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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 17

WEDNESDAY, 8 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 PETITION: Mr James 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.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 CYPRUS—UNITED NATIONS FORCE—CONTINUATION OF AUSTRALIAN POLICE ELEMENT—
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Snedden (Acting Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that a further contingent of Australian police was being made available to replace the group currently serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.
Mr C. R. Cameron, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
 - 5 EXTRADITION (COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES) BILL 1968: Mr Snedden (Acting Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act 1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 6 EXTRADITION (FOREIGN STATES) BILL 1968: Mr Snedden (Acting Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Extradition (Foreign States) Act 1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 7 CUSTOMS BILL 1968: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon, the Bill was read a third time.
 - 8 EXCISE BILL 1968: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon, the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 DISTILLATION BILL 1968: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—
Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That
the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon, the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 CANNED FRUIT EXCISE BILL 1968: The order of the day having been read for the second
reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise)
moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon, the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 COAL EXCISE BILL 1968: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—
Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—
That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon, the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 BEER EXCISE BILL 1968: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—
Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That
the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Nixon, the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: 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.
Question—put and passed.
- 14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the
following Bills without amendment:
8 May 1968—Message—
No. 19—Universities (Financial Assistance) 1968.
No. 20—Northern Territory Representation 1968.
No. 21—Defence (Re-establishment) 1968.
- 15 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' FURLOUGH BILL 1968: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and
National Service), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth
Employees' Furlough Act 1943–1967* in relation to Long Service Leave for certain
Seamen.
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.
- 16 COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL 1968: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport),
by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal sections 78, 79 and 81 of the *Common-
wealth Railways Act 1917–1966* and to enact certain consequential provisions.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr C. K. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of
the day for the next sitting.

17 QUEENSLAND GRANT (MARABOON DAM) 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. 12, dated 2 May 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 Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

18 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 seven minutes past 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 8 May 1968, pursuant to statute:

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 57.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 56.

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

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