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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 36

WEDNESDAY, 28 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 DEATH OF PRINCESS MARINA—ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) referred, with deep regret, to the death of Her Majesty's aunt, Her Royal Highness Princess Marina, which occurred on 27 August, and moved—that an Address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the following terms be agreed to:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:
 MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, have learned with heartfelt sorrow of the death of Your Aunt, Her Royal Highness Princess Marina. On behalf of Your people throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, we express deep sympathy to Your Majesty and Members of the Royal Family in the loss which you have sustained.

And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
 Question—passed.

3 PETITIONS: Mr Bryant presented a petition from certain members of the Portuguese community in Melbourne praying that this House take any action necessary to assist in obtaining a commutation of the death sentence passed on Jose Manuel da Costa. Mr Crean 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.
 Petitions severally received and read.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Forty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1967–68.

6 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.

Mr Street 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.

7 CZECHOSLOVAKIAN MIGRANTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that every help would be offered to Czechoslovakians who wished to come to Australia for re-settlement.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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Debate resumed.

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

9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—that the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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 Barnes, Mr Benson*, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Collard, Mr Fairhall, Mr Holten, Mr Katter, Mr Luchetti, Mr Minogue and Mr Swartz.

* On leave

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