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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 55

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1967

- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.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 paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Commonwealth Office of Education—Report for 1966.  
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:  
National Fitness Act—Report for 1966.
- 4 **NATIONAL LIBRARIAN AND PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN—APPOINTMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the positions of National Librarian and Parliamentary Librarian would become separate offices from 1 January 1968, that Mr H. L. White, C.B.E. would be National Librarian, and that Mr A. P. Fleming, O.B.E. would be Parliamentary Librarian.  
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 5 **EDUCATION:** Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should appoint a committee to inquire into and report upon all aspects of primary, secondary and technical education in Government and non-Government schools, and that it should adopt all the recommendations by the Martin Committee on Teacher Training.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.  
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.  
Debate continued.  
The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted.  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for debate:* Mr Barnard moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of notice No. 1, general business, being continued until half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.  
Debate continued.  
*Closure moved:* Mr Bryant moved—That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 20

Mr Beaton	Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Birrell	Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Duthie
Mr Bryant	Mr Courtney	Mr Luchetti	Mr Stewart
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Cross	Mr Minogue	
Mr Clark	Mr Curtin	Mr Patterson	
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Peters	

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Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Bosman	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fairhall	Mr Katter	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Freeth	Mr King	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lee	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Haworth	Mr Mackay	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Turnbull
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for the consideration of the motion having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Bridges-Maxwell was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 21 (1967): Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 21 (1967).

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

- 7 VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITORS TO AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding visa requirements for visitors to Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Visa requirements for visitors to Australia—Ministerial statement, 19 October 1967—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 8 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1967: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1966* in relation to Industrial Matters affecting Flight Crew Officers and in relation to certain Salaries, and to alter the Title of that Act.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bury 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.

- 9 BANKING BILL 1967: Mr Bury (Acting Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Papua and New Guinea Development Bank and to the Australian Resources Development Bank Limited.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bury 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 FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS ON N.S.W. COASTAL RIVERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—  
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bury (Acting Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had agreed to increase the Commonwealth contribution for the purpose of flood mitigation works on New South Wales coastal rivers, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Flood Mitigation Works on New South Wales Coastal Rivers—Ministerial statement, 19 October 1967—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 11 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1967: Mr Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Freeth 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.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL (No. 3) 1967: Mr Forbes (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1967*.

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.

- 13 UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1967: Mr Forbes (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to States in connexion with Universities.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Forbes 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.

- 14 SUPERANNUATION (PENSION INCREASES) 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.

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

*Message from the Governor-General*: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 58, dated 5 October 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.

- 15 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS (PENSION INCREASES) 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.

*Message from the Governor-General*: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 59, dated 5 October 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.

16 PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES (INCREASES) 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 60, dated 5 October 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.

17 CUSTOMS TARIFF 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—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr J. F. Cairns be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—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.

Mr J. F. Cairns moved the following amendment: Fifth Schedule, page 13, omit the Schedule.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 35

Mr Barnard	Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls
Mr Beaton	Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor
Mr Beazley	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Clark	Mr Daly	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Minogoe	Mr Stewart

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Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jess	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr St. John
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fox	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chaney	Mr Haworth	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr McLeay	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 4) 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 representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 5) 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 representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 AGED PERSONS HOMES 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Sinclair (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 21 SUGAR AGREEMENT 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 Patterson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of opinion that the Supplemental Sugar Agreement 1967 should be amended to provide that—

(a) in order to end the discrimination against consumers located in Central and North Queensland because of the geographical location of Brisbane in the extreme South East corner of the State, the seaboard towns of Rockhampton and Townsville be included in the base price system applying to Australian capital cities as well as Launceston;

(b) the costs of any additional freights associated with the inclusion of Rockhampton and Townsville in the base price system be borne by the Queensland Government from the substantial profits made annually by the State on the Central and North Queensland Railway Divisions, so that these costs are not in any way made a charge against the sugar industry which is already being charged excessive freight rates in Central and North Queensland; and

(c) Clause 10 of the principal agreement be deleted as it is meaningless unless specifically defined, particularly as substantial losses are being currently incurred by sections of the sugar industry due to the low price on the world free market”.

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

- 22 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 nineteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

\* On leave.

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