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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 117

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 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 Bryant presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that this House legislate for electoral system reforms so that future general election results may be truly representative and satisfy the criterion of one-man-one-vote and one-vote-one-value.
- Mr Bryant also presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) Aboriginal ownership of existing reserves throughout the Commonwealth, (2) the recognition of Aboriginal ownership of traditional land at present owned and leased by the Crown and (3) the development of mining, pastoral and other enterprises on all Aboriginal land to be subject to the consent of Aboriginal owners and such conditions as their own legal advisers may arrange.
- Petitions severally received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology—Report for year 1968–69.  
Ordered to be printed.
- The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:  
Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Twenty-first Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.  
Ordered to be printed.
- 5 ABORIGINAL HOUSING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Wentworth (Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to Aboriginal housing and announced four new Government proposals to assist Aborigines in obtaining higher standard housing.
- Mr Stewart, Mr Calder, Mr Bryant, Mr Pettitt and Mr J. R. Fraser, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
- Mr Wentworth, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:  
25 September 1969—Message—  
No. 258—Loan (Drought Bonds) 1969.  
No. 259—Income Tax (Drought Bonds) 1969 (*without requests*).  
No. 260—Income Tax Assessment (No. 3) 1969.  
No. 261—Tasmania Grant 1969.  
26 September 1969 a.m.—Message No. 262—Income Tax Assessment (No. 2) 1969.

- 7 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
 Law Reform Commission of New South Wales—Report on infancy in relation to contracts and property.
- 8 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT NEAR PORT HEDLAND, W.A.—ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House): That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 25 September 1969*), viz.:
- Aircraft accident near Port Hedland, W.A., on 31 December 1968 involving Viscount 720C aircraft VH-RMQ—  
 Accident investigation report by Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation, and related documents; and  
 Accident investigation report by Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation, and related documents—Ministerial statement, 25 September 1969—
- Debate resumed by Mr C. K. Jones who moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “but the House is of opinion that, as has been done in the case of previous aircraft accidents at Mackay, Botany Bay and Winton, this aircraft accident should be the subject of investigation by a Board of Accident Inquiry to be appointed for that purpose”.
- Debate continued.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Chaney), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 9 CENTRAL QUEENSLAND POWER HOUSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to advance to the Queensland Government up to \$80 million over a period of six years to help finance the construction of a power house in central Queensland.
- Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Everingham, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
- 10 ESTATE DUTY RELIEFS FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House): That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 24 September 1969*), viz.:
- Estate duty reliefs for primary producers—Ministerial statement, 24 September 1969—
- Debate resumed.
- Debate adjourned (Mr L. H. Irwin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
- Question—put and passed.
- 12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
- Question—put and passed.
- 13 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 sixteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Armstrong, Mr Beazley, Mr Benson, Mr Birrell, Mr Bonnett, Mr Bury, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Cleaver, Mr Collard, Mr Connor, Mr Costa, Mr Courtney, Mr Davies, Mr Devine, Mr Freeth, Mr Fulton, Mr Giles, Mr Hansen, Mr Harrison, Mr Howson, Mr Hunt, Mr Jess, Mr Jessop, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Lee, Mr Lynch, Mr O'Connor, Mr Patterson, Mr Peters, Mr Robinson, Mr Scholes, Mr St. John, Mr Turner, Mr Webb and Mr Wilson.

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

## APPENDIX 1

# Messages from the Senate

A Message from the Senate returning the following Bill without requests was received after the adjournment of the House on 26 September 1969:

*26 September 1969—*

No. 263—Appropriation (No. 1) 1969–70

Messages from the Senate returning the following Bills without amendment were also received after the adjournment of the House on 26 September 1969:

*26 September 1969—*

No. 264—Appropriation (No. 2) 1969–70

No. 265—National Health 1969

## APPENDIX 2

# Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General

### ASSENT TO BILLS

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General intimating that His Excellency in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty had assented to the following Bills, were received after the adjournment of the House on 26 September 1969:

#### *26 September 1969*

- No. 178—Universities (Financial Assistance) Act (No. 2) 1969
- Income Tax Act 1969
- Income Tax (Partnerships and Trusts) Act 1969
- Air Navigation (Charges) Act 1969
- States Grants (Universities) Act 1969
- States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) Act 1969
- States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) Act (No. 2) 1969
- Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act 1969
- Fishing Industry Research Act 1969
- States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1969
- States Grants (Advanced Education) Act (No. 2) 1969
- Book Bounty Act 1969
- Customs Tariff Validation Act 1969

#### *27 September 1969*

- No. 179—Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1969–70
- Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1969–70
- States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act 1969
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1969
- States Grants (Independent Schools) Act 1969
- States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act 1969
- Tasmania Grant Act 1969
- No. 180—Public Works Committee Act 1969
- Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1969
- Social Services Act 1969
- Repatriation Act 1969
- Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1969
- Airline Equipment (Loan Guarantee) Act 1969
- Loan (Australian National Airlines Commission) Act 1969
- Loan (Drought Bonds) Act 1969
- Income Tax (Drought Bonds) Act 1969
- Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1969
- National Health Act 1969