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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 37

THURSDAY, 29 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 PETITION: Mr Hayden 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.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Tariff Board—Report—Pigments and colour lakes (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
Ordered to be printed.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1967.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Forty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1967–68, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- 5 TELEVISION SERVICE FOR CAIRNS AND SURROUNDING AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the establishment of a permanent television service for Cairns and surrounding areas in north Queensland, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Television service for Cairns and surrounding areas—Ministerial statement, 29 August 1968—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 ARMED SERVICES—REVISED PAY STRUCTURE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hulme (Acting Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to a revised pay structure which had been approved by the Government for other rank personnel in the Armed Services, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Armed Services—Revised pay structure—Ministerial statement, 29 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.
- 7 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 10 September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

- 8 LAPSE OF NOTICE: Upon notice No. 1, government business, being called on and not being proceeded with, it was, under standing order 159, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
- 9 LAPSE OF NOTICE: Upon notice No. 2, government business, being called on and not being proceeded with, it was, under standing order 159, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
- 10 WAYMOUTH TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING, ADELAIDE—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: Erection of Waymouth Telephone Exchange Building, Adelaide.
Question—put and passed.
- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 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.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Failes	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr St. John
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr Mackay	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Maisey	
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr McEwen	
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hasluck	Mr McMahan	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Haworth	Mr Munro	
Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	

Tellers:

Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Turnbull

NOES, 34

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Courtney	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Daly	Mr McIvor	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson	

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

- Parliament.
- Department of the Treasury, and } together.
- Advance to the Treasurer
- Department of External Affairs.
- Attorney-General's Department.
- Department of Civil Aviation.
- Department of Customs and Excise; } together.
- Department of Primary Industry, and
- Department of Trade and Industry
- Department of Education and Science.
- Department of External Territories.
- Department of Health.
- Department of Housing.
- Department of Immigration.
- Department of the Interior.
- Department of Labour and National Service.
- Department of National Development.
- Postmaster-General's Department.
- Defence Services—
- Department of Defence; } together.
- Department of the Navy;
- Department of the Army;
- Department of Air;
- Department of Supply, and
- General Services
- Prime Minister's Department, and } together.
- Department of the Cabinet Office
- Repatriation Department, and } together.
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Shipping and Transport.
- Department of Works.

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$4,719,000—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

13 PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT: Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

THIRD REPORT

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and another Paper presented to Parliament in 1967, recommends that the following be printed:

Accident Investigation Report—Bell 204B Helicopter VH-UTW at Barra-couta Platform, Bass Strait, on 22 March 1968.

- Advance to the Treasurer—Statement for the year 1967–68 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto, pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1966.
- Asian and Pacific Council—Third Ministerial Meeting, Canberra, 1968—Joint Communique.
- Agreement, dated 1 August 1968, between Australia and other Member countries, establishing a Cultural and Social Centre for the Asian and Pacific Region.
- Australian National University Act—Annual Report of the Council of the Australian National University, together with financial statements, for 1967.
- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for year ended 18 March 1968.
- Christmas Island—Report for year 1966–67.
- Defence Report 1967.
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Australian Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1967–68.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—Forty-fifth Annual Report of the National Debt Commission, for year 1967–68.
- Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1967–68.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Administrative Actions (Investigation) Ordinance 1968, together with statement of reasons by the Minister for withholding assent.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Post Office Prospects and Capital Programme 1968–69—First Annual Statement by the Postmaster-General on the estimated financial results and capital expenditure of Post Office services for years 1967–68 and 1968–69.
- Pyrites Bounty Act—Return for year 1967–68.
- Services Trust Funds Act—Twentieth Annual Report of the Services Canteens Trust Fund, together with the Auditor-General's Report on accounts for 1967.
- States Grants (Advanced Education) Act—Statement by the Minister specifying a project approved additional to those specified in the Second Schedule of the Act, dated 28 May 1968.
- Stevedoring Industry Act—Twelfth Annual Report of the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority, together with financial accounts and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1966–67.
- Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act—Return for year 1967–68.
- United Nations—Report of the Australian Delegation to the Twenty-second Session of the General Assembly, New York, 19 September to 19 December 1967 (First Part).
- Urea Bounty Act—Return for period 26 October 1966 to 31 December 1967.

B. W. GRAHAM,
Chairman

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Mr Graham moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Darebin (Mr Courtney) for refusing to withdraw an unparliamentary expression.

Mr Snedden moved—That the honourable Member for Darebin be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 65

Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Failes	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
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Noes, 31

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Mr Beaton	Mr Costa	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr Beazley	Mr Courtney	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Nicholls	
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Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Peters	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Scholes	
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Stewart	

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m. for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 30 AUGUST 1968

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 10 September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 August 1968, pursuant to statute:

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1968—

No. 98—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

No. 109—Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Boilermakers and Blacksmith's Society of Australia.

No. 110—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 112—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 113—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.

No. 114—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.

No. 115—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 116—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 117—North Australian Workers' Union.

Nos. 118 and 119—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1968—
No. 15—Married Persons (Torts).
No. 16—Married Women's Property.

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 Katter, Mr Killen, Mr Luchetti, Mr Minogue and Mr Swartz.

* On leave

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