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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 90

THURSDAY, 15 MAY 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 PETITIONS: Mr Dobie presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government make grants available to relieve the increased costs of educating children attending Catholic schools.  
Petition received and read.  
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Arthur, Mr Graham, Mr Munro, Sir John Cramer and Mr Hughes, and were severally received.
  - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) asked leave to make a ministerial statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
  - 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) making a ministerial statement regarding television services.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
  - 6 TELEVISION SERVICES—EXTENSION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) made a ministerial statement informing the House of proposed extensions to television services.
  - 7 CITY AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr C. K. Jones moved, pursuant to notice—That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all features of the development of major city airports within Australia.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.  
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.  
Debate continued.  
The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Robinson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 8 DEFENCE (PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES) BILL 1969: Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to Members of the Defence Force who desire to become Candidates for election as Members of the Parliament of the Commonwealth or of a State.  
Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 MEAT CHICKEN LEVY BILL 1969: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to Levy Moneys in respect of Meat Chickens.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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 MEAT CHICKEN LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1969: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Collection of Levy under the *Meat Chicken Levy Act* 1969.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

- 11 CHICKEN MEAT RESEARCH BILL 1969: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Chicken Meat Research Trust Account, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

- 12 PETROLEUM SEARCH SUBSIDY BILL 1969: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Search Subsidy Act* 1959–1967.

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.

- 13 NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (GWYDIR RIVER DAM) BILL 1969: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of New South Wales in connexion with the construction of a Dam on the Gwydir River near Copeton in that State.

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 VICTORIA GRANT (KING RIVER DAM) BILL 1969: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Victoria in connexion with the construction of a Dam on the King River south of Cheshunt in that State.

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.

- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 3 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 16 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (NO. 2) 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon 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.

- 17 EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to reduce the Rates of Excise Duty on Canned Fruit.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Nixon 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.
- 18 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CITY SOUTH TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING, SYDNEY: 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: Extension of City South telephone exchange building, Sydney.  
 Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 19 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Assessment, Payment and Collection of Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty and Tax.  
 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.
- 20 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (CHEQUES) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition of Tax on certain Cheque Forms supplied or used by Authorized Bankers in the Australian Capital Territory.  
 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.
- 21 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (HIRE-PURCHASE BUSINESS) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition of Tax in respect of certain Hire-purchase Agreements executed in the Australian Capital Territory.  
 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.
- 22 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (INSURANCE BUSINESS) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition of Tax on Premiums received in respect of certain Insurance Business having a connexion with the Australian Capital Territory.  
 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.
- 23 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (SALES OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition of Tax in respect of certain Sales of Marketable Securities made through Brokers in the Australian Capital Territory.

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.

- 24 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TAX (PURCHASES OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition of Tax in respect of certain Purchases of Marketable Securities made through Brokers in the Australian Capital Territory.

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.

- 25 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY STAMP DUTY BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition of Stamp Duty on certain Instruments having a connexion with the Australian Capital Territory.

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.

- 26 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (LOANS GUARANTEE) 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.

Mr Bryant was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 27 PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to his recent visit to the United States of America and informed the House on his discussions with President Nixon and members of the United States Administration. Mr Gorton then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Prime Minister's visit to the United States of America—Ministerial statement, 15 May 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 28 PATENTS BILL 1968—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of certain amendments which the Government had decided to propose, in the Senate, to the Patents Bill 1968, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Patents Bill 1968—Ministerial statement, 15 May 1969—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "the House is of the opinion that the Attorney-General should appoint a committee to inquire into and report upon what alterations are desirable to the Patent Laws of the Commonwealth in the light of the Patents Bill 1968 and the proposals submitted by the Institute of Patent Attorneys".

Debate continued.

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, 56

Mr Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jessop	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairhall	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr Calder	Mr Gibson	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen	
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr McMahan	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

## NOES, 31

Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Calwell	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	Mr Webb
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	Mr Whitlam
Mr Cope	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Costa	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

29 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (LOANS GUARANTEE) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

## FRIDAY, 16 MAY 1969

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 May 1969, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1969—No. 3—Liquor.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1969—

No. 51—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 67—Australian Journalists' Association.

- No. 68—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
 No. 69—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 No. 70—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 No. 71—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 72—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service;  
 and Association of Professional Scientists of Australia.  
 Nos. 73 and 74—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.  
 No. 75—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 76—North Australian Workers' Union.  
 No. 78—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.  
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
 Ordinances—1969—  
 No. 3—Door-to-door Sales.  
 No. 4—Companies.  
 Regulation—1969—No. 1 (Machinery Ordinance).

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

\* On leave

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