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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 49

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER 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 Benson presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House will make a survey of the full requirements of pensioners of all types and adopt a policy for the progressive liberalisation of the means test resulting in its removal within three years.

Petition received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—First Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 23 May 1967 to 30 June 1968.

Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Report for year 1967-68.

5 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

6 F-111 AIRCRAFT—DOCUMENTS RELATING TO PURCHASE—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation): That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 26 September*), viz.:

F-111 Aircraft—Documents relating to purchase—

Debate resumed by Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: "and that this House condemns the Government for:

- (1) its failure to secure basic guarantees and safeguards on the cost and delivery of the F-111 aircraft,
- (2) its suppression and distortion of information on the cost of the F-111, and
- (3) its continuing refusal to table all documents which are relevant to the F-111 contract and costs and which do not conflict with military security or impair allied relationships".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 30

Mr Barnard
Mr Birrell
Mr Bryant
Mr J. F. Cairns
Mr Calwell
Mr C. R. Cameron
Mr Collard
Mr Connor

Mr Costa
Mr Courtney
Mr Crean
Mr Curtin
Mr Davies
Mr J. R. Fraser
Mr Fulton
Mr Hansen

Mr Hayden
Mr C. K. Jones
Mr Luchetti
Mr McIvor
Mr Minogue
Mr Nicholls
Mr Patterson
Mr Peters

Mr Scholes
Mr Stewart
Mr Uren
Mr Webb

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

NOES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr St. John
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Bosman	Mr Failles	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fox	Mr Mackay	
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Maisey	
Mr Bury	Mr Freeth	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Gibbs	Mr Munro	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gibson	Mr Nixon	
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr Peacock	

Tellers:

Mr K. M. K. Cairns
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

- 7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION—VARIATION OF RESOLUTIONS: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a motion being moved to vary the resolutions agreed to by the House on 25 and 26 September relating to the electoral redistribution of the States of New South Wales and Victoria, respectively.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION—VARIATION OF RESOLUTIONS: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved—That the resolution of the House relating to the redistribution of the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions, agreed to by the House on 25 September 1968, be varied by substituting the name “Chifley” for “Grose” and that the resolution of the House relating to the redistribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions, agreed to by the House on 26 September 1968, be varied by adding the words “and the name ‘Scullin’ be substituted for ‘Darebin’ ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 10 AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SHIPPING COMMISSION BILL 1968: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 16, 18 and 19 of, and the Third Schedule to, the *Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act 1956–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA) BILL 1968: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales and South Australia with respect to the Construction of a Standard Gauge Railway from Broken Hill to Cockburn.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Marketing of Wheat and the Stabilization of the Wheat Industry.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Charge on Wheat and Wheat Products exported from the Commonwealth.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Anthony moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 COAL EXCISE BILL (NO. 2) 1968: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Excise on Coal.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 EXCISE TARIFF BILL (NO. 2) 1968: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL 1968: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1949–1961*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1968: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953–1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Forbes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—NEW HOSPITAL COMPLEX—STAGE 1, GOVE, N.T.: 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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: New hospital complex—Stage 1, Gove, N.T.
Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
- 19 EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1968: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 20 AUSTRALIAN CRUDE OIL—USE AND PRICE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the use by local refineries of Australian produced crude oil and informed the House of price arrangements which would operate until 1975, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Australian crude oil—Use and price—Ministerial statement, 10 October 1968—
 and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 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 expenditures—

Repatriation Department, \$298,247,000—

Department of Social Services, \$28,819,000—

together debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Hallett reported accordingly.

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

- 22 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 October 1968, pursuant to statute:

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

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1968—

No. 17—Lake Burley Griffin.

No. 18—Trustee.

No. 19—Workmen's Compensation.

No. 20—Maintenance.

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

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