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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 102

THURSDAY, 21 AUGUST 1969

- 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 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Tariff Board—Reports—
 Dimethyl silicone fluids (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
 Sorbitol aqueous solutions (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
 Severally ordered to be printed.
- 4 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTINGS OF HOUSE: Mr Chaney (Chairman) moved, by leave—That until the end of the present period of sittings, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1966*, leave be granted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to meet during sittings of the House.
 Question—put and passed.
- 5 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 6 REHABILITATION CENTRE, GLEN WAVERLEY, VIC.—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: Construction of a Rehabilitation Centre, Glen Waverley, Vic.
 Question—put and passed.
- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—R.A.A.F. BASE, WAGGA, N.S.W.—DEVELOPMENT: 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: Development of R.A.A.F. Base, Wagga, N.S.W.
 Mr Kelly presented a plan in connection with the proposed work.
 Question—put and passed.
- 8 UREA BOUNTY BILL 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Urea Bounty Act 1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Nixon 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.

- 9 SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY BILL 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act 1962-1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon 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 PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS BOUNTY BILL 1969: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the payment of Bounty on the Production of certain Phosphate Fertilizers.
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 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 12 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Advanced Education—Commonwealth Advisory Committee—Second Report, June 1969.
Australian Research Grants Committee—Report for triennium 1967-69.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Australian Universities Commission Act—Australian Universities Commission—Fourth Report, May 1969.
Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the reports and the 1970-72 triennial programmes for universities, research grants and colleges of advanced education.
Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 13 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—
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(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.

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

- 14 **FISHERIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Fisheries Agreement between Australia and Japan and informed the House that the Agreement would come into operation on 24 August 1969.

Mr Duthie, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 15 **PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:
Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1968–69.

- 16 **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—

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- (e) it neglects industries based on Australian natural resources and defence requirements”—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate adjourned (Mr G. D. Erwin—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 17 **PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—BOUGAINVILLE COPPER DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 21 AUGUST 1969:** Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to developments in connection with the provision of land for the Bougainville copper project.

Mr Stewart, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Bryant asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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

21 August 1969—Message—

No. 220—Defence (Parliamentary Candidates) 1969.

No. 221—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1969.

No. 222—Coral Sea Islands 1969.

- 19 **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—

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- (e) it neglects industries based on Australian natural resources and defence requirements”—

Debate resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

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

21 August 1969—Message—

No. 223—Meat Industry 1969.

No. 224—Loan (Housing) 1969.

21 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-six minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 August 1969, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 116, 117.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 118.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 119.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 120, 121, 122, 123.

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, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Killen, 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