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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 45

WEDNESDAY, 20 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the House of Representatives of the Diet of Japan, led by Mr Koshiro Ueki, was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of honourable Members, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
  - 3 **PETITION:** Mr Lynch presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the well-being of the aged, the infirm, the widowed, the deserted wives and dependent children, and the service pensioner be improved to parity with the national general living standard of the Australian people.  
Petition received.
  - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 5 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Commonwealth Railways—Interim Annual Report, for year 1966–67.  
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—Eleventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.  
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Nineteenth Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.
  - 6 **VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN OBSERVER DELEGATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Vietnamese Elections—Report of Australian Observers for the Presidential and Senate Elections held in the Republic of Viet Nam on 3 September 1967.  
Mr Hasluck, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Vietnamese Elections—Report of Australian Observer Delegation—Ministerial statement, 20 September 1967.  
Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
Question—put and passed.

- 7 SUTHERLAND WHARF, COCKATOO ISLAND DOCKYARD, 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: Reconstruction of Sutherland Wharf at Cockatoo Island Dockyard, N.S.W.  
Question—put and passed.
- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ADELAIDE AIRPORT—DEVELOPMENT OF AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO TERMINAL BUILDING: Mr Kelly (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Development of airfield pavements and extensions to the terminal building at Adelaide Airport.  
Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1967–68: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, \$31,700,000—

Department of Education and Science, \$49,197,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Postmaster-General's Department, \$341,164,000—

Broadcasting and Television Services, \$48,754,000—

together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 10 SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1967: Mr Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement relating to Sugar and certain Sugar Products made between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 INCOME TAX BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Howson 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.
- 12 INCOME TAX (PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS) BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon certain Income derived from Partnerships and Trusts.  
Bill read a first time.

Mr Howson 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.

- 13 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to Income Tax.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Howson 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.

- 14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1967–68: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Postmaster-General's Department, \$341,164,000—

Broadcasting and Television Services, \$48,754,000—

together further debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 15 INCORPORATION IN *Hansard* OF TAXATION EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker stated that earlier in the evening when an Income Tax Bill had been introduced the House had granted leave for an explanatory memorandum, circulated for the information of honourable Members, to be incorporated in *Hansard*. Mr Speaker said that in accordance with the recognised practice that the incorporation of material in *Hansard* was always subject to the approval of the Chair, he had examined the memorandum and found it to be of considerable length and in a form which did not appropriately form part of a speech. It was with considerable reluctance that he had agreed to the incorporation of the memorandum in *Hansard* and wished to make it clear that it should not be considered as in any way creating a precedent.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Wentworth asked leave to present certain papers.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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\*, Mr Daly, Mr Davies, Mr Failes\*, Mr Gibbs\*, Mr Giles, Mr Hansen, Mr James, Mr C. K. Jones\*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes\*, Mr Killen, Mr McEwen, Mr McMahan, Mr Minogue, Mr Nixon, Mr Swartz, Mr Uren and Mr Whittorn\*.

\* On leave.

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