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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 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 **RETURN TO WRIT—CAPRICORNIA DIVISION:** Mr Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which he had issued on 23 August for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Capricornia, in the State of Queensland, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr George Henry Gray, and that by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Douglas Nixon Everingham had been elected.
  - 3 **AFFIRMATION BY MEMBER:** Douglas Nixon Everingham was introduced, and made and subscribed the affirmation required by law.
  - 4 **MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House of the following ministerial changes and arrangements:
 

Mr Adermann had retired from the Ministry and had been succeeded as Minister for Primary Industry by Mr Anthony, formerly Minister for the Interior.

Mr Nixon had been appointed Minister for the Interior and Mr Sinclair (Minister for Social Services) had been included in the Cabinet.

In the Senate, Senator Henty (Minister for Supply) had retired from the office of Leader of the Government in that House and Senator Gorton (Minister for Education and Science) had taken over that duty. As a consequence of the change, Senator Gorton would represent the Prime Minister in that Chamber but otherwise representational arrangements would remain unchanged.
  - 5 **PETITIONS:** Mr J. R. Fraser presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth requesting the Government to prohibit the advertising of cigarettes on broadcasting and television stations and to require that a suitable warning of the health hazard of cigarette smoking be displayed on cigarette packets and wherever cigarettes are advertised.
 

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr Cleaver, Mr Gibson, Mr Robinson and Mr D. M. Cameron, and were severally received.

Mr Fox 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 and read.

A similar petition was presented by Mr Courtney, and was received.

Mr J. R. Fraser presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that action be taken to prevent the closure of Blamey Crescent as now planned by certain authorities and that opportunity be afforded a deputation of residents to discuss the matter with the Minister.

Petition received and read.
  - 6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Tariff Board Reference on man-made fibres and yarns, etc.—Copies of letters dated 6 and 10 April, 11 and 29 May, 19, 27 and 29 June, 3 July and 6, 13, 16 and 17 October 1967, exchanged between the Minister for Trade and Industry (Mr McEwen) and the Chairman of the Tariff Board (Mr G. A. Rattigan).
- The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
- Taxation—  
Forty-sixth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1 October 1967.  
Taxation Statistics, 1965–66.
- Severally ordered to be printed.
- 8 TARIFF BOARD—ANNUAL REPORT, 1966–67—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) presented, pursuant to statute, the following paper:
- Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1966–67, together with Summary of Recommendations.
- Ordered—That the report be printed.
- Mr McEwen, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.
- Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 VIET NAM—COMMITMENT OF ADDITIONAL AUSTRALIAN FORCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement reviewing the political and military situation in South-East Asia and, in particular, in Viet Nam, and informed the House of the decisions taken by the Government to commit additional Australian forces to the war in Viet Nam. Mr Holt then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Viet Nam—Commitment of additional Australian Forces—Ministerial statement, 17 October 1967.
- Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Question—put and passed.
- 10 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT NEAR WINTON, QLD—REPORT OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
- Aircraft Accident near Winton, Qld—Report of Chairman of Board of Accident Inquiry on accident which occurred on 22 September 1966 to Viscount aircraft VH-RMI operated by Ansett-A.N.A.—
- and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.
- Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Question—put and passed.
- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
- 10 October 1967—Message No. 56—Repatriation 1967.
- 12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LOSSES SUFFERED BY FRUIT GROWERS FROM SUEZ CANAL CLOSURE: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Duthie had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for the Commonwealth to indemnify fruit growers immediately for the losses they have suffered in the Suez Canal through circumstances beyond their control”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Duthie addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.

- 13 **INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT BILL 1967:** Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Signature and Acceptance by Australia of the International Grains Arrangement, 1967.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr McEwen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT (EXTENSION) BILL 1967:** Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Signature and Acceptance by Australia of the 1967 Protocol to the International Wheat Agreement, 1962.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr McEwen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Treaties—Texts of—  
(1) International Grains Arrangement 1967.  
(2) Memorandum of agreement on basic elements for the negotiation of a World Grains Arrangement.  
(3) Protocol for the further extension of the 1962 International Wheat Agreement, signed 15 May 1967.
- 16 **WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE:** Mr J. R. Fraser withdrew the notice standing in his name under general business.
- 17 **CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1967:** Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.  
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.
- 18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 4) 1967:** Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.  
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.
- 19 **CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 5) 1967:** Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.  
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.
- 20 **INCOME TAX 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—  
Debate resumed by Mr Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “as the existing structure of tax rates and concessions has failed to keep pace with the distortion of the economy and the tax system caused by inflation, this House is of opinion that a comprehensive examination of taxation methods, both direct and indirect, should be commenced immediately with a view to the earliest possible introduction of legislation which will be consistent with present day economic conditions”.  
Debate continued.  
Amendment negatived.  
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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- The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:** Mr HOWSON (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 2, 3 and 4, government business, being called on.,  
Question—put and passed.
- 22 **INCOME TAX (PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS) 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 Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 23 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 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 Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 24 **EXCISE TARIFF 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.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 25 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr HOWSON (Minister for Air) 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.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 October 1967, pursuant to statute:

- Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 136.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 137.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 5—Immigration (Temporary Provisions).
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserves at Darwin, Northern Territory—  
Lots 2319 (Tamarind Park) and 3536.  
Nos. 964 and 1019 (Hospital Reserves).

Ordinances—1967—

- No. 34—Marketable Securities Transfer.
- No. 35—Rates Validation (Occupiers).
- No. 36—Licensing (No. 3).
- No. 37—Brands.
- No. 38—Place Names.

Regulations—1967—No. 23 (Nurses Registration Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1967—

- No. 44—Appropriation 1967–68.
- No. 45—Migration (No. 2).
- No. 46—Poisons and Dangerous Substances.
- No. 47—Valuation.
- No. 48—Workers' Compensation.
- No. 49—Papua and New Guinea Harbours Board.
- No. 50—Electoral (No. 2).
- No. 51—Electoral (Regional Electorates).
- No. 52—Electoral Provisions (Repeal).
- No. 53—Ordinances Interpretation.
- No. 54—Loan (Works, Services and Electricity).
- No. 55—Customs Tariff.
- No. 56—Customs Tariff (No. 2).
- No. 57—Excise Tariff.
- No. 58—Stamp Duties.
- No. 59—Income Tax.
- No. 60—Papua and New Guinea Copra Marketing Board.
- No. 61—Papua and New Guinea Electricity Commission.
- No. 62—Public Hospitals (Charges).
- No. 63—Business Names.
- No. 64—Quarantine.
- No. 65—National Cultural Property (Preservation).
- No. 66—Local Government (No. 3).
- No. 67—Income Tax (Rates).

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Defence—M. S. Humphrey.

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

- No. 203—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 204—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 211—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
- No. 212—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
- No. 213—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
- No. 214—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 215—Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.
- No. 216—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 217—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
- No. 219—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 220—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 221—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 222—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginem.
- No. 223—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 224—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinance—1967—No. 30—Dogs Registration.  
Regulations—1967—  
No. 9 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).  
No. 10 (Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).  
Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 138.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Bonnett, Mr Calwell, Mr Davies\*, Mr Gibbs, Mr Giles, Mr Hasluck, Mr James\*, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr McMahon, Mr Pettitt\* and Mr Whittorn.

\* On leave.

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