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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 95

WEDNESDAY, 28 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 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 BOOK MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the intentions of the Government with respect to the provision of assistance to the Australian book manufacturing industry.
Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 4 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Freeth (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Foreign Affairs—Joint Committee—Report on the Middle East situation.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr Freeth 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.
- 5 UNITED NATIONS—GENERAL ASSEMBLY—TWENTY-THIRD SESSION—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Freeth (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
United Nations—General Assembly—Twenty-third Session, New York, 24 September to 21 December 1968—Report of the Australian Delegation.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr Freeth 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.
- 6 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr J. R. Fraser (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:
Report on whether breath analysing equipment should be introduced into the Australian Capital Territory to assist in detecting and preventing persons driving motor vehicles while their ability to do so is impaired by the consumption of alcohol—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—F-111 AIRCRAFT: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's incompetence in handling the F-111 affair".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Barnard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 8 COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr C. K. Jones, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House, while not opposing the Bill, regrets the Government’s continuing refusal to plan expenditure of an amount at least equivalent to the proceeds of all the automotive fuel taxes on roads and associated facilities”—

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)—

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Corbett | Mr L. H. Irwin | Mr McLeay |
| Mr Armstrong | Sir J. Cramer | Mr Jarman | Mr Munro |
| Mr Arthur | Mr Drury | Mr Jess | Mr Nixon |
| Mr Barnes | Mr England | Mr Jessop | Mr Peacock |
| Mr Bate | Mr G. D. Erwin | Mr A. T. Jones | Mr Pettitt |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Failes | Mr Katter | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Bosman | Mr Fairbairn | Mr Kelly | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Forbes | Sir W. Kent Hughes | Mr Stokes |
| Mr Bridges-Maxwell | Mr Garland | Mr Killen | Mr Swartz |
| Miss Brownbill | Mr Gibbs | Mr King | Mr Turner |
| Mr Bury | Mr Gibson | Mr Lee | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr K. M. K. Cairns | Mr Graham | Mr Lucock | Mr Whittorn |
| Mr Calder | Mr Hallett | Mr Lynch | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Chaney | Mr Holten | Mr Mackay | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Hughes | Mr Maisey | Mr Fox |
| Mr Cleaver | Mr Hulme | Mr McEwen | Mr Turnbull |

NOES, 35

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 129, dated 15 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.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

28 May 1969—Message—

No. 184—Income Tax (International Agreements) 1969.

No. 185—Broadcasting and Television 1969.

No. 186—Broadcasting and Television (No. 2) 1969.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 2 to 9, government business, being called on.
Question—put and passed.

11 STATES GRANTS (HOME CARE) 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 Scholes addressing the House—

Closure: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) 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, 62

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Cleaver | Mr Hulme | Mr Munro |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Corbett | Mr L. H. Irwin | Mr Nixon |
| Mr Armstrong | Sir J. Cramer | Mr Jarman | Mr Peacock |
| Mr Arthur | Mr Drury | Mr Jess | Mr Pearsall |
| Mr Barnes | Mr England | Mr Jessop | Mr Pettitt |
| Mr Bate | Mr G. D. Erwin | Mr A. T. Jones | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Failes | Mr Katter | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bosman | Mr Fairbairn | Mr Kelly | Mr Stokes |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Forbes | Mr Killen | Mr Swartz |
| Miss Brownbill | Mr Garland | Mr King | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Bury | Mr Gibbs | Mr Lee | Mr Whittorn |
| Mr K. M. K. Cairns | Mr Gibson | Mr Lynch | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Calder | Mr Graham | Mr Mackay | |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Hallett | Mr Maisey | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Chaney | Mr Holten | Mr McEwen | Mr Fox |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Hughes | Mr McLeay | Mr Turnbull |

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| Mr Birrell | Mr Cross | Mr Hayden | Mr Stewart |
| Mr J. F. Cairns | Mr Curtin | Mr C. K. Jones | Mr Uren |
| Mr Calwell | 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 O'Connor | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cope | Mr J. R. Fraser | Mr Patterson | Mr Duthie |
| Mr Costa | Mr Griffiths | Mr Peters | Mr James |
| Mr Crean | Mr Hansen | Mr Scholes | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 130, dated 27 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.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 29 MAY 1969

- 12 STATES GRANTS (PARAMEDICAL SERVICES) 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 131, dated 27 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.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 STATES GRANTS (NURSING HOMES) 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 132, dated 27 May 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 Forbes (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

28 May 1969—Message—

No. 187—Decimal Currency Board (Abolition) 1969.

No. 188—Citizenship 1969.

- 15 SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT (TAILEM BEND TO KEITH PIPELINE) 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. 133, dated 2 May 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 Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (GWYDIR RIVER DAM) 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 134, dated 15 May 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.

Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 17 VICTORIA GRANT (KING RIVER DAM) 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 135, dated 15 May 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.

Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 18 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-one minutes to three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Benson, Mr Courtney, Mr Fulton, Mr Haworth*, Mr Howson, Mr Nicholls and Mr Street.

* On leave

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