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

No. 101

WEDNESDAY, 20 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 GENERAL ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that it was intended to hold the General Elections for the House of Representatives on 25 October 1969 and to dissolve the House of Representatives as at noon on 29 September. It was proposed that the writs would be issued on 29 September and that nominations would close on 7 October.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australian Dairy Produce Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1968-69.
 - The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
 - Tobacco Industry Act—Fourteenth Annual Report, for year 1968-69.
 - 5 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Nicholls be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in the place of Mr O'Connor, resigned.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - 6 CITY SOUTH TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, SYDNEY—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: Extension of the City South Telephone Exchange, Sydney.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - 7 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - 8 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—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 resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 21 AUGUST 1969

Debate continued.

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

9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, 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 Benson, Mr Birrell, Mr Courtney, Mr Giles, Mr Harrison, Mr Hulme, Mr A. T. Jones, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Mackay, Mr Minogue, Mr O'Connor, Mr Peters, Mr St. John, Mr Turner and Mr Wentworth.

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