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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 1968

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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 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION DELEGATION FROM SABAH: Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation of six members of the Sabah Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, led by Dato Haji Mohd. Kassim bin Haji Hashim, P.D.K., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and including Mr Wong Lok Khiam, A.D.K., Minister of Health, was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House and the Commonwealth of Australia Branch of the Association, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a cordial welcome.
 - 3 HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND—ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following communication in connection with the Address in Reply:

MR SPEAKER,

I desire to acquaint you that the substance of the Address-in-Reply which you presented to me on the 4th April, 1968, has been communicated to Her Majesty The Queen.

It is The Queen's wish that I convey to you and Honourable Members of the House of Representatives Her Majesty's sincere thanks for the loyal message to which your Address gives expression.

CASEY,

Governor-General.

24th April, 1968

- 4 PETITION: Mr Scholes presented a petition from certain telephone subscribers of the district of Shelford in the Division of Corio praying that this House take immediate action to make it possible for all persons in rural areas to share the benefits of advanced means of communication without financial disability.
Petition received and read.
- 5 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the respective absences abroad of Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) and Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport) was acting as Minister for Trade and Industry and Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration) was acting as Attorney-General.
- 6 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—
Tribute to Dr Martin Luther King: At the request of Mr Calwell and with the agreement of Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) and Mr Speaker, but on the understanding that this departure from practice would not create a precedent, honourable Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Dr Martin Luther King, a world figure who was recently assassinated in the United States of America.
Questions without notice continued.
- 7 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1966–67.

- 8 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—
- (1) That the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory or any sub-committee thereof, when considering certain matters relating to the desirability of establishing a fruit and vegetable market in the Australian Capital Territory which were referred to the Committee on 13 March 1968, have power to move from place to place.
 - (2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence.
- Question—put and passed.
- 9 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposal for extensions to Commonwealth Offices, Brisbane.
Ordered to be printed.
- 10 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:
16 April 1968—Message No. 3—New South Wales Grant (Flood Mitigation) 1968.
- 11 NAVAL DEFENCE 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.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7 omitted, after debate.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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- The House resumed; Mr Fox reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr Kelly (Minister for the Navy), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 4, dated 28 March 1968, 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 Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE FORCES BENEFITS 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 REMOVAL OF PRISONERS (TERRITORIES) 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 OFFICERS' RIGHTS DECLARATION 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION 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.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), clause 2 was omitted, and the following clause inserted in place thereof, after debate:

“2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it Commencement.
receives the Royal Assent.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Nixon, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 April 1968 :
By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Agreement for Co-operation between Australia and the United States of America concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy—Amendment signed 11 April 1967.
- (2) Commonwealth-Ethiopian War Graves Agreement of 6 November 1967.
- (3) Protocol extending the Arrangement of 1 October 1962 regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles.
- (4) Agreement between Australia and Turkey concerning the Residence and Employment of Turkish Citizens in Australia, signed 5 October 1967.
- (5) Agreement between Australia and Malaysia relating to Air Services, signed 9 October 1967.
- (6) Treaty, of 27 January 1967, on Principles governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies.
- (7) Agreement between Australia and Singapore relating to Air Services, signed 3 November 1967.
- (8) Exchange of Notes dated 8 November 1967, between Australia and France relating to the Conduct of Balloon Launchings from Australia.
- (9) Agreement between Australia and the United Nations Children's Fund concerning co-operation in relation to projects to be carried out in the Territory of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea, signed 21 December 1967.
- (10) Exchange of Notes dated 30 January 1968, between Australia and Laos constituting a further amendment to the 1963 Agreement concerning the Foreign Exchange Operations Fund for Laos.
- (11) Fourth Procès-Verbal, of 14 November 1967, extending the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.
- (12) Third Procès-Verbal, of 14 November 1967, extending the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of the United Arab Republic to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.
- (13) Protocol, of 22 June 1964, required by Article 8 (1) (e) (ii) of the Convention for the Establishment of a European Organisation for the Development and Construction of Space Vehicle Launchers, concerning the Use of Technical Information for Purposes not Within the Field of Space Technology.

Pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—

Appointment Certificate—D. H. Harrison.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 51.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, Nos. 49, 50.

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

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 54.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for post office purposes—

District of Kanyaka, South Australia.

Staverton, Tasmania.

Walcha, New South Wales.

Norfolk Island Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 53.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1968—

No. 3—Companies.

No. 5—Food and Drugs.

No. 6—Housing.

No. 7—Local Government.

No. 8—Stamp.

- No. 9—Wildlife Conservation and Control.
No. 12—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1968—
No. 8—Retirement Benefits (Contract Officers) 1967.
No. 9—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) 1967.
No. 10—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) (No. 2) 1967.
No. 11—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) (No. 3) 1967.
No. 12—Superannuation (Pensions Increases) 1967.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 52.
Public Service Act—
Appointment—Prime Minister's Department—W. G. N. Orr.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, Nos. 47, 55.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—
1968—
No. 19—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 20—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
No. 21—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 22—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 23—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 25—C.P.S. Artisans' Association; and Association of Architects,
Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
No. 26—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 28—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1968—
No. 6—Trading Hours.
No. 7—Police Pensions.
No. 8—Trustee Companies.
Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 48.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bonnett, Mr Bowen, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr England, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr McEwen, Mr McLeay and Mr Peacock.

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