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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

THURSDAY, 9 MAY 1968

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 PETITIONS: Mr James presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government implement Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by providing increased social service and housing benefits for the aged, the invalid, the widowed and their dependants.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition was presented by Mr Gibson, and was received.

Mr Devine presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the well-being of the aged, the infirm, the widowed, the deserted wives and dependent children, and the service pensioner be improved to parity with the national general living standard of the Australian people.

Petition received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on administration of New Guinea for year 1966–67.

Northern Territory—Report for year 1965–66.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1967.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

8 May 1968—Message No. 22—States Grants (Science Laboratories) 1968.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of notice No. 1, general business, being continued until twenty-five minutes to three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

7 EDUCATION: Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice—that in the opinion of this House, the Government should appoint a committee to inquire into and report upon all aspects of primary, secondary and technical education in Government and non-Government schools, and that it should adopt all the recommendations by the Martin Committee on Teacher Training.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of standing orders—Further extended time for debate: Mr Freeth (Minister for Air) moved, by leave—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the time for the consideration of notice No. 1, general business, being further extended until fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for the consideration of the motion having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Corbett 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.

- 8 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1968: Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.

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.

- 9 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

8 May 1968—Message—

No. 13—

Income Tax (International Agreements) 1968.
Income Tax Assessment 1968.

No. 14—

Northern Territory (Administration) 1968.
Officers' Rights Declaration 1968.
Science and Industry Research 1968.
Native Members of the Forces Benefits 1968.
Removal of Prisoners (Territories) 1968.

- 10 VICTORIA GRANT (RIVER MURRAY SALINITY) 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. 15, 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.

Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved—that the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 11 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 AUSTRALIAN MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY PROTECTION—MALPRACTICES IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement with regard to discussions which had taken place with representatives of Japanese car manufacturers and the Japanese Government with respect to malpractices which had occurred in connection with the importation of motor vehicles from Japan.

Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter

13 PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT: Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

FIRST REPORT

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

- Australian Presiding Officers' and Clerks-at-the-Table—Report of First Conference, Parliament House, Canberra, 23 to 25 January 1968.
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Report of Australian Delegation to the Thirteenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, held at Kampala, Uganda, October–November 1967.
- Commonwealth Railways Act—Report by the Commissioner on the operation of the Commonwealth Railways, for year 1966–67.
- Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Sixteenth General Report of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board together with statement of accounts, for year ending 31 March 1967.
- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Forty-second Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1966–67.
- Honey Industry Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Honey Board, for year 1966–67.
- Intra-State Air Services in New South Wales—Report of Committee of Enquiry, dated 1 April 1968.
- National Radiation Advisory Committee—Report to the Prime Minister on the Biological Aspects of Fallout from French Nuclear Weapons Explosions in the Pacific, June–July 1967.
- Navigation Act—Report by the Minister of cases in which the power of the Governor-General has been exercised under section 422A of the Act for 1967.
- New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the administration of New Guinea, for year 1966–67.
- Northern Territory—Report for year 1965–66.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ports Ordinance 1967, together with statement of reasons by the Minister for withholding assent, dated 28 February 1968.
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Parliamentary Commissions of Enquiry Ordinance 1967, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
- Public Works Committee Act—Thirtieth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year ended 29 February 1968.
- River Murray Waters Act—Annual Report and financial statements of the River Murray Commission, together with the Auditor-General's Report and statements of gaugings and diversions, for year 1966–67.
- Tobacco Marketing Act—Second Annual Report of the Australian Tobacco Board together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1967.
- Vinyl Resin Bounty Act—Return for year 1967–68.

B. W. GRAHAM,
Chairman

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Mr Graham moved, by leave—that the report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

14 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA 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, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT 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. 16, dated 3 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 Nixon (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 4, government business, being called on.

Question—put and passed.

17 STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT REIMBURSEMENT) 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 17, dated 3 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 Nixon (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.

18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 9 May 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for civil aviation purposes—Gooseberry Hill, Western Australia.

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 Giles, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr Jessop, Mr A. T. Jones, Mr McEwen, Mr McIvor, Mr Nicholls, Mr Peacock, Mr Robinson and Mr Uren.

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