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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 2

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1967

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR:** Mr Speaker informed the House that the Right Honourable Herbert Bowden, C.B.E., M.P., Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs in the Government of the United Kingdom, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honourable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
  - 3 **PETITION:** Mr Bryant presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government remove section 127, and the words discriminating against Aborigines in section 51, of the Commonwealth Constitution, by the holding of a referendum at an early date.  
Petition received and read.
  - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Commonwealth Railways Act—Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Annual Report for year 1965–66.  
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1965–66.
  - 6 **INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—TEHERAN CONFERENCE, 1966—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Kelly, by leave, presented the following paper:  
Inter-Parliamentary Union—Fifty-fifth Conference, Teheran, Persia, September–October 1966—Report of the Australian Delegation—  
and moved, by leave—That the House take note of the paper.  
Mr Kelly was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SALES TAX BILLS:** Mr McMahon (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in relation to the proceedings on any Sales Tax Bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—  
(a) the presentation and the first readings of the Bills together;  
(b) one motion being moved and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and  
(c) the consideration of all the Bills as a whole together in a committee of the whole.  
Question—put and passed.

- 8 STATUTE LAW REVISION (DECIMAL CURRENCY) BILL 1967: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Statute Law Revision (Decimal Currency) Act 1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen 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.

- 9 MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1967: 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.

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

- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 1 (1967): Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1967).  
Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Reports—

Components and unmachined castings for pipeline valves (By-law admission).

Dichlorophenol (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Felt-based floor coverings (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Floor coverings of vinyl (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Parts and materials for ladies' handbags (By-law).

Single engined aeroplanes.

X-ray film (Dumping and Subsidies Act).

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Band-pass crystal filters.

Severally ordered to be printed.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Synthetic resin monofilaments for brushware.

Ordered to be printed.

- 12 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Mr Howson (Minister for Air) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.: Mr Bosman, Mr Chaney, Mr Fulton, Mr Holten, Mr James and Mr O'Connor.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1967: 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.

Mr Hayden 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 as an instruction to the Government to amalgamate related departments and to create new departments of (a) Education, (b) Northern Development and (c) Science and Technology”.

*Speaker's ruling:* Mr Speaker ruled that as the Ministers of State Act fixed the number of Ministers and did not deal with the creation of departments the amendment was out of order as it was not relevant to the Bill.

*Dissent from ruling:* Mr J. F. Cairns moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued on the motion of dissent.

Question—That the ruling be dissented from—put.

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

AYES, 40

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Gray	Mr Patterson
Mr Beaton	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Beazley	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Stewart
Mr Benson	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr Luchetti	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	
Mr Collard	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	Mr James

NOES, 75

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Failes	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairhall	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr St. John
Mr Bate	Mr Fox	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Turner
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Gibson	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hasluck	Mr McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr McMahon	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Allan	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Anthony	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr St. John
Mr Arthur	Mr Fox	Mr King	Mr Stokes
Mr Barnes	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Freeth	Mr Lucock	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McEwen	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hasluck	Mr McMahon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Opperman	
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Pearsall	Mr Turnbull
Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Pettitt	

NOES, 35

Mr Beaton	Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr O'Connor
Mr Beazley	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Harrison	Mr Peters
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Devine	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr Clark	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Minogue	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Gray	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 1, dated 21 February 1967, 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 Snedden (Leader of the House), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Accounts Committee Act* 1951–1966, the following Members be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz.: Mr Cleaver, Mr Collard, Mr Dobie, Mr Fox, Mr Gray, Mr Peters and Mr Robinson.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

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—

Debate resumed.

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

- 16 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported acquainting the House of the appointment of Senators to the following committees:

22 February 1967—Message—

No. 1—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Senators Branson, Dittmer and Prowse.

No. 2—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senators Fitzgerald, Webster and Wedgwood.

No. 3—Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Mr President and Senators McClelland and Sim.

- 17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 February 1967, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariffs—Order—Less Developed Country No. 3.

Navigation Act—Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations—Determination dated 12 October 1965—Amendment.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 15.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Killen.

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