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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1967

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- 1 The House met, at twenty minutes past three o'clock p.m. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 PETITION: Mr Munro presented a petition from certain constituents of the Electorate of Eden-Monaro praying that the House will request the Government to improve the Alpine Way and other roads constructed within the Kosciusko State Park by the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, and used by the general public, to a standard set by the N.S.W. Department of Main Roads.
Petition received and read.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that, at his invitation, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Honourable K. J. Holyoake, would visit Australia next week for the purpose of discussions between Ministers of the Australian and New Zealand Governments in relation to defence policies and other matters. Mr Holyoake would be accompanied by the New Zealand Minister for Defence, the Honourable D. Thomson.
 - 5 SENATE ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to communicate with the State Governors proposing that the next Senate elections be held on Saturday, 25 November 1967. When a reply was received from the States he would inform the House of the full timetable proposed for the elections.
 - 6 MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITALY AND AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the main features of the new Migration and Settlement Agreement signed today between Italy and Australia and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Migration and Settlement Agreement between Italy and Australia—Ministerial statement, 26 September 1967—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Question—put and passed.
 - 7 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report and financial accounts, for year ended 31 March 1967.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.

Bankruptcy Act—Thirty-ninth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for year 1966–67.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1966–67.

Social Services Act—Director-General of Social Services—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1966–67.

- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed development of airfield pavements at Rockhampton Airport, Queensland.

Ordered to be printed.

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POWER AND WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN QUEENSLAND: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Patterson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to provide financial assistance to Queensland for urgently required power and water development projects".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Patterson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 11 STATES GRANTS BILL (NO. 2) 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—Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 50, dated 7 September 1967, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 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.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Civil Aviation, \$48,654,000—

Department of Shipping and Transport, \$49,581,000—

Commonwealth Railways, \$19,761,000—

together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Fox reported accordingly.

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

- 13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 September 1967, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for postal purposes—Ettamogah, New South Wales.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1967—

No. 29—Real Property (Conversion of Titles).

No. 31—Canberra Community Hospital (No. 2).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Bonnett, Mr Buchanan, Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Calwell*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Daly, Mr Davies, Mr Failes*, Mr Gibbs*, Mr Giles, Mr James, Mr C. K. Jones*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes*, Mr Killen, Mr McMahon, Mr Minogue, Mr Nixon, Mr Uren and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave.

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