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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 1967

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 J. R. Fraser presented a petition from certain residents of Canberra praying that this House will, as a matter of urgency, direct that the appropriate authorities take all necessary action to have pedestrian traffic lights and any other safety devices deemed essential installed at the Limestone Avenue, Donaldson Street and Elder Street intersections.

Mr St. John presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government co-operate with the State Government of New South Wales in sparing the Customs House Building, Circular Quay, from possible demolition and in undertaking its conversion into a National Maritime Museum. Petitions severally received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) answering a question—

*Closure of Member moved:* Mr Hayden moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 36

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Beaton	Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Calwell	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 Gray	Mr O'Connor	Mr Fulton

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

And so it was negatived.

Mr Forbes rising to continue his answer—

*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr J. R. Fraser moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Forbes completing his answer without limitation of time.

*Speaker's ruling:* Mr Speaker ruled that as time limits were not applicable to questions and answers there was no point in the motion and therefore it was out of order.

Mr Forbes completed his answer.

- 4 ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION AND BADGE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning arrangements for the issue of the Anzac Commemorative Medallion and Badge, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Anzac Commemorative Medallion and Badge—Statement with respect to conditions of eligibility and applications.
- 5 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 4 April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUREAU OF MINERAL RESOURCES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Luchetti had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The excessive number of resignations from the professional staff of the Bureau of Mineral Resources in recent years, particularly in the last three months, leading to disruption of the activities of the Bureau and the lowering of its morale".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Luchetti addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, general business, being called on forthwith and consideration of the notice being continued until fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
- 8 EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK IN PUBLIC SERVICE: Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes moved, pursuant to notice—That this House approves of the principle of equal pay for equal work for men and women officers of the Public Service and requests the Government to amend accordingly Regulations 104, 105, and 106 under section 30 of the Public Service Act.  
Debate ensued.  
The time allotted for the consideration of the motion having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES, CUSTOMS TARIFF (No. 2), EXCISE TARIFF, INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT, PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT, AND SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILLS 1967: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Bill 1967—

Clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Remaining five Bills, by leave, taken as a whole together, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the report, and the Bills were together read a third time.

- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 6 (1967): Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 6 (1967).  
Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard), 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—  
Cycle saddles.  
Electrical capacitors.  
Plastic corrugated plates, sheets or strip.  
Severally ordered to be printed.
- 12 EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 1 (1967): Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Excise 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.
- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 TASMANIA GRANT (GORDON RIVER ROAD) 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.  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 4, dated 22 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 Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 CUSTOMS TARIFF 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 by Mr J. F. Cairns who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “while not declining to give the Bill a second reading this House is of the opinion that the Tariff Board needs to develop more effective means of ascertaining what are or may become economic and efficient ventures for which it recommends protection or assistance, and that the Government should take steps to ensure that the companies to which protection is given follow price, production, export and dividend policies which are in the interests of economic and efficient development, as well as of full employment and a stable and rapid rate of investment”.  
Debate continued.  
Amendment negatived.  
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946–1960*, in addition to Mr Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Arthur, Miss Brownbill, Mr Costa, Mr Luchetti and Mr Turnbull be members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.  
Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 4 April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 16 March 1967, pursuant to statute:

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Benson, Mr Bonnett, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Courtney, Mr Lucock and Mr Opperman.

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