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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 1967

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- 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 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 3 KENNEDY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations now drawing to a close in Geneva.
Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
 - 4 NATIONAL LIBRARY COUNCIL: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *National Library Act 1960–1966*, this House elects Mr Bryant to be a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia and to continue as a member for a period of three years from this day.
Question—put and passed.
 - 5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave —That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being continued until fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
 - 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed Pitt Exchange Building at Sydney, New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
 - 7 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
 - 8 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1967: Mr Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Homes Savings Grant Act 1964–1966*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bury 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 NAVIGATION BILL 1967: Mr Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act 1912-1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Freeth 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.
- 10 SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT (ASSISTANCE) BILL 1967: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Assistance by the Commonwealth towards the Provision of Sheltered Employment and Accommodation for certain Disabled Persons.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 6 April 1967—Message No. 9—Statute Law Revision (Decimal Currency) 1967.
- 12 TARIFF BOARD REPORT—SACCHARIN, ETC.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Tariff Board—Report—Saccharin, etc., and cyclamic acid—
 and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
- 13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL (No. 2) 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. 7, dated 5 April 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 Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 STATES GRANTS 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.
- 16 AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION BILL 1967: Mr Chipp (Minister in charge of Tourist Activities), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Tourist Commission for the purpose of the encouragement of visits to Australia, and travel in Australia, by People from other Countries.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Chipp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:
 6 April 1967—Message No. 10—Stevedoring Industry Charge 1967.

18 STATES GRANTS 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. 8, dated 5 April 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.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

6 April 1967—Message—

No. 11—Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1967.

No. 12—Tasmania Grant (Gordon River Road) 1967.

20 INCOME TAX (AGED PERSONS) 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 Crean 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 opposing the passage of this Bill with its limited benefits for aged persons, this House is of opinion that the adjustment of the age allowance for tax purposes should be for the full year instead of pro-rata for ten weeks only”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Allan	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Armstrong	Mr Failles	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr King	Mr Turner
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Freeth	Mr Lucock	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahan	
Mr Chipp	Mr Haworth	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	Mr G. D. Erwin
Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall	Mr Turnbull

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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 Birrell	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr McIvor	
Mr Clark	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Snedden moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 April 1967, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 2—Land (Sub-division).

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Civil Aviation—L. E. J.

Abbott, J. G. Botwood, P. Clayson, P. R. Coulson, C. J. Hall, G. L. Rae.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 36.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Fulton, Mr Giles, Mr Hasluck, Mr Holt, Mr Holten, Mr Hughes, Mr Killen, Mr Opperman and Mr Robinson.

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