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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

TUESDAY, 24 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 **PETITIONS:** Mr Dobie 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.
A similar petition was presented by Mr D. M. Cameron, and was received.
- 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Howson (Minister for Air), Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) would act as Minister for Air and represent in this House the Minister for Customs and Excise.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Report for year 1966–67.
Fishing Industry Act—Eleventh Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- 6 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE V.I.P. FLIGHT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 24 OCTOBER 1967, AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the operations of the Royal Australian Air Force V.I.P. Flight, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
Royal Australian Air Force V.I.P. Flight—
Ministerial statement, 24 October 1967.
List of accepted V.I.P. tasks extracted from No. 34 Squadron records for the period 1 January to 31 August 1967.
Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the ministerial statement.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **NAURU—INDEPENDENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the proposed attainment of independence by Nauru on 31 January 1968.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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

Report relating to the proposal to construct the Stage 4 extension of the Stokes Hill Power Station, Darwin.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Calder, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.

- 9 FISHERIES BILL 1967: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fisheries Act* 1952–1966.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

- 10 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Patterson, viz.*—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 resumed.

Mr Robinson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed. Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

Mr Speaker having ordered the bells to be rung for two minutes—

- 11 DEATH OF SENATOR D. C. HANNAFORD: Mr Holt (Prime Minister) announced, with regret, that Senator D. C. Hannaford, following a collapse in the Senate Chamber this afternoon, had died.

Suspension of sitting as mark of respect: As a mark of respect, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.

Resumption of sitting: At eight o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

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Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahon
Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Munro
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Pearsall
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Failes	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fox	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Freeth	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Haworth	Mr Maisey	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Turnbull

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 NATIONAL HEALTH 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. 61, dated 6 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 Forbes (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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 24 October 1967, pursuant to statute:

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

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Baden, Tasmania.

Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 140.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 139.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Calwell, Mr Davies*, Mr Gibbs, Mr Harrison, Mr Howson, Mr James*, Mr Jess, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Pettitt* and Mr Whittorn.

* On leave.

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