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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

THURSDAY, 4 APRIL 1968

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- 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 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 30 April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
 - 4 LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) be discharged from attendance on the Library Committee, and that, in his place, Mr Drury be appointed a member of the committee.
Question—put and passed.
 - 5 PRINTING COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Lynch (Minister for the Army) be discharged from attendance on the Printing Committee, and that, in his place, Mr Buchanan be appointed a member of the committee.
Question—put and passed.
 - 6 NATIONAL WATER CONSERVATION AND CONSTRUCTING AUTHORITY: Mr Patterson moved, pursuant to notice—That a National Water Conservation and Constructing Authority, embracing the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, be established by the Commonwealth to carry out, in association with State Governments, the systematic development of soundly based water storage projects in the major river systems serving those established and proven areas which are periodically devastated by recurring droughts.
Debate ensued.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended precedence to general business: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent precedence to general business being extended until fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
Debate continued.
The extended time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Munro 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.
 - 7 POSTPONMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Ordered—That government business be postponed until after notices Nos. 2 and 3, general business.

- 8 CANBERRA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ORDINANCE (No. 2) 1967—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE OF PART OF SECTION 6: Mr J. R. Fraser moved, pursuant to notice—That that part of section 6 of the *Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance (No. 2) 1967* that comprises proposed sections 7, 8 and 9 of the *Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance 1938-1967*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 39

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay
Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Fails	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr St. John
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr Lucock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Turnbull
Mr Chipp	Mr Haworth	Mr Maisey	

And so it was negatived.

- 9 TELEPHONE REGULATIONS—AMENDMENT—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE: Mr Devine moved, pursuant to notice—That the Amendment to Regulation 127 of the Telephone Regulations as contained in Statutory Rules 1967, No. 157, made under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1966*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
4 April 1968—Message No. 2—New South Wales Grant (Flood Mitigation) 1968.
- 11 POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL 1968: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hulme 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.
- 12 OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 1968: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Overseas Telecommunications Act 1946–1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hulme 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.
- 13 POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (No. 2) 1968: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Finances of the Post Office Services.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hulme 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.

Suspension of sitting: At eight minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker left the Chair.
Resumption of sitting: At eight o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

- 14 PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Speaker reported that, accompanied by honourable Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of the Second Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament, agreed to by the House on 26 March, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:
- MR SPEAKER,
Thank you for your Address in Reply which you have just presented to me.
It will be my pleasure and my duty to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen at once the Message of Loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which the Address gives expression.
- 15 AUSTRALIAN MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY PROTECTION—MALPRACTICES IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the protection of the Australian

motor vehicle industry and informed the House that there was evidence of malpractices in connection with the importation of motor vehicles from Japan. Mr McEwen then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Australian Motor Vehicle Industry Protection—Malpractices in connection with importation of Motor Vehicles from Japan—Ministerial statement, 4 April 1968.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

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

- 16 PRIVY COUNCIL (LIMITATION OF APPEALS) 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—Mr L. H. Irwin dissenting.

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 Bowen (Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr James be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Macarthur (Mr Bate) for refusing to withdraw an unparliamentary expression.

Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved—That the honourable Member for Macarthur be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put and passed.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 30 April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 April 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—Townsville, Queensland.

Social Services purposes—Hornsby, New South Wales.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Davies, Mr Fairhall, Mr Hallett, Mr Hasluck, Mr Killen, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls and Mr Nixon.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives