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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 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 PETITIONS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain Aboriginal residents of Arnhem Land and Aboriginal electors of the Northern Territory praying that this House give a direction that the area known as "Gove" be given the name of "Nhulunbuy" which could be spelt "Nulunbuy" if this is more acceptable.  
Petition received and read.  
Mr Fox presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that this House take suitable action to place a total ban on the commercial slaughter of the kangaroo and set up a Government-controlled body to investigate the present position and control future restrictions with regard to the kangaroo.  
Petition received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 LOAN RAISINGS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Acting Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the successful negotiation in the United States of America of four loans totalling \$US180 million.
- 5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTINGS OF HOUSE: Mr Chaney (Chairman) moved, by leave—That until the end of the present period of sittings, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1966*, leave be granted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to meet during sittings of the House.  
Question—put and passed.
- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:  
27 September 1968—Message—  
No. 52—Social Services 1968.  
No. 53—  
Repatriation 1968.  
Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1968.  
No. 54—Post and Telegraph Rates 1968.  
3 October 1968—Message No. 55—Broadcasting and Television 1968.
- 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 Labour and National Service, \$10,561,000—debated.

Mr K. M. K. Cairns addressing the committee—

*Closure:* Mr G. D. Erwin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 29 August be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Department of National Development until after the proposed expenditure for the Department of Works.

Proposed expenditure—Postmaster-General's Department, \$53,132,000—debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Bosman reported accordingly.

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

8 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen 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 8 October 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—

Civil aviation purposes—Mackay, Queensland.

Post office purposes—

Mount Direction, Tasmania.

Tea Tree Gully, South Australia.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1968—

No. 42—South Pacific Games (1969) (Amendment).

No. 43—Appropriation 1968-69.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Trade and Industry—J. H. Rowland.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Beazley, Mr Chipp, Mr Clark, Mr Cope, Mr Devine, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Graham, Mr Hasluck, Mr Jess, Mr McEwen, Mr McMahan, Mr O'Connor and Mr Robinson.

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