

1968

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

THURSDAY, 30 MAY 1968

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- 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: Petitions 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 were presented by Mr James and Mr Arthur.
Petitions severally received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Kooyong (Mr Peacock) on the ground of public business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
 - 5 WATERS OF GULF OF CARPENTARIA AND GREAT BARRIER REEF: Mr Patterson moved, pursuant to notice—That legislation be enacted to assert Australian territorial control over the waters of the Gulf of Carpentaria and the waters of the Great Barrier Reef.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.
Debate continued.
The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Killen 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.
 - 6 PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1968: Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941–1967* in relation to Rebates of Tax by reference to Exports.
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 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION) BILL 1968: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the payment by Australia of a Further Contribution to the International Development Association.

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.

- 8 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL (NO. 2) 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1966*, as amended by the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1968*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Freeth 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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That standing order 103 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of this period of sittings.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Snedden moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Chipp	Mr Hasluck	Mr McMahon
Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr Haworth	Mr Munro
Mr Armstrong	Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon
Mr Arthur	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Failes	Mr Jarman	Mr St. John
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibson	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 36

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 10 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' FURLOUGH BILL (No. 2) 1968: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1943-1967*, as amended by the *Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1968*, with respect to certain Leave.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1968: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922-1967* with respect to certain Leave.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 12 SUPERANNUATION BILL (No. 2) 1968: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1967* in relation to the Retrenchment of Employees and to make consequential amendments of the *Superannuation Act 1968*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 13 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—NAVAL AIR STATION, NOWRA, N.S.W.—REPLACEMENT OF ACCOMMODATION—PHASE 1: 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 replacement of accommodation—Phase 1—at the Naval Air Station, H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, Nowra, N.S.W.

Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (No. 2) 1968: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Composition of the Legislative Council of the Northern Territory of Australia and to the Assent by the Governor-General to Ordinances of that Territory.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon 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.

- 15 LOAN (AIRLINES EQUIPMENT) 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 Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House, whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, is of opinion that the financing of the purchase of aircraft by the Australian National Airlines Commission should be met from revenue and not from a loan raised overseas”.

Debate continued.

Mr Uren was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 16 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND—SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahan (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the establishment of a system of special drawing rights within the International Monetary Fund, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

International Monetary Fund—Special drawing rights—Ministerial statement, 30 May 1968.

Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Mr Crean was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 17 LOAN (AIRLINES EQUIPMENT) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Crean, viz.:* That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House, whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, is of opinion that the financing of the purchase of aircraft by the Australian National Airlines Commission should be met from revenue and not from a loan raised overseas”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr Munro
Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon
Mr Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
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Mr Calwell	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
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Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 24, dated 16 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys 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 STATES GRANTS (DESERTED WIVES) 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 Daly who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill this House is of opinion that in order to avoid delayed and unequal payments the Commonwealth should accept the responsibility of paying uniform benefits as soon as a maintenance application has been lodged or imprisonment has commenced”.

Debate continued.

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

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

30 May 1968—Message—

No. 31—Overseas Telecommunications 1968.

No. 32—Post and Telegraph (No. 2) 1968.

No. 33—Queensland Grant (Maraboon Dam) 1968.

No. 34—States Grants (Drought Assistance) 1968.

No. 35—States Grants (Drought Reimbursement) 1968.

No. 36—Victoria Grant (River Murray Salinity) 1968.

No. 37—Commonwealth Employees' Furlough 1968.

No. 38—Loans Securities 1968.

No. 39—Commonwealth Railways 1968.

20 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 twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 30 May 1968, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1968—No. 5 (Food and Drugs Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Barnard, Mr Birrell, Mr Drury, Mr Gorton, Mr Harrison, Mr Jess, Mr Peacock* and Mr Pearsall.

* On leave

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