

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 100

TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST 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 PETITION: Mr C. R. Cameron presented a petition from certain electors of the State of South Australia praying that the House repeal the National Service Act and cause John Zarb, and all others imprisoned under it, to be released.  
Petition received and read.
  - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—RESIGNATION OF MEMBER: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the President of the Senate notifying him that Senator Devitt had resigned his place on the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House.
  - 5 PAPER: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:  
Audit Act—Finance—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1968-69, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - 6 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 construction of Jingili and Moil Primary Schools, Darwin (Seventh report of 1969).  
Ordered to 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 failure of the Government to inform the House on the future of the F-111".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Barnard addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
  - 8 IMMIGRATION PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the operation of the Government's immigration programme, the Budget provisions for migration and the targets proposed for 1969-70.  
Mr C. R. Cameron, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.  
Mr Snedden, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
  - 9 LOAN (HOUSING) 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. 146, dated 13 August 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), the Bill was read a third time.

10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1969–70—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House is of opinion that the Budget is inadequate in that—

- (a) it increases taxation and health and housing costs for families,
- (b) it makes no considered and comprehensive approach to the needs of all schools,
- (c) it ignores the problems of capital cities and regional centres,
- (d) it defers further development projects and urgent rural measures, and
- (e) it neglects industries based on Australian natural resources and defence requirements”.

Debate continued.

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

11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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 19 August 1969, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for post office purposes—

- Kringin, South Australia.
- Poochera Hill, South Australia.
- Wrattonbully, South Australia.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1969—

- No. 8 (Supply of Services Ordinance).
- No. 9 (Prohibited Drugs Ordinance).
- No. 10 (Veterinary Surgeons Ordinance).

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

- No. 169—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 170—Industrial Arbitration Registrars' Association.
- Nos. 171 and 172—Union of Postal Clerks and Telegraphists.
- No. 173—Postmaster-General's Department Telecommunications Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.
- No. 174—Postmaster-General's Department Heads of Divisions and Branches Association.
- No. 175—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 176—Arbitration Inspectors' Association.
- No. 177—Australian Postmasters' Association.
- Nos. 178 and 179—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

- No. 180—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.  
No. 181—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.  
No. 182—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.  
No. 183—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.  
No. 184—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.  
No. 185—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
No. 186—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).  
No. 188—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
No. 189—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
No. 190—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Benson, Mr Birrell, Mr Courtney, Mr Harrison, Mr Hulme, Mr Jess, Mr A. T. Jones, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Minogue, Mr O'Connor, Mr Peters, Mr St. John and Mr Turner.

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