

1968

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

THURSDAY, 16 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 Benson presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House will make a survey of the full requirements of pensioners of all types and adopt a policy for the progressive liberalisation of the means test resulting in its removal within three years.
Petition received and read.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Fox and Mr Bryant, and were severally received. Mr C. K. Jones 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.
Mr J. F. Cairns presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the amending National Service Bill be defeated so that it may have no effect.
Petitions severally received and read.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of six projects which, under the National Water Resources Development Programme, had been selected for closer study, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
National Water Resources Development Programme—Ministerial statement, 16 May 1968.
Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Mr Patterson, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **NORTHERN TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided that the three nominated non-official Members of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory be replaced by three elected Members and that the necessary legislation would be introduced at an early date. Mr Nixon then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Northern Territory Legislative Council—Ministerial statement, 16 May 1968—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PETROL PRICES:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Connor had proposed that a definite matter of public importance

be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The prospect of progressive increases in the price of petrol and petrol products as more Australian crude oil is used for them".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Connor addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 7 COPYRIGHT BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Copyright, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 8 DESIGNS BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Designs Act 1906–1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 9 JUDGES' PENSIONS BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for Pensions for Judges and their Families.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 10 LAW OFFICERS BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 16 of the *Law Officers Act 1964*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 11 PATENTS BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act 1952–1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 1, government business, being called on and the consideration of the question, That grievances be noted, being continued for 40 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
The time allotted for the Grievance debate having expired—
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 14 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Lynch (Minister for the Army) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 28 May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
- 15 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 11 (1968) AND EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 2 (1968):
Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Trade and Industry) moved—
Customs Tariff Proposals No. 11 (1968); and
Excise Tariff Proposals No. 2 (1968).

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

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

Tariff Board—Reports—

Essential oils and other substances.

Glazed ceramic wall tiles (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Pneumatic rubber tyres (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Severally ordered to be printed.

17 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1968: Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Trade and Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.

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.

18 SPIRITS BILL 1968: Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Trade and Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Spirits Act* 1906–1966 in relation to the Use of Methylated Spirits in Scents, and in relation to the establishment of a Collectorate of Customs in the Northern Territory.

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.

19 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES) BILL 1968: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales with respect to the Railway from Parkes to Broken Hill.

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.

20 NATIONAL SERVICE 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 Jarman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

21 DEFENCE AND SPACE RESEARCH—JOINT UNITED KINGDOM—AUSTRALIA PROJECT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Supply), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the arrangement, concluded this day, for the continued operation of the Joint United Kingdom-Australia Project for the deployment of scientific and technical resources for the Australian Services and the operation and maintenance of the Range at Woomera.

22 STATES GRANTS (BEEF CATTLE ROADS) BILL 1968: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States of Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia in connexion with the construction of certain Roads to be used for the transport of Beef Cattle.

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.

23 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

16 May 1968—Message—

No. 24—Appropriation (No. 3) 1967–68 (*without requests*).

No. 25—Appropriation (No. 4) 1967–68.

No. 26—Supply (No. 1) 1968–69 (*without requests*).

No. 27—Supply (No. 2) 1968–69.

24 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE:
Mr Speaker reported message No. 28, dated 16 May 1968, from the Senate acquainting the House of the discharge of Senator Wood from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory.

Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had appointed Senator Dame Ivy Wedgwood to be a member of the Committee.

25 NATIONAL SERVICE 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.

Mr G. D. Erwin addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Haworth, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59

Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Munro
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Forbes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fox	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibbs	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Gibson	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 37

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Haworth, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairhall	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fox	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Freeth	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	

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Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1 debated.

Mr Daly moved—That the Deputy Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Drury, in the Chair)—

AYES, 34

Mr Barnard	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Clark	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	Mr James
Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	

NOES, 56

Mr Allan	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Fairhall	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Robinson	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.
Debate continued.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Clauses 1 to 13, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“ 13A. Section 29A of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words ‘any form of military service’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘military service, whether in relation to a particular war or otherwise’; and
- (b) by omitting sub-sections (3.) and (4.).”

Exemptions
on grounds of
conscientious
beliefs.

Debate ensued.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.
Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

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

16 May 1968—Message No. 29—Papua and New Guinea 1968.

27 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 half-past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 28 May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 May 1968, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1968—

No. 13—Darwin Town Area Leases.

No. 14—Motor Vehicles.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Anthony, Mr Barnes, Mr Birrell, Mr Corbett, Mr England, Mr Hasluck, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr Lucock, Mr McEwen, Mr Minogue, Mr Peacock and Mr St. John.

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