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

No. 105

THURSDAY, 28 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 **PETITIONS:** Mr C. K. Jones presented a petition from certain employees of Hawker De Havilland Australia Pty Ltd praying that the Government take action to plan a light aircraft industry based on the requirements of general aviation and commuter airlines.
 Petition received and read.
 A similar petition was presented by Mr Devine, and was received.
 Mr Daly presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that as part of the bi-centenary celebrations of Captain Cook's landing on Australia's east coast, the Government make a special payment to each pensioner of an amount at least equivalent to the pensioner's fortnightly payment.
 Mr Cross presented a petition from certain electors of Queensland praying that the Government introduce legislation to prevent off-shore oil drilling or similar activities in the vicinity of the Great Barrier Reef.
 Mr Daly also presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the House take any action necessary to ensure that aircraft using Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport use flight paths which avoid residential areas.
 Petitions severally received.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australian Egg Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1968-69.
 - Australian Meat Research Committee—Interim Annual Report, for year 1968-69.
 The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
 - Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1968-69.
- 5 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
 - One hundred and tenth Report—The Australian Broadcasting Commission—
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
- 6 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9 September, at two o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
- 7 **STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL (No. 2) 1969:** Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Advanced Education) Acts 1967*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fraser 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.

- 8 UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL (No. 2) 1969: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Universities (Financial Assistance) Act 1966–1968*, as amended by the *Universities (Financial Assistance) Act 1969*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Fraser 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.

- 9 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDINGS, H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*, WESTERNPORT, VIC.: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House), for 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: Construction of instructional buildings, H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*, Westernport, Vic.

Mr Erwin presented a plan in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 11 AGED PERSONS 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—Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 153, dated 14 August 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to proposals for the construction of Customs Building and Incinerator at Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airport (Ninth report of 1969).

Ordered to be printed.

- 13 INCOME TAX BILL 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McMahon 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.

- 14 INCOME TAX (PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS) BILL 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon certain Income derived from Partnerships and Trusts.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McMahon 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.

- 15 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McMahon 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.

- 16 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Australian Wool Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- 17 DEFENCE SUPPLY—CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the decision of the Australian and New Zealand Governments to pursue common objectives in providing logistics support for their Armed Forces.
- 18 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1969–70: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Affairs, \$71,002,000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At eleven minutes past five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$16,106,000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At eleven minutes past eight o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 19 SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the proposed creation of a Snowy Mountains engineering corporation and the categories of projects it will undertake.

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

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

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 20 PRINTING COMMITTEE—NINTH REPORT: Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

NINTH REPORT

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Advanced Education—Commonwealth Advisory Committee—Second Report, June 1969.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1968.

Australian Research Grants Committee—Report for triennium 1967–69.

- Australian Universities Commission Act—Australian Universities Commission—Fourth Report, May 1969.
- Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Forty-second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1967.
- Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Report for 1968.
- Decimal Currency Board (Abolition) Act—Decimal Currency Board—Sixth and Final Report, for period 1 July 1968 to 3 June 1969, together with the Treasurer's Report on the operation of Part V. of the Decimal Currency (Transitional) Act.
- Department of Supply—Report for year 1968–69.
- Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Twenty-first Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Forty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 Police and Police Offences Ordinance (No. 2) 1968, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
 Prisons Ordinance 1968, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
 Public Service Ordinance (No. 3) 1968, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.
- Papua—Report for year 1967–68.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Postmaster-General—Second Annual Statement: Post Office Prospects and Capital Programme 1969–70.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Parliaments of Australia, Papua and New Guinea, New Zealand, Fiji, Nauru and Western Samoa—Report of Second Conference, Parliament House, Brisbane, 8 to 10 April 1969.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Twenty-first Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Tobacco Industry Act—Fourteenth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Trade Practices Act—Commissioner of Trade Practices—Second Annual Report, for year 1968–69.

B. W. GRAHAM,
 Chairman

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Mr Graham moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.
 Question—put and passed.

- 21 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1969–70: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Customs and Excise, \$25,055,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$68,814,000—

Department of Trade and Industry, \$32,130,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

22 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—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 9 September, at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Barnard, Mr Bate, Mr Benson, Mr Birrell, Mr Bonnett, Mr Clark, Mr Courtney, Mr Failes, Mr Gibson, Mr Harrison, Mr Jess, Mr Jessop, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Maisey, Mr Nixon, Mr O'Connor, Mr Peters, Mr Scholes, Mr Sinclair and Mr Turner.

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