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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 87

THURSDAY, 1 MAY 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 **GWYDIR ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT:** Mr Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued a writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Gwydir, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of Mr Archibald Ian Allan, resigned. The dates in connection with the election were fixed as follows:
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| 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 **PETITION:** Mr Whittorn presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Commonwealth Government place an immediate and total ban on the export of all kangaroo meat and fur products and set up a body to administer conservation of kangaroos in all States of Australia.  
Petition received and read.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **DROUGHT BONDS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the main principles of the scheme previously announced by the Government to issue drought bonds.  
Mr Patterson, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MERINO EXPORT EMBARGO:** Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:
- Message No. 179
- MR SPEAKER,  
The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate on Tuesday, 29 April 1969, viz.:
- “That the Senate is of opinion that the embargo on the export of Merinos should not be removed at this time and that the embargo should remain in force until a majority of those persons affected shall decide by referendum or other fair means in favour of removing or relaxing the embargo.”
- A. M. McMULLIN,  
President
- The Senate,  
Canberra, 30 April 1969
- 7 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
- One hundred and seventh Report—Subscriber trunk dialling telephone facilities (S.T.D.).  
Mr Cleaver and Mr Bryant, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.

- 8 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 13 May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
- 9 SELECT COMMITTEE ON AIRCRAFT NOISE—POWER TO CHAIRMAN TO APPOINT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the following paragraphs be inserted in the resolution of appointment of the Select Committee on Aircraft Noise:
- (5A) That the Chairman of the Committee may from time to time appoint another member of the Committee to be Deputy Chairman, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the Committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee.
- (5B) That the Deputy Chairman, when acting as Chairman, have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also have a casting vote.  
Question—put and passed.
- 10 SUPERANNUATION BILL (No. 2) 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Superannuation.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr McMahon 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.
- 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR GRIEVANCE 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 order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being continued until three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
- 12 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—  
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
It being three o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted.  
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 13 SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT (TAILEM BEND TO KEITH PIPELINE) BILL 1969: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia in connexion with the construction of a Pipeline from Tailem Bend to Keith and of certain associated works.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Fairbairn moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 CITIZENSHIP 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Fox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
1 May 1969—Message No. 180—Scholarships 1969.
- 16 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:
- 10 Libraries programme for secondary schools—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 22 International Labour Conference—Forty-seventh Session, 1963—Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

- 23 International Labour Conference—Forty-ninth Session, 1965—Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 24 International Labour Conference—Fifty-first Session, 1967—Report of Australian Delegation—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 27 Vietnam bombing halt—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 28 Chowilla Dam—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 29 Frequency Modulation Broadcasting—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam, viz.—That the following words be added to the motion: “and that in the opinion of this House a select committee should be appointed to inquire into all aspects of frequency modulation broadcasting”.*
- 30 Commonwealth drought relief assistance in 1968–69—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 31 Drought relief—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 32 Helicopter accident at Barracouta Platform, Bass Strait—Paper and Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the papers.
- 33 Armed Services—Revised pay structure—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 34 Immigration Programmes, 1968 to 1973—Report and Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the papers.
- 37 Commonwealth superannuation scheme—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 Government publishing policy—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Motion amended by Mr Erwin, by leave, by omitting order of the day No. 32.

Debate continued.

Motion, as amended by leave, agreed to.

- 17 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr Crean moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“7A. Section 114 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words ‘works of composers who are Australians’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘works composed and performed by Australians’.”

Encouragement of Australian artists.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 34

Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	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 C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr McIvor	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters	Mr J. R. Fraser

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Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bosman	Mr Failes	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr St. John
Mr Buchanan	Mr Fairhall	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chaney	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Whitton
Mr Chipp	Mr Giles	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Cleaver	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Fox
Mr Dobie	Mr Holten	Mr McEwen	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 DECIMAL CURRENCY BOARD (ABOLITION) 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 119, dated 30 April 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

19 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 twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 13 May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 May 1969, pursuant to statute:

- Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act and Matrimonial Causes Act—  
Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 57.
- Christmas Island Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 54.
- Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—R. W. Lees.
- Copyright Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 58, 59, 60.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 55.
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 56.

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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 Gibson, Mr Haworth, Mr Jess and Mr Mackay.

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