

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 1967

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of February, in the sixteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

1 On which day, being the first day of the meeting of the Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Alan George Turner, C.B.E., Clerk of the House of Representatives, Norman James Parkes, O.B.E., Deputy Clerk, John Athol Pettifer, Clerk Assistant, and Alan Robert Browning, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk:

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit

CASEY

Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the
Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things provided that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit:

NOW THEREFORE I, RICHARD GARDINER, BARON CASEY, the Governor-General aforesaid, in the exercise of the power conferred by the said Constitution, do by this my Proclamation appoint Tuesday, the twenty-first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs: and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give attendance accordingly in the building known as Parliament House, Canberra, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the morning on the said twenty-first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

(L.S.) GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia this second day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven and in the fifteenth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

HAROLD HOLT

Prime Minister

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

2 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTY BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

HONOURABLE MEMBERS,

The Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General for the opening of Parliament requests the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith. Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue under the Great Seal of the Commonwealth constituting me his Deputy to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Commission was read as follows:

His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Right Honourable SIR GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, G.C.M.G.,
Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.

GREETING:

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Commonwealth, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorise and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary or expedient to assign to him or them;

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the second day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, the twenty-first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs: and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as Parliament House, Canberra, at eleven o'clock in the morning of the said twenty-first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

KNOW YOU THAT, in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, RICHARD GARDINER, BARON CASEY, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputy for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

(L.S.) GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this twenty-first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

By His Excellency's Command,
HAROLD HOLT
Prime Minister

CASEY
Governor-General

The Deputy then said:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that after Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be first chosen, you, Members of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker; and later this day you will present the person whom you shall so choose to His Excellency at such time and place as he shall appoint.

I will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oath or affirmation of allegiance to honourable Members of that House.

And thereupon the Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

3 DEPUTY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS: The Right Honourable Sir Garfield Edward John Barwick, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows:

His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Right Honourable SIR GARFIELD EDWARD JOHN BARWICK, G.C.M.G.,
Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section forty-two of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorised by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, RICHARD GARDINER, BARON CASEY, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorise you to attend at the Chamber of the House of Representatives at Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, immediately after the opening of the Parliament of the Commonwealth at eleven o'clock in the morning of that day, and there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

(L.S.) GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this
twenty-first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

CASEY

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

HAROLD HOLT
Prime Minister

4 RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION: The Clerk laid on the Table returns to the 124 writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 26 November 1966 which showed that for the several Electoral Divisions the following had been elected:

Division	State	Name
Adelaide ..	South Australia ..	Andrew Thomas Jones
Angas	South Australia ..	Geoffrey O'Halloran Giles
Australian Capital Territory .. ..	.. ..	James Reay Fraser
Balaclava ..	Victoria	Raymond Harold Whittorn
Ballaarat ..	Victoria	George Dudley Erwin
Banks	New South Wales ..	Dominic Eric Costa
Barker	South Australia ..	Alexander James Forbes
Barton	New South Wales ..	William Tevlin Arthur
Bass	Tasmania	Lance Herbert Barnard
Batman	Victoria	Samuel James Benson
Bendigo	Victoria	Noel Lawrence Beaton
Bennelong ..	New South Wales ..	John Oscar Cramer
Blaxland ..	New South Wales ..	Eli James Harrison
Bonython ..	South Australia ..	Martin Henry Nicholls
Boothby ..	South Australia ..	John Elden McLeay
Bowman	Queensland	Wylie Talbot Gibbs
Braddon	Tasmania	Ronald Davies
Bradfield ..	New South Wales ..	Henry Basil Turner
Brisbane ..	Queensland	Manfred Douglas Cross
Bruce	Victoria	Billy Mackie Snedden
Calare	New South Wales ..	John Armstrong England
Canning	Western Australia ..	John Mead Hallett
Capricornia ..	Queensland	George Henry Gray
Chisholm ..	Victoria	Wilfrid Selwyn Kent Hughes
Corangamite ..	Victoria	Anthony Austin Street
Corio	Victoria	Hubert Ferdinand Opperman
Cowper	New South Wales ..	Ian Louis Robinson
Cunningham ..	New South Wales ..	Reginald Francis Xavier Connor
Curtin	Western Australia ..	Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck
Dalley	New South Wales ..	William Paul O'Connor
Darebin	Victoria	Frank Courtney
Darling	New South Wales ..	Joseph James Clark
Darling Downs ..	Queensland	Reginald William Colin Swartz
Dawson	Queensland	Rex Alan Patterson
Deakin	Victoria	Alan William Jarman
Denison	Tasmania	Adrian Gibson
East Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	Leonard Thomas Devine
Eden-Monaro ..	New South Wales ..	Dugald Ranald Ross Munro
Evans	New South Wales ..	Malcolm George Mackay
Farrer	New South Wales ..	David Eric Fairbairn
Fawkner	Victoria	Peter Howson
Fisher	Queensland	Charles Frederick Adermann
Flinders	Victoria	Phillip Reginald Lynch
Forrest	Western Australia ..	Gordon Freeth
Franklin	Tasmania	Thomas Gordon Pearsall
Fremantle ..	Western Australia ..	Kim Edward Beazley
Gellibrand ..	Victoria	Hector James McIvor
Gippsland ..	Victoria	Peter James Nixon
Grayndler ..	New South Wales ..	Frederick Michael Daly
Grey	South Australia ..	Donald Scott Jessop

Division	State	Name
Griffith	.. Queensland	.. Donald Milner Cameron
Gwydir	.. New South Wales	.. Archibald Ian Allan
Henty ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Edmund Maxwell Cameron Fox
Herbert	.. Queensland	.. Robert Noel Bonnett
Higgins	.. Victoria ..	.. Harold Edward Holt
Higinbotham	.. Victoria ..	.. Donald Leslie Chipp
Hindmarsh	.. South Australia	.. Clyde Robert Cameron
Hughes	.. New South Wales	.. James Donald Mathieson Dobie
Hume ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Alexander Pettitt
Hunter	.. New South Wales	.. Albert William James
Indi ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Rendle McNeilage Holten
Isaacs ..	.. Victoria ..	.. William Crawford Haworth
Kalgoorlie	.. Western Australia	.. Frederick Walter Collard
Kennedy	.. Queensland	.. Robert Cummin Katter
Kingsford-Smith	New South Wales	.. Daniel James Curtin
Kingston	.. South Australia	.. Kay Cathrine Millin Brownbill.
Kooyong	.. Victoria ..	.. Andrew Sharp Peacock
Lalor ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Mervyn William Lee
Lang ..	.. New South Wales	.. Francis Eugene Stewart
La Trobe	.. Victoria ..	.. John David Jess
Lawson	.. New South Wales	.. Laurence John Failes
Leichhardt	.. Queensland	.. William John Fulton
Lilley ..	.. Queensland	.. Kevin Michael Kiernan Cairns
Lowe ..	.. New South Wales	.. William McMahon
Lyne ..	.. New South Wales	.. Philip Ernest Lucock
Macarthur	.. New South Wales	.. Henry Jefferson Bate
Mackellar	.. New South Wales	.. William Charles Wentworth
Macquarie	.. New South Wales	.. Anthony Sylvester Luchetti
Mallee	.. Victoria ..	.. Winton George Turnbull
Maranoa	.. Queensland	.. James Corbett
Maribyrnong	.. Victoria ..	.. Philip William Clifford Stokes
McMillan	.. Victoria ..	.. Alexander Andrew Buchanan
McPherson	.. Queensland	.. Charles Edward Barnes
Melbourne	.. Victoria ..	.. Arthur Augustus Calwell
Melbourne Ports	Victoria ..	.. Frank Crean
Mitchell	.. New South Wales	.. Leslie Herbert Irwin
Moore	.. Western Australia	.. Donald William Maisey
Moreton	.. Queensland	.. Denis James Killen
Murray	.. Victoria ..	.. John McEwen
Newcastle	.. New South Wales	.. Charles Keith Jones
New England	.. New South Wales	.. Ian McCahon Sinclair
North Sydney	.. New South Wales	.. Bruce William Graham
Northern Territory	.. ..	.. Stephen Edward Calder
Oxley ..	.. Queensland	.. William George Hayden
Parkes	.. New South Wales	.. Thomas Eyre Forrest Hughes
Parramatta	.. New South Wales	.. Nigel Hubert Bowen
Paterson	.. New South Wales	.. Allen Fairhall
Perth ..	.. Western Australia	.. Frederick Charles Chaney
Petrie ..	.. Queensland	.. Alan Shallcross Hulme
Phillip	.. New South Wales	.. William John Aston
Port Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. Frederick Ronald Birrell
Reid ..	.. New South Wales	.. Thomas Uren
Richmond	.. New South Wales	.. John Douglas Anthony
Riverina	.. New South Wales	.. Adam Alexander Armstrong
Robertson	.. New South Wales	.. Crawford William Bridges-Maxwell

Division	State	Name
Ryan ..	Queensland ..	Edward Nigel Drury
Scullin ..	Victoria ..	Edward William Peters
Shortland ..	New South Wales ..	Charles Edward Griffiths
St. George ..	New South Wales ..	Leonard Lewis Bosman
Stirling ..	Western Australia ..	Charles Harry Webb
Sturt ..	South Australia ..	Ian Bonython Cameron Wilson
Swan ..	Western Australia ..	Richard Cleaver
Wakefield ..	South Australia ..	Charles Robert Kelly
Wannon ..	Victoria ..	John Malcolm Fraser
Warringah ..	New South Wales ..	Edward Henry St. John
Watson ..	New South Wales ..	James Francis Cope
Wentworth ..	New South Wales ..	Leslie Harry Ernest Bury
Werriwa ..	New South Wales ..	Edward Gough Whitlam
West Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	Daniel Minogue
Wide Bay ..	Queensland ..	Brendan Percival Hansen
Wills ..	Victoria ..	Gordon Munro Bryant
Wilmot ..	Tasmania ..	Gilbert William Arthur Duthie
Wimmera ..	Victoria ..	Robert Shannon King
Yarra ..	Victoria ..	James Ford Cairns

5 MEMBERS SWORN: The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the oath required by law, except Mr Bate and Mr Killen who were not then present. The Deputy retired.

6 ELECTION OF SPEAKER: Mr Chaney, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Aston, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Turnbull.

Mr Aston informed the House that he accepted nomination.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Fulton, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition).

Mr Fulton informed the House that he accepted nomination.

There being no further proposal—

Debate ensued.

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows:

Mr Aston ..	78 votes
Mr Fulton ..	43 votes

Mr Aston was thereupon declared elected as Speaker, and Mr Chaney and Mr Turnbull conducted him to the Chair.

Mr Aston returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Mr Holt (Prime Minister), Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) and Mr Fulton congratulated Mr Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

7 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER: Mr Holt (Prime Minister) stated that he had ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament that day at eighteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.

And the sitting of the House having been suspended at sixteen minutes to one o'clock p.m. until nineteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.—

Mr Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.

8 COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS: Mr Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:

His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Honourable WILLIAM JOHN ASTON, M.P.

Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

GREETING:

WHEREAS by section forty-two of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorised by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, RICHARD GARDINER, BARON CASEY, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorise you from time to time, at Parliament House, Canberra, to administer the said Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the House of Representatives.

(L.S.) GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this twenty-first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

CASEY

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

HAROLD HOLT

Prime Minister.

9 MEMBER SWORN: Henry Jefferson Bate made and subscribed the oath required by law.

10 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD: The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honourable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency: And having returned—

11 FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY, NEW DEPARTMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHIPS: Mr Holt (Prime Minister) announced that, dependent upon the Parliament's acceptance of a Bill to amend the Ministers of State Act, the new Ministry would be constituted as follows:

Cabinet:

Prime Minister	.. .. .	..	Rt Hon. H. E. Holt
Minister for Trade and Industry	.. .. .	..	Rt Hon. J. McEwen
Treasurer	.. .. .	..	Rt Hon. W. McMahan
Minister for External Affairs	.. .. .	..	Rt Hon. P. M. C. Hasluck
Minister for Defence	.. .. .	..	Hon. A. Fairhall
Minister for the Interior	.. .. .	..	Hon. J. D. Anthony
Minister for Supply	.. .. .	..	Senator the Hon. N. H. D. Henty
Minister for Primary Industry	.. .. .	..	Rt Hon. C. F. Adermann
Postmaster-General and Vice-President of the Executive Council	.. .. .	..	Hon. A. S. Hulme
Minister for National Development	.. .. .	..	Hon. D. E. Fairbairn, D.F.C.
Minister for Education and Science	.. .. .	..	Senator the Hon. J. G. Gorton
Minister for Labour and National Service	.. .. .	..	Hon. L. H. E. Bury

Other Ministers:

Minister for Shipping and Transport ..	Hon. G. Freeth
Minister for Territories	Hon. C. E. Barnes
Minister for Civil Aviation	Hon. R. W. C. Swartz, M.B.E., E.D.
Minister for Immigration	Hon. B. M. Snedden, Q.C.
Minister for Health	Hon. A. J. Forbes, M.C.
Minister for Air	Hon. P. Howson
Minister for Customs and Excise ..	Senator the Hon. K. McC. Anderson
Minister for Repatriation	Senator the Hon. G. C. McKellar
Minister for Social Services	Hon. I. McC. Sinclair
Minister for Housing	Senator the Hon. Dame Annabelle Rankin, D.B.E.
Minister for the Army	Hon. J. M. Fraser
Minister for Works	Hon. C. R. Kelly
Attorney-General	Hon. N. H. Bowen, Q.C.
Minister for the Navy	Hon. D. L. Chipp

Mr Sinclair would assist the Minister for Trade and Industry and Mr Howson would assist the Treasurer in general matters relating to their portfolios. Mr Chipp would assist the Minister for Trade and Industry in matters relating to tourist activities.

Until the Ministers of State Act is amended to increase the number of Ministers from 25 to 26, Senator Gorton would be Minister for Works.

Mr Snedden would be Leader of the House and Senator Henty would be Leader of the Government in the Senate.

Mr Holt informed the House that representation of Ministers would be as follows:

In the Senate:

Prime Minister, Minister for Trade and Industry (including matters relating to tourist activities), Treasurer, and Minister for National Development	Senator Henty
Minister for External Affairs, Minister for Defence, Minister for Labour and National Service, Minister for Territories, and Attorney-General	Senator Gorton
Postmaster-General, Minister for Shipping and Transport, Minister for Works, and Minister for Civil Aviation	Senator Anderson
Minister for the Interior, Minister for Primary Industry, Minister for Air, Minister for the Army, and Minister for the Navy ..	Senator McKellar
Minister for Immigration, Minister for Health, and Minister for Social Services	Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin

In the House of Representatives:

Minister for Supply	Mr Fairhall
Minister for Housing	Mr Bury
Minister for Repatriation	Mr Swartz
Minister for Education and Science ..	Mr Forbes
Minister for Customs and Excise	Mr Howson
Minister for Works (pending amendment of Ministers of State Act)	Mr Freeth

Questions in the House on tourist activities would be handled by Mr Chipp in his capacity as Minister assisting the Minister for Trade and Industry on these matters.

Mr Holt stated that, with the appointment of a Minister for Education and Science, there had been established a new Department of Education and Science the principal functions of which would relate to education, scientific research and support of research.

Mr Holt also stated that Mr G. D. Erwin would be the Government Whip and that Mr Killen would be the Assistant Government Whip.

- 12 LEADERSHIP OF THE OPPOSITION: Mr Whitlam informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Opposition, and that Mr Barnard had been appointed Deputy Leader.

Mr Holt (Prime Minister) congratulated Mr Whitlam and Mr Barnard. Mr Whitlam expressed thanks on behalf of Mr Barnard and himself.

- 13 LEADERSHIP AND WHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY PARTY: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Australian Country Party, Mr Anthony (Minister for the Interior) had been appointed Deputy Leader, and Mr Turnbull had been appointed Whip.

- 14 FORMER LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION—APPRECIATION OF SERVICES: Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, by leave, expressed to the House his appreciation of the services of Mr Calwell as the former Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Holt (Prime Minister), Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), and Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, joined in the expression of appreciation. Mr Calwell, by leave, expressed his thanks.

- 15 EVIDENCE BILL 1967: Mr Holt (Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Evidence Act 1904-1964*.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, and that he had received a copy. (*Text of the Speech appears in Hansard.*)

- 17 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Holt (Prime Minister) moved—That a committee, consisting of Mr Munro, Mr Katter and the mover be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the committee do report this day.

Question—put and passed.

Suspension of sitting: At four minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker left the Chair.
Resumption of sitting: At five o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

- 18 DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR (THE HONOURABLE G. BROWN): Mr Holt (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on 12 January, of the Honourable G. Brown, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honourable Gordon Brown, a Senator for the State of Queensland from 1932 until 1965 and a former President of the Senate, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.

And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 19 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE G. LAWSON): Mr Holt (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on 25 November 1966, of the Honourable G. Lawson, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honourable George Lawson, a Member of this House for the Division of Brisbane from 1931 to 1961 and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
- And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) and Mr Cross having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.

Suspension of sitting: At twenty-five minutes past five o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At eight o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

- 20 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 21 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Public Works Committee Act—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Twenty-ninth General Report.
- 22 TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY—DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL GUARANTEE DECLARATION: Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea a copy of a resolution known as the Development Capital Guarantee Declaration which the House of Assembly had agreed should be forwarded to the Parliament of the Commonwealth. Mr Speaker then presented the following paper:
Territory of Papua and New Guinea—Resolution of House of Assembly—
Development Capital Guarantee Declaration.
- 23 OPPOSITION WHIPS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) informed the House that Mr Duthie had been appointed Opposition Whip and that Mr James had been appointed Assistant Opposition Whip.
- 24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Mr Failes moved—That Mr Lucock be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Drury.
- Mr Clark moved—That Mr Costa be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Fulton.
- There being no further proposal—
The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, Mr Speaker reported the result, as follows:
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| Mr Lucock | .. | .. | .. | .. | 78 votes |
| Mr Costa | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 votes |
- Mr Lucock was thereupon declared elected as Chairman.
- Mr Holt (Prime Minister), Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) and Mr Costa congratulated Mr Lucock, who made his acknowledgments to the House.
- 25 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mr Munro brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:
- MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:
- We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.
- Mr Munro moved—That the Address be agreed to.
- Mr Katter seconded the motion.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Duthie), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 26 **MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1967:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952–1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Holt moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at four minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 February 1967, pursuant to statute:

- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 1966—No. 150.
 1967—No. 11.
- Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 176.
- Australian Capital Territory Representation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 145.
- Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, Nos. 157, 158, 159.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 152.
- Canned Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 179.
- Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 3.
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinances—1966—
 No. 5—Promissory Oaths (Amendment).
 No. 6—Interpretation (No. 2).
 No. 7—Police Force (Amendment).
- Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificates—S. D. T. Byrne, W. A. Kent, J. W. Read.
- Copper Bounty Act—Return for 1966.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 1966—No. 173.
 1967—No. 9.
- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 181.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 1966—Nos. 151, 162, 167.
 1967—Nos. 12, 13.
- Distillation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 175.
- Education Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 182.
- Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, Nos. 164, 174.
- Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (14).
- Honey Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 5.
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No. 241—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service;
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No. 244—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

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No. 259—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 260—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth
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No. 261—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 263—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 264—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and
others.

No. 265—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.

No. 266—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 267—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 268—Clothing and Allied Trades Union of Australia; and Australian
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- No. 270—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
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- No. 273—Repatriation Department Medical Officers' Association.
- No. 274—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
- No. 275—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.
- No. 276—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.
- No. 277—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 278—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
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- No. 281—Australian Workers' Union.
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- No. 4—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
- No. 5—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Killen.

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