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

No. 111

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 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 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
 Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—
 Twenty-first Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-
 General's Report, for year 1968-69.
 - 4 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED:** Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) asked leave to make a ministerial statement.
 Objection being raised, leave not granted.
 - 5 **ADVANCED EDUCATION—REPORTS—PAPERS NOTED:** Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
 Advanced Education—
 Academic awards—Report of Commonwealth Committee of Inquiry, June 1969.
 Salaries of Lecturers and Senior Lecturers in Colleges of Advanced Education—
 Report of Inquiry, May 1969—
 and moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
 - 6 **REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, HEIDELBERG, VIC.—PATHOLOGY BLOCK AND ASSOCIATED WORKS—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 new pathology block and associated works at Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic.
 Question—put and passed.
 - 7 **STORES BUILDINGS AT ST MARY'S, BOTANY AND WATERLOO, N.S.W.—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 and extension of stores buildings at St Mary's, Botany and Waterloo, N.S.W.
 Question—put and passed.

- 8 R.A.A.F. BASE, TOTTENHAM, VIC.—NO. 1 STORES DEPOT—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: Development of No. 1 stores depot, R.A.A.F. base, Tottenham, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 SOCIAL 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Daly, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House condemns the Government because it has failed to—

- (a) increase adequately rates of all pensions and social service benefits to meet the increased cost of living;
- (b) investigate and deal with the real areas of need and poverty;
- (c) provide an equitable and just basis for regular review of social service benefits to maintain their purchasing power;
- (d) eliminate injustices of discrimination between pensioners and the sick and the needy;
- (e) provide ‘fringe benefits’ for all pensioners;
- (f) give effect to the 1949 election policy of the Liberal-Country Party to abolish the means test; and
- (g) make benefits retrospective to 1 July 1969”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairhall	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Sir W. Haworth	Mr McLeay	Mr Fox
Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 26

Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson
Mr Calwell	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Minogue	Mr Davies
Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie

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 Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 158, dated 9 September 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 Lucock 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.

10 NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY 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 by Mr Patterson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “ the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for (a) an increase in the rate of nitrogenous fertilizer subsidy in line with the recent increase in the subsidy on superphosphate and (b) a review each year of the nitrogenous fertilizer subsidy rate ”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 66

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Sir W. Haworth	Mr McLeay
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Munro
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Bate	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bonnett	Mr Failles	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Snedden
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Jess	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Forbes	Mr Jessop	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Fox
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 29

Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr Calwell	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Kennedy	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Minogue	Mr James
Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	

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. 159, dated 12 September 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 Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) 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. 160, dated 11 September 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.

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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 Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Wentworth (Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT) BILL (No. 2) 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. 161, dated 11 September 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 in charge of Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 REPATRIATION 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 by Mr Barnard (Deputy 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: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill the House condemns the Government because—

- (1) it has failed to restore the relative values of repatriation pensions, and
- (2) the Bill does not provide for the appointment of a select committee to completely review the Repatriation Act, its operation and all of its provisions, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Government”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Sir William Haworth, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bate	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Garland	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Gibson	Mr Lucock	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	
Mr Chaney	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	

Tellers:

Mr Fox
Mr Turnbull

NOES, 25

Mr Barnard	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Davies	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Calwell	Mr Devine	Mr Kennedy	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Everingham	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Minogue	Mr Duthie
Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	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 Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 162, dated 9 September 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 Swartz (Acting Minister for Repatriation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 16 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 163, dated 17 September 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—ADVANCED EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITIES BILLS: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—

(a) orders of the day Nos. 9, 10 and 11 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the States Grants (Advanced Education) Bill (No. 2), the Universities (Financial Assistance) Bill (No. 2) and the States Grants (Universities) Bill being called on together,

(b) a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed, and

(c) messages from the Governor-General recommending appropriations for the several Bills being then announced together.

Question—put and passed.

18 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) (No. 2), UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) (No. 2), AND STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILLS 1969: The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—

Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the Bills be now passed.

Question—put and passed.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUE: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of messages from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending appropriations of revenue for the purposes of the following Bills:

9 September 1969—Message—

No. 164—States Grants (Advanced Education) (No. 2) 1969.

No. 165—Universities (Financial Assistance) (No. 2) 1969.

11 September 1969—Message No. 166—States Grants (Universities) 1969.

20 BOOK BOUNTY BILL 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty in respect of the Production of certain Books.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

21 STATES GRANTS (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS) BILL 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 6 of the *States Grants (Petroleum Products) Acts 1965*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

22 ADJOURNMENT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr McLeay rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Erwin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 September 1969, pursuant to statute:

Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for year ended 18 March 1969.

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1968–69.

Pyrites Bounty Act—Return for year 1968–69.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Birrell, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Collard, Mr Courtney, Mr Cross, Mr Freeth, Mr Harrison, Mr Katter, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr McMahon, Mr O'Connor, Mr Peters, Mr Turner and Mr Webb.

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