THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 1969

- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 Petitions: Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of Australia praying that action be taken to improve the laws relating to the conservation of kangaroos and related species.
 - Mr Benson presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the shooting of all kangaroos and the export of kangaroo meat be banned and that a Commonwealth department be established to conserve wild life on a national basis.

Petitions severally received and read.

- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 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 sound broadcasting studios for the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Collinswood, S.A. (First report of 1969.) Ordered to be printed.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GREAT BARRIER REEF—OIL DRILLING AND MINING: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House that Mr Patterson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to give a firm assurance that oil drilling and mining in the Great Barrier Reef areas will not be allowed".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Patterson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House): That the House take note of the paper (presented on 25 February 1969), viz.:

Defence-Ministerial statement, 25 February 1969-

Debate resumed.

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

7 ADJOURNMENT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 March 1969, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Willoughby, Kangaroo Island, South Australia.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Defence—J. Marshall.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1969—

No. 1—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 2—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Nos. 3, 4 and 5—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 6—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 7—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 8—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 9—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 10-Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.

No. 11—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 12—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aston, Mr Bate, Mr Failes, Mr Gibbs, Mr Gibson and Mr Swartz.

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