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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 51

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1968

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- 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report and financial accounts, for year ended 31 March 1968.
 Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport—Review of development work for the Department of Civil Aviation by the Department of Works, New South Wales Branch, dated October 1968.
- The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 Taxation—
 Forty-seventh Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1 October 1968.
 Taxation Statistics, 1966–67.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
- 4 **REPATRIATION (SPECIAL OVERSEAS SERVICE) BILL 1968:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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.
- 5 **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 National Development, \$33,944,000—further debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 6 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1968–69:** 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 7 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1968: 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—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 INCOME TAX BILL 1968: 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—

Debate resumed by Mr Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “as the existing structure of tax rates and concessions has failed to keep pace with the distortion of the economy and the tax system caused by inflation, this House is of opinion that a comprehensive examination of taxation methods, both direct and indirect, should be commenced immediately with a view to the earliest possible introduction of legislation which will be consistent with present day economic conditions”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Pettitt
Mr Allan	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Failles	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Arthur	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Barnes	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibson	Mr Mackay	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hasluck	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahan	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 30

Mr Beazley	Mr Costa	Mr Harrison	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Courtney	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Crean	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Calwell	Mr Cross	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr Clark	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	Mr Davies
Mr Connor	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson	Mr Stewart

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 INCOME TAX (PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS) BILL 1968: 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1968: 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—
Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.

12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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 Beaton, Mr Bonnett, Mr Bosman, Mr Chaney, Mr Cope, Mr Devine, Mr Dobie, Mr Duthie, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Fulton, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Holten, Mr James, Mr Jess, Mr McEwen, Mr O'Connor and Mr Turner.

N. J. PARKES,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives