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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

TUESDAY, 7 MAY 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 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) would act as Minister for Primary Industry.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
 - Ninety-fifth Report—Treasury Minutes on the Seventy-eighth, Eighty-first and Eighty-second Reports together with summaries of those reports;
 - Ninety-sixth Report—Expenditure from Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year 1966-67—
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.
 Ordered—That the reports be printed.
- 5 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 and 2 and order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED PROVISION FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1967-68—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1967-68: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 7, dated 7 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
 Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1967-68*, for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight.
 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.
- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED PROVISION FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE, 1967-68—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1967-68: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 8, dated 7 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for certain additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr McMahan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1967-68*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McMahan 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.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1968-69—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1968-69: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 9, dated 7 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr McMahan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McMahan 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.

- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURE, 1968-69—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1968-69: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 10, dated 7 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for certain expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr McMahan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McMahan 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.

- 10 IMMIGRATION—SECOND ASSISTED PASSAGES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to provide second assisted passages to certain migrants who for particular reasons had returned to their homelands. Mr Snedden stated also that a similar provision would also apply in certain instances to Australian families who had in the past settled overseas and who would like to return to Australia.

Mr C. R. Cameron and Mr C. K. Jones, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

- 11 OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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 Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (NO. 2) 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. 11, dated 5 April 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 Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Snedden (Leader of the House): That the House note take of the paper (*presented on 2 May*), viz.:
Defence—Ministerial statement, 2 May 1968—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 14 **DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1968:** Mr McMahon (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1966*, and for purposes related thereto.
Bill read a first time.
Mr McMahon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **SUPERANNUATION BILL 1968:** Mr McMahon (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922–1967* in relation to Employees who become Contributors to the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund, and for purposes related thereto.
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.
- 16 **SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH BILL (NO. 2) 1968:** Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Science and Industry Research Act 1949–1966*, as amended by the *Science and Industry Research Act 1968*.
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.
- 17 **DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Snedden (Leader of the House): That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 2 May*), viz.:
Defence—Ministerial statement, 2 May 1968—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr G. D. Erwin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
7 May 1968—Message No. 12—Privy Council (Limitation of Appeals) 1968.

- 19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS BILL 1968: Mr Speaker reported message No. 13, dated 7 May 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Customs Act 1901–1967’ for the purpose of establishing a Collectorate of Customs in the Northern Territory, and for purposes related thereto*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXCISE BILL 1968: Mr Speaker reported message No. 14, dated 7 May 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Excise Act 1901–1966’ in relation to the establishment of a Collectorate of Customs in the Northern Territory*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DISTILLATION BILL 1968: Mr Speaker reported message No. 15, dated 7 May 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Distillation Act 1901–1966’ in relation to the establishment of a Collectorate of Customs in the Northern Territory*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CANNED FRUIT EXCISE BILL 1968: Mr Speaker reported message No. 16, dated 7 May 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Canned Fruit Excise Act 1963–1966’ in relation to the establishment of a Collectorate of Customs in the Northern Territory*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COAL EXCISE BILL 1968: Mr Speaker reported message No. 17, dated 7 May 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Coal Excise Act 1949–1966’ in relation to the establishment of a Collectorate of Customs in the Northern Territory*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BEER EXCISE BILL 1968: Mr Speaker reported message No. 18, dated 7 May 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Beer Excise Act 1901–1966’ in relation to the establishment of a Collectorate of Customs in the Northern Territory*”.
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 25 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
- Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at one minute to 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 7 May 1968, pursuant to statute:

- Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for post office purposes—Lucindale, South Australia.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1968—
 - No. 1—Bean Seeds and Bean Plants.
 - No. 2—Norfolk Island Council.
 - No. 3—Immigration (Temporary Provisions).

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1968—

No. 2—Business Names.

No. 4—Explosives.

No. 10—Workmen's Compensation.

No. 11—Poisons.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Treasury—G. di Stefano.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1968—

No. 24—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 27—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 29—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 30—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

Nos. 31 and 33—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Birrell, Mr Bowen, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Giles, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr Killen, Mr McEwen, Mr Peacock and Mr Uren.

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