (c) of the Act—New South Wales Institute of Technology.
 - 4 **LIMITATION OF APPEALS TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to a decision of the Government to limit appeals to the Privy Council from the High Court of Australia.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
 - 5 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr Anthony (Minister for the Interior) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Lawson (Mr Failes) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
 - 6 **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.
 - 7 **MAIL EXCHANGE BUILDING, PERTH—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 Mail Exchange Building, Perth.
Question—put and passed.

- 8 COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, LISMORE, N.S.W.—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 Commonwealth Offices, Lismore, N.S.W.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BILL 1967: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Forbes (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1967 [No. 3]: 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 Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 POST AND TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 REPATRIATION BILL 1967: Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920–1966* so as to increase the Rates of Pensions payable to Children in the case of death of a Member of the Forces, and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of certain additional Payments resulting from the Increase.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Swartz 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.
- 13 STATES GRANTS (MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS) BILL 1967: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 5, 6 and 8 of the *States Grants (Mental Health Institutions) Act 1964*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Forbes 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.
- 14 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 (Miss Brownbill), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 LOAN BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of Moneys for Defence Purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

16 STATES GRANTS BILL (NO. 2) 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), 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.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 6 September 1967, pursuant to statute:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calwell*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Daly, Mr Davies, Mr Failes*, Mr Gibbs*, Mr Holten, Mr C. K. Jones*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes*, Mr McLeay, Mr St. John and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave.

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