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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 30

WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 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 **PETITIONS:** Mr Jess presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of La Trobe praying that the Government convey as urgently as possible its belief to our American allies that all aspects of the war in Vietnam should be intensified, while pursuing a policy of no compromise at the current Paris talks.
Petition received.
Mr McLeay presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that this House take any action necessary to ensure that the Government does not implement the Resolution of the United Nations Security Council imposing economic sanctions upon the Government and people of Rhodesia.
Petition received.
Mr Hansen 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 Corbett and Mr Drury, and were severally received.
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 King, Mr Everingham, Mr Courtnay, Mr Lee, Mr G. D. Erwin and Mr Peacock.
Petitions severally received.
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.
A similar petition was presented by Mr D. M. Cameron, and was received.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—SPECIAL REPORT:**
Mr Speaker (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House:
Special report on the site—August 1968.
Ordered to be printed.

- 5 EXPLANATORY MEMORANDA RELATING TO BILLS—DISTRIBUTION—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker informed the House that, in order to provide a wider distribution of all explanatory memoranda circulated upon the introduction of related Bills, he had now arranged for these memoranda to be published by the Government Printer and be available for sale and to be distributed to all those institutions and persons who receive copies of Bills.
- 6 ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1967-68—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Advance to the Treasurer for year 1967-68—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1966.
Ordered—That the statement be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House at the next sitting.
- 7 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Christmas Island—Report for year 1966-67.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966-67.
- 8 EDUCATION—NEW MEASURES ANNOUNCED IN BUDGET—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the new measures in education which were announced in the Budget Speech, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Education—New measures announced in Budget—Ministerial statement, 14 August 1968—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 MINISTER FOR REPATRIATION—MOTION OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE: Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave—That the House expresses lack of confidence in the Minister for Repatriation because he (a) has lost the confidence of ex-servicemen's organisations and ex-servicemen, (b) has failed to administer the Repatriation Act with compassion and flexibility, and (c) has failed to bring pensions and benefits to acceptable levels.
Debate ensued.
Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:
Letters dated 20 and 23 September 1966 exchanged between Mr W. K. Mooney, Chairman, No. 6 War Pensions Assessment Appeal Tribunal, and Senator the Honourable G. C. McKellar, Minister for Repatriation.
Debate continued.
Question—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon
Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibson	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahon	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chaney	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

- 10 MELVILLE REHABILITATION CENTRE—STAGE 1, W.A.—APPROVAL OF WORK: 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Rebuilding of Melville Rehabilitation Centre—Stage 1, W.A.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, BRISBANE—EXTENSIONS—APPROVAL OF WORK: 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Extensions to Commonwealth Offices, Brisbane.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MELBOURNE (TULLAMARINE) AIRPORT—AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE BASES FOR DOMESTIC AIRLINES: 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: Construction of aircraft maintenance bases for domestic airlines at Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airport.

Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT CLOTHING FACTORY, COBURG, VIC.: 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: Construction of Commonwealth Government Clothing Factory at Coburg, Vic.

Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS, GOVE, N.T.: 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: Construction of higher primary school buildings at Gove, N.T.
Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 16 PATENTS 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 Snedden—Minister for Immigration), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 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-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Benson*, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Cleaver, Mr Collard, Mr Jarman, Mr Luchetti, Mr Mackay, Mr McEwen, Mr Minogue and Mr Robinson.

* On leave

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