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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 76

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 1969

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 PRIVILEGE—PROPOSED REFERENCE OF MATTER TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Speaker stated that last night during the adjournment debate the Right Honourable Member for Melbourne (Mr Calwell) had moved that a matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges. Mr Speaker said that at the time he had informed the House that he would like time to consider whether a *prima facie* case had been made out. He had now looked carefully at the report of the speeches made during the debate and it was clear that this matter did not fall easily into any accepted pattern. However, it was evident that strong feelings had been aroused and it may be the wish of honourable Members to debate the motion. If this were so, he would allow the debate to proceed.

There being no objection, Mr Speaker stated the question—That the motion moved by the Right Honourable Member for Melbourne be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Benson	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr McEwen	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McMahan	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	

*Tellers:*

Mr Fox  
Mr Turnbull

## NOES, 39

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Courtnay	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr St John
Mr Calwell	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr McIvor	Mr Webb
Mr Clark	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 34

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Courtnay	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes
Mr Calwell	Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Clark	Mr Daly	Mr McIvor	
Mr Collard	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Devine	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	Mr James

## NOES, 75

Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Benson	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stewart
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr St John
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Stokes
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Swartz
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr McEwen	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McMahan	Mr Fox
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

One hundred and fifth Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1967–68—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

5 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—REPRESENTATION IN COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT: Mr Benson moved, pursuant to notice—That this House is of opinion that, in accordance with section 122 of the Constitution, the Government should introduce legislation to allow representation of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea in the Commonwealth Parliament.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, consideration of the notice was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for debate:* Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of notice No. 1, general business, being continued until three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Benson continued his speech.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the consideration of the motion having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Graham was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 SCHOLARSHIPS BILL 1969: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Commonwealth Scholarships and Post-graduate Awards.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fraser 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.

- 7 TEACHING OF ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the encouragement of the teaching of Asian languages and cultures in Australian schools and other educational institutions and stated that the Government, with the full support of the State Ministers for Education, had decided, as a first step, to establish an advisory committee to make a comprehensive survey of the situation as it exists at present.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Fraser, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.

- 8 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 Benson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 9 DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a double taxation agreement with Japan which had been signed in Canberra this afternoon.

- 10 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 L. H. Irwin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 11 MERINO EXPORT EMBARGO—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to relax partially the embargo on the export from Australia of merino breeding sheep, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Merino export embargo—Ministerial statement, 20 March 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate ensued.

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

- 12 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 Peters), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure*: Mr Erwin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 64

Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahan	Mr Fox
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 28

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Costa	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Nicholls	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Calwell	Mr Daly	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Peters	
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 65

Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Munro
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	Mr Fox
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahan	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 29

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Costa	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Calwell	Mr Curtin	Mr O'Connor	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Peters	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 20 March 1969, pursuant to statute:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1969—No. 1—Companies (Fees).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Beaton, Mr Beazley, Mr Everingham, Mr Failes, Mr Fairhall, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Gibson and Mr A. T. Jones.

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A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives