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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 85

TUESDAY, 29 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 RETURN TO WRIT—CURTIN DIVISION: Mr Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which he had issued on 14 March for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Curtin, in the State of Western Australia, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Right Honourable Sir Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck, G.C.M.G., and that by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Ransley Victor Garland had been elected.
  - 3 MEMBER SWORN: Ransley Victor Garland was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
  - 4 PETITIONS: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that this House use its best endeavours in association with the State Governments to ensure that a subsidy is granted to independent schools on a per capita basis to the extent of half the amount spent per child in the State schools in previous years.  
Petition received and read.  
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.
  - 5 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during his forthcoming absence abroad, Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) would act as Prime Minister.
  - 6 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 7 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:  
23 April 1969—Message No. 117—  
Public Service Arbitration 1969.  
Commonwealth Employees' Compensation 1969.  
Conciliation and Arbitration 1969.  
Officers' Rights Declaration 1969.  
Superannuation 1969.  
Conciliation and Arbitration (No. 2) 1969.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

23 April 1969—Message No. 178—Raw Cotton Bounty 1969.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—JOINT DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's refusal to inform the Parliament and public of the general purposes and possible consequences of joint defence installations and facilities in Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for discussion:* Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the discussion of the matter of public importance being continued until twenty minutes past nine o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Whitlam addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Daly moved—That Mr St. John be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 37

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

NOES, 65

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Failes	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lucock	Mr Whittorn
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen	
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
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	

And so it was negatived.

Discussion continued.

Mr Corbett having been called upon to speak—

Mr Uren moved—That the honourable Member for Brisbane be now heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 37

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

## NOES, 62

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Failes	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Fox	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Calder	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Garland	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chaney	Mr Gibbs	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	Mr K. M. K. Cairns
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hallett	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Discussion continued.

*Motion—Leave to move not granted:* Mr Erwin asked leave to move a motion.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

*Suspension of standing orders—Further extended time for discussion:* Mr Erwin moved—

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the discussion of the matter of public importance being continued until fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m.

Mr Bryant addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 61

Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Failes	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Turner
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fairhall	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Forbes	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Garland	Mr McEwen	
Mr Calder	Mr Gibbs	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	Mr Fox
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	

## NOES, 36

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Calwell	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	
Mr Clark	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters	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, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Failes	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
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Mr Buchanan	Mr Forbes	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Garland	Mr Maisey	
Mr Calder	Mr Gibbs	Mr McEwen	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr McMahan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

## NOES, 35

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Discussion continued.

At fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., the time allotted having expired, the discussion was terminated.

- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 7 (1969): Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 7 (1969).

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

- 11 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Reports—

Acetone—By-law.

Codeine and its salts (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Severally ordered to be printed.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Bandsaw blades.

Ordered to be printed.

12 DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave—That Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 17 to 20 (1968) and Nos. 1 to 4 (1969) constituting part of order of the day No. 38, government business, be discharged.

Question—put and passed.

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 eleven 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 29 April 1969, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Port Wakefield, South Australia.

Woomera (Mount Eba), South Australia.

Post office purposes—

Bega, New South Wales.

Broadbent Hill, South Australia.

Gladstone, New South Wales.

Refuge Rocks, South Australia.

Yalata, Dick Plain, White Well, Nullarbor, Wigunda, Yangoonabie, Diamond

Bore and Bunabie, South Australia.

Sewerage purposes—Nightcliff, Northern Territory (3).

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Arthur, Mr Bate, Mr Benson, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Davies, Mr Freeth, Mr Gibson, Mr Haworth, Mr Killen and Mr Mackay.

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