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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 1968

- 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 Calwell presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House take any action necessary to assist a campaign for a lasting peaceful settlement in Vietnam.
Petition received and read.
Mr Buchanan 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.
- 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of himself, Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) would act as Prime Minister. Mr Gorton also informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), Mr Freeth (Minister for Air) would act as Minister for External Affairs.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:
Australian Presiding Officers and Clerks-at-the-Table—Report of First Conference, Parliament House, Canberra, 23 to 25 January 1968.
- 6 **COMMONWEALTH DROUGHT ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining what the Government is doing to help alleviate problems in those States affected by drought, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Commonwealth Drought Assistance—Ministerial statement, 27 March 1968—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TEHERAN, 1968—AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that Australia would be represented at the International Conference on Human Rights, one of the major international events associated with the International Year for Human Rights, to be held in Teheran during April-May this year. The Australian Delegation would be led by Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) and, with other persons, would include two Members of the Commonwealth Parliament, Senator Murphy (Leader of the Opposition in the Senate) and Mr Peacock.

- 8 PRESENTATION OF INKSTAND TO PARLIAMENT OF MAURITIUS: Mr Speaker informed the House that a message of thanks had been received from the Speaker of the Parliament of Mauritius for the gift of an inkstand which had been made by the Commonwealth Parliament to the Parliament of Mauritius on the occasion of the independence of that country.
- 9 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—THIRTEENTH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—PAPER NOTED: Mr Davies, by leave, presented the following paper:
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Thirteenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda, October-November 1967—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 10 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) BILL 1968: 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.
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 Connor moved the following amendment: Clause 4, page 2, omit the clause, insert the following clause:

“4. Section 146 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (2.) the figures ‘43’ and inserting in their stead the figures ‘44’; and
(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

‘(11.) This section shall continue in force for a period of twelve months from the date of its commencement and no longer.’”.

The Barracouta and Marlin Fields Petroleum Production Licences to have effect as production licences for petroleum under this Act.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.

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

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Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairhall	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McEwen	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Mr Hasluck	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McMahan	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	

Tellers:

Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Turnbull

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (FLOOD MITIGATION) BILL 1968: 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Robinson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 13 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1968: Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953-1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr McMahon 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 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Freeth 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.
- 15 STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES) BILL 1968: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States for Science Laboratories and Equipment in Schools.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fraser 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.
- 16 NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (FLOOD MITIGATION) BILL 1968: 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr C. K. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Freeth (Minister for Air) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 March 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Post Office purposes—
Adelaide, South Australia.
Tuckey, South Australia
Waddikee, South Australia.
Whitwarta, South Australia.
Woolumbool, South Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. R. Fraser and Mr Hallett.

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