

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 89

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 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 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—Seventeenth General Report and Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 1968.  
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:  
Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1967-68.
- 4 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 augmentation of sewerage services, Darwin (Third report of 1969).  
Ordered to be printed.
- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SOCIAL SERVICE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS:  
Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Daly had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to provide increased and adequate age, invalid and widows' pensions and other social service benefits".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Daly addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 6 COMMONWEALTH HOSTEL, ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.—APPROVAL OF WORK: 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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Erection of Commonwealth hostel at Alice Springs, N.T.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 7 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 8 SUPERANNUATION BILL (NO. 2) 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. 125, dated 2 May 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the following amendments were made together:

Clause 11—

Page 10, omit sub-section (2.) of proposed section 22D, insert the following sub-section:—

“(2.) An election by an employee under section twenty-two B of this Act does not have effect, and shall be deemed not to have had effect, in relation to a unit of pension where, if it had effect in relation to that unit—

(a) in a case to which neither of the next two succeeding paragraphs applies—the number of units of pension (other than reserve units of pension) for which he was a contributor as at the time immediately before the time as from which the election has or had effect less the number of units of pension in respect of which an election by the employee under section twenty-two B of this Act has effect would be less than his initial unit entitlement;

(b) in the case of an employee to whom section sixty-seven of this Act applies, the sum of—

(i) the number of units of pension (other than reserve units of pension) for which he was a contributor as at the time immediately before the time as from which the election has or had effect less the number of units of pension in respect of which an election by the employee under section twenty-two B of this Act has effect; and

(ii) the number of units of pension (other than non-contributory units of pension) in respect of which he is in receipt of a pension under this Act,

would be less than his initial unit entitlement; or

(c) in the case of an employee to whom section sixty-nine of this Act applies or applied, the sum of—

(i) the number of units of pension (other than reserve units of pension) for which he was a contributor as at the time immediately before the time as from which the election has or had effect less the number of units of pension in respect of which an election by the employee under section twenty-two B of this Act has effect; and

(ii) the number of units of pension in respect of which his right referred to in section sixty-eight of this Act is or was, under section seventy-one or section seventy-two of this Act, commutable for new rights,

would be less than his initial unit entitlement.”.

Page 12, omit sub-section (2.) of proposed section 22E, insert the following sub-section:—

“(2.) An election by an employee under section twenty-two B of this Act does not have effect, and shall be deemed not to have had effect, in relation to a unit of pension where, if it had effect in relation to that unit—

(a) in a case to which neither of the next two succeeding paragraphs applies—the number of units of pension (other than reserve units of pension) for which he was a contributor as at the time immediately

before the time as from which the election has or had effect less the number of units of pension in respect of which an election by the employee under section twenty-two B of this Act has effect would be less than one-half of his full unit entitlement as at the time immediately after the time as from which the election has or had effect;

(b) in the case of an employee to whom section sixty-seven of this Act applies, the sum of—

(i) the number of units of pension (other than reserve units of pension) for which he was a contributor as at the time immediately before the time as from which the election has or had effect less the number of units of pension in respect of which an election by the employee under section twenty-two B of this Act has effect; and

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would be less than one-half of his full unit entitlement as at the time immediately after the time as from which the election has or had effect.”.

Page 16, line 11, after “Act” insert “or sub-section (2.) of section thirty-two of the *Superannuation Act (No. 2) 1969*”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Swartz, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 DRAFT CRIMINAL CODE FOR THE AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIES—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper: Draft Criminal Code for the Australian Territories submitted by the Law Council of Australia, together with Commentary by the Council's Co-ordinating Committee, February 1969—

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

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

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Hughes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS BILL 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to Grant Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McMahon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL (No. 2) 1969: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Broadcasting and Television.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hulme 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.

- 12 AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SHIPPING COMMISSION BILL 1969: Mr Kelly (Acting Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Powers of the Australian Coastal Shipping Commission.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kelly 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.

- 13 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE SITES—ADOPTION OF REPORT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior)—That the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House on the alternative sites of Capital Hill and the Camp Hill area for the new and permanent Parliament House be adopted—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bryant, viz.:* That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the new and permanent Parliament House be situated on Capital Hill”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 53

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Stewart
Mr Barnard	Mr Duthie	Mr Jarman	Mr St. John
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Street
Mr Birrell	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bury	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	
Mr Calder	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	
Mr Chaney	Mr Giles	Mr McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	Mr Fox
Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 44

Mr Bosman	Mr Dobie	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Robinson
Miss Brownbill	Mr Everingham	Mr Luchetti	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Failes	Mr Lucock	Mr Stokes
Mr Calwell	Mr Fulton	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gibbs	Mr Maisey	Mr Uren
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gibson	Mr McIvor	Mr Webb
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	
Mr Costa	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	
Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Curtin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Patterson	
Mr Daly	Mr Jessop	Mr Pearsall	Mr Cross
Mr Devine	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Peters	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Costa	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Curtin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Patterson	Mr Cross
Mr Daly	Mr Jessop	Mr Pearsall	Mr James
Mr Devine	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Peters	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED: Mr C. R. Cameron asked leave to move a motion without notice.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED: Mr Scholes moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr C. R. Cameron moving a motion without notice.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 39

Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Peters
Mr Bosman	Mr Devine	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scholes
Miss Brownbill	Mr Everingham	Mr Luchetti	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Mackay	Mr Stokes
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr Calwell	Mr Gibbs	Mr McIvor	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Gibson	Mr Munro	Mr Webb
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Patterson	Mr Cross
Mr Curtin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall	Mr James

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Mr Adermann	Mr Costa	Mr Holten	Mr McMahan
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon
Mr Arthur	Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
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Mr Bury	Mr Fairhall	Mr Katter	Mr Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Whitlam
Mr Chaney	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Wilson
Mr Chipp	Mr Giles	Mr Lee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Fox
Mr Corbett	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negated.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 15 MAY 1969

16 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-nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 May 1969, pursuant to statute:

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 66.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 67.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 13 May 1969.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Armstrong, Mr Bate, Mr Bonnett, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Clark, Mr J. M. Fraser, Mr Gorton, Mr Hansen, Mr Harrison, Mr Haworth\*, Mr Killen, Mr Minogue and Mr Sinclair.

\* On leave

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