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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 1967

- 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **TASMANIAN BUSH FIRES—COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**  
Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to Commonwealth assistance to Tasmania following the disastrous bush fires in that State.  
Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Tenth Annual Report, for year ended 13 August 1966.  
Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal No. 5—Report for year ended 31 January 1967.
- 5 **NORTHERN TERRITORY—LAND TENURE PROPOSALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to proposals for the amendment of land tenure legislation in the Northern Territory. Mr Patterson asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter. Objection being raised, leave not granted.  
*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Patterson making a statement.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

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

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

And so it was negatived.

- 6 SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE AIRPORTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement with respect to the relative progress of development of the Sydney and Melbourne airports and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Sydney and Melbourne Airports—Ministerial statement, 7 March 1967.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate ensued.

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

- 7 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Anthony (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—

- (1) That a joint committee be appointed to—
  - (a) examine and report on all proposals for modifications or variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of November 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the committee by the Minister for the Interior; and
  - (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for the Interior.
- (2) That the committee consist of two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Prime Minister, two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, three Senators appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (3) That every appointment of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee shall hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- (6) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.

- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament.
- (9) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (10) That five members of the committee, including the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.
- (11) That in matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (13) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Clark, Mr Crean, Mr Drury, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr James, Mr Killen, Mr Peacock, Mr St. John and Mr Turnbull be members of the Committee of Privileges; five to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House, and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, *ex officio* members, the following Members be members of the Standing Orders Committee, five to form a quorum, viz.: the Prime Minister, Mr Bryant, Mr Clark, Mr Drury, Mr Duthie, Mr Fulton and Mr McEwen.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Failes, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Graham, Mr Hansen, Mr C. K. Jones and Mr Stokes be members of the House Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Allan, Mr Bryant, Mr Cross, Mr O'Connor, Mr Turner and Mr Wentworth be members of the Library Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 PRINTING COMMITTEE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Miss Brownbill, Mr Bryant, Mr Corbett, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Graham, Mr Lynch and Mr Stewart be members of the Printing Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 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 Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 14 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE BILL 1967:** Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947-1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bury 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.

- 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:

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Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

*Presentation of Address in Reply:* Mr Speaker informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor-General would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply at Government House at fifteen minutes to five o'clock p.m. tomorrow. Mr Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honourable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 March 1967, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1967—

No. 9 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).

No. 10 (Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—

1966—No. 70—National Parks and Gardens.

1967—No. 4—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) 1966.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—K. J. U. Williams.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All the Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Devine, Mr Failes, Mr Jessop and Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives