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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 63

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 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:** Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:
 Audit Act—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts, for year 1967–68.
 Ordered to be printed.
 The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Aircraft safety—Statement by Minister for Civil Aviation, dated 15 November 1968, relating to the policing of the Air Navigation Regulations by the Department of Civil Aviation, with particular reference to the aircraft accident at Tennant Creek in September 1966.
- The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1967–68.
 Decimal Currency Board Act—Decimal Currency Board—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1967–68, together with the Treasurer's Report on the operation of Part V. of the Act.
 Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—Twentieth Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
 Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Second Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
- 4 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—FORTY-NINTH SESSION, 1965—STATEMENT—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—Forty-ninth Session, 1965—Statement in relation to the Conventions and Recommendations adopted at the Session—
 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.
- 5 **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 para-medical building and occupational therapy day centre at Hollywood Repatriation General Hospital, W.A.
 Ordered to be printed.
- 6 **COUNCIL OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES—RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received the resignation of Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) as a member of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act 1964–1966*, this House appoints Mr Bonnett to be a member of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies from this day to and including 2 November 1970, in place of Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), resigned.

Question—put and passed.

7 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—

That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

- 23 Fisheries Bill 1968: Second reading—Resumption of debate.
- 25 Vietnam—Statement by President of United States of America—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 26 International Affairs—Ministerial statement, 26 March 1968, and Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the papers.
- 27 Commonwealth Drought Assistance—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 28 Australian Motor Vehicle Industry Protection—Malpractices in connection with importation of Motor Vehicles from Japan—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 29 National Water Resources Development Programme—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 30 Northern Territory Legislative Council—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 31 International Monetary Fund—Special drawing rights—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 35 Education—New measures announced in Budget—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 Aboriginal Policy—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 Television service for Cairns and surrounding areas—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 Broadcasting stations—Ownership and control—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 Raw cotton bounty—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Appointments—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Mr Munro moved, as an amendment—That the figures and words “27 Commonwealth Drought Assistance—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.”—be omitted from the motion.

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 CUSTOMS BILL (No. 2) 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 Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 EXCISE BILL (No. 2) 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 Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 DISTILLATION BILL (No. 2) 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 Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 BEER EXCISE ACT REPEAL 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 Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 CANNED FRUIT EXCISE ACT REPEAL 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 Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 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 Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 15 LANDS ACQUISITION (DEFENCE) BILL 1968: Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Acquisition by the Commonwealth, for Defence purposes, of certain Land in the State of New South Wales.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fairhall 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.
- 16 AERODROMES (PASSENGER CHARGES) BILL 1968: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment by certain Passengers on Aircraft of Charges for the Use and Enjoyment of Facilities provided by the Commonwealth at Commonwealth Aerodromes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 17 TRIMARAN *Waka Taru*—FINDING OF WRECK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding the finding of the missing trimaran *Waka Taru* in a capsized condition.

- 18 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) 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.

- 19 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 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 Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL 1968: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Parliamentary Allowances.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Gorton moved, by leave—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.

- 21 MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1968: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers of State.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Gorton moved, by leave—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.

- 22 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

20 November 1968—Message—

No. 104—Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) 1968.

No. 105—Extradition (Foreign States) 1968.

No. 106—Northern Territory Supreme Court 1968.

No. 107—Overseas Telecommunications (No. 2) 1968.

No. 108—Spirits 1968.

No. 109—Apple and Pear Export Charges 1968 (*without requests*).

No. 110—Processed Milk Products Bounty 1968.

No. 111—States Grants (Pre-school Teachers Colleges) 1968.

- 23 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 9 and 10, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 24 LOAN BILL (No. 2) 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. 83, dated 7 November 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

- 25 SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS 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 Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Beazley, Mr Bosman, Sir John Cramer, Mr Daly, Mr Fulton, Mr Gibson, Mr Hayden, Mr Howson, Mr Luchetti and Mr Webb.

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