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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 35

TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 1968

- 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 PETITION: Mr A. T. Jones 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.
- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence), Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) would act as Minister for Defence.
Mr Gorton also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), Senator Scott (Minister for Customs and Excise) would act as Minister for Civil Aviation and Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) would handle Civil Aviation matters in this House.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Australian Honey Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Twentieth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1967.
- 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed extension of Pier Telephone Exchange, Perth.
Report relating to the proposed provision of engineering services to Neighbourhood Unit No. 3, Casuarina District, Darwin—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.
Ordered—That the reports be printed.
- 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 Gorton (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.

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

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE SITE: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 70

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate on Thursday, 22 August 1968, viz.:

“That the Senate is of the opinion that the new and permanent Parliament House should be situated on Capital Hill.”.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 27 August 1968

- 9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 August 1968, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 90.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—J. W. Trent.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, Nos. 91, 96.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 94.

Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for post office purposes—Campbelltown, South Australia.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 95.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 92.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 93.

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

* On leave

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