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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 55

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 1968

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- 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 3 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—FIFTY-FIRST SESSION, 1967—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 International Labour Conference—Fifty-first Session, Geneva, June 1967—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates—
 and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 4 **METRO MEAT LTD—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr C. R. Cameron, by leave, made a statement referring to a previous speech he had made regarding Metro Meat Ltd and tenders for the supply of meat through the Department of Supply.
 - 5 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 5 November, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
 - 6 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Report relating to the proposed construction of a Commonwealth Government Clothing Factory at Coburg, Vic.
 Ordered to be printed.
 - 7 **SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NAMING OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS:** Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon—
 - (a) the criteria which should be adopted in naming Electoral Divisions; and
 - (b) whether the Distribution Commissioners should attach names to Divisions at the time of publishing their proposals or whether some other person or persons should attach the names and, if some other person or persons, when.
 - (2) That the Committee consist of seven members, four to be appointed by the Prime Minister and three to be appointed by the Leader of the Opposition.
 - (3) That every appointment of a member of the Committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
 - (4) That the Chairman be appointed by the Prime Minister.
 - (5) That the Chairman have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also have a casting vote.
 - (6) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (7) That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible.
 - (8) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.
 Question—put and passed.

- 8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
 Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
 Debate ensued.
 It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 9 RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Bounty on the Production of certain Raw Cotton.
 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.
- 10 WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1968: Mr Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918–1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 LOAN (HOUSING) BILL (No. 2) 1968: Mr Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Raising and Expending of certain Moneys for the purposes of Housing.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 LOANS (AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES COMMISSION) BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve certain Borrowings by the Commonwealth of Moneys in the Currency of Switzerland and Moneys in the Currency of the United States of America to be made available to the Australian National Airlines Commission, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 LOAN (QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED) BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Borrowing by the Commonwealth of Moneys in the Currency of the United States of America to be made available to Qantas Airways Limited, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 LOAN (DEFENCE) BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the raising by way of Loan of Moneys in the Currency of the United States of America and to authorize the expending of those Moneys for Defence Purposes, and for purposes connected therewith.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 AIRLINE EQUIPMENT (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1968: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of certain Equipment for a Domestic Airline.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 STATES GRANTS (PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS COLLEGES) 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 60, dated 25 September 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 STATES GRANTS (SECONDARY SCHOOLS LIBRARIES) 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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:

“the House is of opinion that the Bill is an inadequate contribution to education in Australia because it—

- (a) fails to attack the crisis in education in Australia in the areas of greatest need;
- (b) is symptomatic of the Government’s unplanned, piecemeal approach to the development of educational facilities in Australia, and
- (c) fails to provide for an inquiry into all aspects of education, at all levels, in both Government and non-Government schools.

Therefore the House resolves that the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted—

- (1) to provide for the extension of the grants for libraries and library material and equipment to primary schools;
- (2) to provide for recurrent grants for the maintenance of libraries and for the training of teacher-librarians, and
- (3) to ensure that, in the administration of the scheme, priority is given to schools according to need, so that all children shall have equal opportunities of access to library facilities”.

Debate continued.

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, 66

Mr Adermann	Mr Chaney	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Chipp	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr Cleaver	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Fairhall	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibson	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Haworth	Mr McLeay	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahon	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 28

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Beaton	Mr Courtmay	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Birrell	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr Bryant	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Collard	Mr Harrison	Mr Peters	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.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 61, dated 25 September 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr Barnard moved the following amendment: Page 2, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:

“(4.) It shall be a term and condition of any grant to a State under this Act that priority shall be given to schools in order of the greatest need and so that, as far as practicable, all children shall have equal access to library facilities.”.

Chairman's ruling: The Chairman (Mr Lucock) ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order as it would alter the destination of the appropriation recommended.

Mr Barnard moved—That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 28

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Beaton	Mr Courtmay	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Birrell	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr Bryant	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Collard	Mr Harrison	Mr Peters	Mr Stewart

NOES, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Chaney	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Cleaver	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bate	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negated,

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Barnard moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“6. The Minister shall cause a statement to be laid before each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable after the end of each year during the period to which this Act applies setting out the payments that have been authorized by him under this Act during that year and specifying the schools in relation to which payments have been made and the amount of the payment made to each of those schools, and stating the principles upon which grants are made under the Act and the manner in which such principles have been applied in each State during that year.”

Annual reports by the Minister.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 28

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Beaton	Mr Courtnay	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Birrell	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr Bryant	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Collard	Mr Harrison	Mr Peters	Mr Stewart

NOES, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr Chaney	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Allan	Mr Chipp	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Cleaver	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bate	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Turner
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Mackay	
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Haworth	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Calder	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT: Mr Stewart brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

FIFTH 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 other Papers presented to Parliament this Session, recommends that the following be printed:

- Atomic Energy Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, together with financial accounts and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1967–68.
- Australian Research Grants Committee—List of grants approved on the recommendation of the Australian Research Grants Committee for 1969.
- Commonwealth Police Act—Eighth Annual Report of the Commonwealth Police Force by the Attorney-General, for year 1967–68.
- Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Annual Report for 1967.
- Commonwealth-State Literature Agreement—Agreement between the Governments of the Commonwealth and of the States of Australia in relation to the administration of Laws relating to blasphemous, indecent or obscene literature, dated 15 October 1967.
- Fishing Industry Act—Twelfth Annual Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act, for 1967–68.
- International Labour Organization—Report of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates to the Fifty-first Session of the International Labour Conference, Geneva, June 1967.
- Medical Research Endowment Act—Thirtieth Annual Report of the National Health and Medical Research Council, for 1967.
- National Fitness Act—Annual Report for 1967.
- Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1967–68.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Third Annual Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act, for year 1967–68.
- Programmes and Policies for the Economic Development of Papua and New Guinea, September 1968.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Thirty-fourth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year ended 31 March 1968.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Australian Capital Territory, for year 1967–68.
- Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Return for year 1966–67.
- Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Fortieth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1967–68, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

FRANK STEWART,
for Chairman

24 October 1968

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 5 November, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 October 1968, pursuant to statute:

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

No. 187—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 188—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 189—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

- Nos. 190 and 191—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 192—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 205—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).
Nos. 206, 207 and 208—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 209—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.
Nos. 210 and 211—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 212—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).
No. 213—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 214—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
No. 215—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
No. 216—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
No. 220—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 221—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
No. 230—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 231—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.
No. 232—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 233—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
No. 234—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
No. 235—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 236—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1968—No. 21—Seat of Government (Administration) (No. 2).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cope, Sir John Cramer, Mr Daly, Mr Devine, Mr Duthie, Mr Fulton, Mr Graham*, Mr Hansen, Mr Hasluck, Mr McEwen*, Mr O'Connor and Mr St. John.

* On leave

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