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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 17

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 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 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Social Services) would act as Minister for Trade and Industry.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL (No. 2) 1967:** Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to Sales Tax with respect to Seat Belt Assemblies designed for the Protection of Persons in Motor Vehicles.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr McMahon 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.
 - 5 **SOCIAL SERVICES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Daly, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House condemns the Government because it has failed to—*
 - (1) eliminate the injustices of discrimination between the rates of married and single pensioners;
 - (2) increase adequately all rates of pensions and social service benefits to meet the increased cost of living;
 - (3) institute a national inquiry into poverty and social welfare in Australia;
 - (4) carry out its policy of abolishing the means test as promised as long ago as 1949, and
 - (5) make benefits retrospective to the date of the last elections, 26 November 1966”—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr L. H. Irwin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
 - 6 **PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ASIA, MARCH-APRIL 1967—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to his recent visit to Cambodia, Laos, Taiwan and South Korea.
 Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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Debate resumed.

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

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 9, dated 4 April 1967, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 19, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 20 to 23, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 24—

Mr Daly moved—That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of 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 Sinclair (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:

12 April 1967—Message No. 13—Customs Tariff 1967.

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

Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, presented the following papers:

Ansett-A.N.A. Viscount Aircraft VH-RMP—Copies of—

Trip Records—Part 1—Dated 26 and 27 January 1967.

Trip Records—Part 2—Maintenance Certificates Nos. 326821–30—Dated 25, 26, 27 and 28 January 1967.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Forbes, Mr Fulton, Mr Killen and Mr McEwen.

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