

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 84

WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL 1969

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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 BENDIGO ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT: Mr Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ, on Wednesday, 30 April, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Bendigo, in the State of Victoria, in the place of Mr Noel Lawrence Beaton, resigned. The dates in connection with the election would be fixed as follows:

Date of nomination	..	..	..	Friday, 16 May 1969.
Date of polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 7 June 1969.
Date of return of writ	..	..	..	On or before Friday, 4 July 1969.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m. Question—put and passed.
 - 5 DECIMAL CURRENCY BOARD (ABOLITION) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to abolish the Decimal Currency Board and for purposes connected therewith.
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.
 - 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUGMENTATION OF DARWIN WATER SUPPLY: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Augmentation of water supply to Darwin.
Mr Kelly presented a plan in connection with the proposed work.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
 - 7 OVERSEAS SHIPPING—AUSTRALIAN ENTRY—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 22 April 1969*), viz.:
Overseas Shipping—Australian Entry—Ministerial statement, 22 April 1969—
Debate resumed.
Point of order: A point of order having been raised by Mr C. K. Jones that the remark of Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) that the Australian Labor Party was in alliance with the Communist Party on the Vietnam affair was offensive to him and should be withdrawn—
Deputy Speaker's ruling: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Lucock) ruled that the remark was a general one and could not be regarded as offensive to a particular individual in the House.
Dissent from ruling: Mr Jones moved—That the ruling be dissented from.
Debate ensued on the motion of dissent.

Question—That the ruling be dissented from—put.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Failes	Mr Lee	Mr Turner
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fairhall	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Forbes	Mr Maisey	
Mr Bury	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr McEwen	
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McMahan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	Mr K. M. K. Cairns
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Debate on the original question adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 UNITED STATES-AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE SPACE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had accepted proposals made by the Government of the United States for the establishment at Woomera of a joint United States-Australian defence space communications facility, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

United States-Australian defence space communications facility—Ministerial statement, 23 April 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Motion withdrawn, by leave.

- 9 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 eight minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 April 1969, pursuant to statute:

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 52, 53.

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 50.

Life Insurance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 51.

Norfolk Island Act—Regulation—1969—No. 1 (Companies Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Arthur, Mr Bate, Mr Benson, Mr Calwell, Mr Freeth, Mr Fulton, Mr Gibson, Mr Haworth, Mr Holten, Mr Howson, Mr Jarman, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Minogue, Mr St. John and Mr Wilson.

N. J. PARKES,

Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives