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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 44

TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 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 J. F. Cairns presented a petition from certain residents of Australia praying that the Government use its influence to achieve the release of all political prisoners, the holding of free elections and the restoration of all other constitutional and democratic rights in Greece and that the Government take steps to prevent further intimidation of Greek migrants in Australia by representatives of the Greek military dictatorship.
Petition received and read.
- 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), Mr Freeth (Minister for Air) would act as Minister for External Affairs.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Report for 1967.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Eleventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1967–68.
Trade Practices Act—Commissioner of Trade Practices—First Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
- 6 **BROADCASTING STATIONS—OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement announcing certain changes which the Government proposed to introduce with respect to the ownership and control of broadcasting stations, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Broadcasting stations—Ownership and control—Ministerial statement, 24 September 1968—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Chaney), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1968–69:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Housing, \$5,165,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, \$55,164,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Interior, \$72,649,000—debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Fox reported accordingly.

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

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

24 September 1968—Message No. 73—Post and Telegraph Rates 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 ten 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 24 September 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for tracking station purposes—Honeysuckle Creek, Australian Capital Territory.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Civil Aviation—J. W. Boulton, J. V. Deacon, P. Den Duyn, J. A. H. Munro, K. R. E. Pettit, G. C. Phipps, D. N. Rawstron, T. Roberts, H. J. N. Whybrow.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Benson, Mr Collard*, Mr Cope, Mr Devine, Mr Failes, Mr Graham, Mr Hasluck, Mr Holten*, Mr Jess, Mr McEwen, Mr McMahon and Mr Stokes.

* On leave

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