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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 34

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **HELICOPTER ACCIDENT AT BARRACOUTA PLATFORM, BASS STRAIT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Accident Investigation Report—Bell 204B Helicopter VH-UTW at Barracouta Platform, Bass Strait, on 22 March 1968.
 Mr Swartz, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Accident Investigation Report—Bell 204B Helicopter VH-UTW at Barracouta Platform, Bass Strait, on 22 March 1968—Ministerial statement, 22 August 1968—
 and moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate adjourned (Mr C. K. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **CZECHOSLOVAKIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND MOTION:** Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the armed intervention in Czechoslovakia by Russia, East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria.
 Mr Hasluck moved, by leave—That the House expresses its distress at and its abhorrence of the armed intervention in Czechoslovakia by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the East German regime, Poland, Hungary, and Bulgaria; condemns this action as a breach of the United Nations Charter and of accepted international conduct; calls for the immediate withdrawal of the forces unlawfully on Czechoslovakian territory and expresses the sympathy of the House for the people of Czechoslovakia in their ordeal.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Gorton—Prime Minister), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 5 **ABORIGINAL POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Wentworth (Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to discussions which he had had recently with various State Ministers in charge of Aboriginal Affairs concerning proposals for Aboriginal advancement, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Aboriginal Policy—Ministerial statement, 22 August 1968—
 and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 4 of the *Processed Milk Products Bounty Act 1962-1967*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS BOUNTY BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act 1963-1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1968: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Postal Charges.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Hulme 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 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.
 Debate adjourned (Mr O’Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 10 PAPER: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:
 Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with Auditor-General’s Reports thereon, for year 1967-68.
- 11 CZECHOSLOVAKIA: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs): That the House expresses its distress at and its abhorrence of the armed intervention in Czechoslovakia by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the East German regime, Poland, Hungary, and Bulgaria; condemns this action as a breach of the United Nations Charter and of accepted international conduct; calls for the immediate withdrawal of the forces unlawfully on Czechoslovakian territory and expresses the sympathy of the House for the people of Czechoslovakia in their ordeal.
 Debate resumed.
 Ordered—That Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
Suspension of standing orders—Record of names of Members in favour of the motion:
 Mr Gorton moved—That the standing orders be suspended to enable the names of those in favour of the motion to be taken down by tellers and recorded in the Votes and Proceedings so that the opinion of this House can be made known to the world.
 Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Question—That the House expresses its distress at and its abhorrence of the armed intervention in Czechoslovakia by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the East German regime, Poland, Hungary, and Bulgaria; condemns this action as a breach of the United Nations Charter and of accepted international conduct; calls for the immediate withdrawal of the forces unlawfully on Czechoslovakian territory and expresses the sympathy of the House for the people of Czechoslovakia in their ordeal—put.

Mr Speaker directed that the bells be rung. The bells having ceased ringing, Mr Speaker again put the question, and there being no dissentient voice, directed that the names of those Members agreeing to the question be recorded, and appointed tellers.

Members agreeing to the question

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr McIvor
Mr Allan	Mr Cope	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay
Mr Anthony	Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Munro
Mr Armstrong	Mr Courtney	Mr Harrison	Mr Nicholls
Mr Arthur	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hasluck	Mr Nixon
Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Haworth	Mr O'Connor
Mr Barnes	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson
Mr Beaton	Mr Curtin	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock
Mr Beazley	Mr Daly	Mr Hughes	Mr Peters
Mr Bonnett	Mr Davies	Mr Hulme	Mr Scholes
Mr Bosman	Mr Devine	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bowen	Mr Dobie	Mr James	Mr Stewart
Miss Brownbill	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr St. John
Mr Bryant	Mr England	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Buchanan	Mr Everingham	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Turnbull
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Whittorn
Mr Calder	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wilson
Mr Calwell	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lucock	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	
Mr Chaney	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr Maisey	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Graham	Mr McEwen	

Tellers:
Mr Duthie
Mr G. D. Erwin

And so the question was resolved in the affirmative.

- 12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) moved—That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six 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 22 August 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Taldra, South Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Benson*, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Collard, Mr Failes, Mr Holten, Mr Jess, Mr Jessop, Mr A. T. Jones, Mr Luchetti, Mr Minogue, Mr Pettitt, Mr Snedden and Mr Uren.

* On leave

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