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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 33

WEDNESDAY, 21 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) 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.
Petitions 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 were presented by Mr Gibbs and Mr Bonnett.
Petitions severally received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Leader of the Government in the Senate had appointed Senator Prowse to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory.
- 5 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 6 NAVAL AIR STATION, NOWRA, N.S.W.—REPLACEMENT OF ACCOMMODATION—PHASE 1—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: Proposed replacement of accommodation—Phase 1—Naval Air Station, H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, Nowra, N.S.W.
Question—put and passed.
- 7 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1968–69—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of opinion that the Budget is inadequate in that it does not make provision—
(a) to lighten taxes and health costs for families and to increase benefits for them,
(b) to plan defence procurement and expenditure,
(c) to meet the problems of Australia's capital and provincial cities, and
(d) to retain control and promote development of Australia's mineral, fuel, land and marine resources”—
Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Curtin be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE:
Mr Speaker reported message No. 69, dated 21 August 1968, from the Senate acquainting the House of the discharge of Senator Dame Ivy Wedgwood 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 Withers to be a member of the committee.

- 9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Freeth (Minister for Air) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 1968

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day 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 Collard, Mr Failes, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Holten, Mr Hughes, Mr Jess, Mr A. T. Jones, Mr Luchetti, Mr Minogue, Mr Pettitt and Mr Uren.

* On leave

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