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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 14

WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY 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 PETITIONS: Mr Uren 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.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Drury, Mr Duthie and Mr Griffiths, and were severally received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 TECHNICAL TESTING AND LABORATORY CENTRE, GARDEN ISLAND, N.S.W.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1966*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Proposed new technical testing and laboratory centre, Garden Island, N.S.W.
Question—put and passed.
 - 5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HAWTHORN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE EXTENSION, VIC.: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1966*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Proposed extension of Hawthorn Telephone Exchange, Vic.
Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
 - 6 MARRIED QUARTERS FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, CANUNGRA, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1966*, it is expedient that the following proposed work should be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Erection of 48 married quarters for the Department of the Army, at Canungra, Qld.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
 - 7 UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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. 5, dated 21 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES) 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. 6, 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 DEFENCE (RE-ESTABLISHMENT) 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 Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 QUEENSLAND GRANT (MARABOON DAM) BILL 1968: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Queensland in connexion with the construction of a Dam on the Nogoa River near Emerald in that State.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fairbairn 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.

- 11 VICTORIA GRANT (RIVER MURRAY SALINITY) BILL 1968: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Victoria in connexion with Measures to reduce the Salinity of the River Murray.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fairbairn 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.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL TRAINING) 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 Buildings and Equipment for use in Technical Training in State Schools.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fraser 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.

- 13 NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1968: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Service Act 1951–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bury 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.

14 POST AND TELEGRAPH 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 by Mr Webb who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the Bill be withdrawn and that a Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the desirability and practicability of removing the Australian Post Office from the administrative influence of the Public Service Board and of establishing a public corporation to control the business of the Post Office”.

Debate continued.

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

15 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

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