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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 83

TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 1969

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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 PETITIONS: Mr Munro presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Eden-Monaro praying that the Government cause a referendum of woolgrowers to be held to determine the issue of the recent decision to lift the 40 year ban on the export of merino rams.
Petition received.
Mr Hayden presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House give earnest consideration, during Human Rights Year, to the crisis in education in Australia.
Petition received and read.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 OVERSEAS SHIPPING—AUSTRALIAN ENTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of recent developments in relation to the Government's decision to enter overseas shipping by operating Australian-owned vessels in its own right, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Overseas Shipping—Australian Entry—Ministerial statement, 22 April 1969.
Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr C. K. Jones), 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 erection of a Commonwealth Hostel at Alice Springs, N.T. (Second report of 1969).
Ordered to be printed.
 - 6 PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948-1968*, Mr G. D. Erwin be discharged as a trustee serving on the Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust and that Mr Fox be appointed a trustee to serve in his place.
Question—put and passed.
 - 7 ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. tomorrow.
Question—put and passed.
 - 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DROUGHT RELIEF IN QUEENSLAND: Mr 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 take adequate action to alleviate the effects of the Queensland drought disaster".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Patterson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (LOANS GUARANTEE) BILL 1969: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the giving of Guarantees on behalf of the Commonwealth in respect of certain Loans made to Independent Schools in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory of Australia, and for purposes related thereto.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fraser 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 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 11 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1969: 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 it can be shown that the agreement with Japan for the avoidance of double taxation will operate to the disadvantage of Australia, this House is of opinion that action should not be taken to give the force of law to this agreement”.

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)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr Hulme	Mr Petritt
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Dobie	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr Drury	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Street
Mr Bosinan	Mr England	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fairhall	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Forbes	Mr Mackay	
Mr Bury	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Maisey	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibbs	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Munro	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
			Mr Turnbull

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Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Costa	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Courtney	Mr Griffiths	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr Clark	Mr Daly	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Davies	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Devine	Mr O'Connor	Mr James

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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

21 April 1969—Message No. 116—
Customs Tariff 1969.
International Sugar Agreement 1969.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 April 1969, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Greenbank, Queensland.
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1969—No. 2—Crown Lands.
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1969—No. 12—Appropriation (No. 2) 1968–69.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Benson, Mr Calwell, Mr Freeth, Mr Fulton, Mr Gibson, Mr Haworth, Mr Holten, Mr Jarman, Mr King, Mr St. John and Mr Wilson.

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