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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

THURSDAY, 4 MAY 1967

- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Anthony (Minister for the Interior), Mr Kelly (Minister for Works) would act as Minister for the Interior.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY—PROPOSED ENTRY OF BRITAIN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the proposed application by Britain to join the European Economic Community. Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 5 FIVE DOLLAR NOTE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the issue of the new five dollar note, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:  
 Five Dollar Note—Ministerial statement, 4 May 1967—  
 and moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 6 WITHHOLDING TAX—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to introduce a withholding tax on interest paid to persons, including companies, who are not residents of Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:  
 Withholding Tax—Ministerial statement, 4 May 1967—  
 and moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 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 the consideration of notice No. 1, general business, being continued until three o'clock p.m.  
 Question—put and passed.
- 8 NATIONAL WATER CONSERVATION AND CONSTRUCTING AUTHORITY: Mr Patterson moved, pursuant to notice—That a National Water Conservation and Constructing Authority, embracing the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, be established by the Commonwealth to carry out, in association with State Governments, the systematic development of soundly based water storage projects in the major river systems serving those established and proven areas which are periodically devastated by recurring droughts.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the consideration of the motion having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Barnes (Minister for Territories) 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 WOOL INDUSTRY BILL 1967: Mr Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Industry Act 1962-1966*.  
Bill read a first time.

Mr Adermann moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 10 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1967: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942-1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hulme moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Social Services) moved—That notice No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 AGED PERSONS HOMES BILL 1967—SENATE'S AMENDMENT: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment made by the Senate.

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*In the committee*

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 2, clause 3, line 18, after paragraph (b) insert “and (ba) a trade union registered under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State.”.

Mr Sinclair (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the amendment be disagreed to.  
Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Fails, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibson	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hasluck	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Haworth	Mr McLeay	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr McMahan	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	
Mr Chaney	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	
Mr Cleaver	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall	
Mr Corbett	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt	

*Tellers:*  
Mr G. D. Erwin  
Mr Turnbull

## NOES, 34

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair, the House adopted the report.

Mr Sinclair moved—That Mr Fox, Mr Pettitt, and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Sinclair, on behalf of the committee, brought up such reasons, which were read, and are as follows:

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate*

Because:

A trade union is in no different position to any other organisation that does not fall within paragraph (a) of the definition of eligible organisation. There is no more reason why a trade union should be selected for specific mention in a separate paragraph than there is for other organisations such as the Country Women's Association, Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, Apex Clubs or associations of employers. It would be open to any of these organisations including a trade union to establish a trust for charitable or benevolent purposes such as the conduct of an aged persons home, and have that trust approved by the Governor-General for the purposes of the Act. The trustee or trustees of the trust would then be an eligible organisation under paragraph (e) of the definition.

Alternatively a trade union could be approved by the Governor-General under sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (a) if it was not carried on for the purpose of profit or gain to its individual members.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the committee's reasons be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That standing order 103 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this month.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 62

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

NOES, 33

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave—

- (1) That a joint committee be appointed to consider foreign affairs generally and to report to the Minister for External Affairs upon such matters as are referred to it by the Minister.
- (2) That the committee consist of eight Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Prime Minister, five Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, four Senators appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and three 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 Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
- (5) 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.
- (6) That the committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.
- (7) That the committee or any sub-committee shall have power to adjourn from place to place and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament.
- (8) That the committee and its sub-committees shall sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret unless the Minister at the request of the committee otherwise directs.
- (9) That seven members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee and three members of a sub-committee shall constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (10) That (a) on every occasion when the committee reports to the Minister on any matter pursuant to his request the committee shall inform the Parliament of the fact that it has so reported, otherwise the proceedings of the committee shall not be reported to either House;
  - (b) the Minister shall forward a copy of any such report as he has requested to the Leader of the Opposition for his confidential information;
  - (c) the committee may communicate with the Minister but all communications with the Minister and the fact of any such communication shall be confidential to the committee and the Minister.
- (11) That the committee shall have power to invite persons to give evidence before the committee.
- (12) That with the consent of the Minister for External Affairs, the committee shall have power to call for official papers or records.
- (13) That all written and oral evidence submitted to or received by the committee *in camera* shall be confidential to the committee and the Minister.

- (14) That any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report, but the protest or dissent may not introduce new matter not referred to in the main report.
- (15) That the committee have power to consider the minutes of evidence and records of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs appointed in the previous Parliament relating to any matter on which that committee had not completed its consideration.
- (16) 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.
- (17) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Mr Peacock rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr G. D. Erwin moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

- 15 NORTHERN TERRITORY—FORM OF GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with respect to talks which had taken place in Canberra this week between the Government and representatives of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory in connection with the form of government for the Northern Territory, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:

Northern Territory—Form of government—Ministerial statement, 4 May 1967—  
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 16 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1967: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1965*. Bill read a first time.

Mr Hulme 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.

- 17 CYPRUS—UNITED NATIONS FORCE—CONTINUATION OF AUSTRALIAN POLICE ELEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement announcing a further continuation, and an enlargement, of the Australian Police Element in the United Nations Force in Cyprus, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:

Cyprus—United Nations Force—Continuation of Australian Police Element—  
Ministerial statement, 4 May 1967—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 18 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT 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 Acting Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 20, dated 5 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 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10, by leave, taken together—

Mr Connor moved—That the clauses be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Haworth, in the Chair)—

AYES, 31

Mr Barnard	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Webb
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Collard	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Gray	Mr Peters	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Stewart	Mr James

NOES, 58

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Jess	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jessop	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr Dobie	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hasluck	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahon	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chaney	Mr Hulme	Mr Munro	Mr Failes
Mr Cleaver	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	

And so it was negatived.

Clauses agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr Connor moved—That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Haworth reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past 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 4 May 1967, pursuant to statute:

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 78—Academic Progress (School of General Studies).

No. 79—Board of the School of General Studies Amendment No. 2.

No. 80—Faculties (School of General Studies) Amendment No. 7.

No. 81—Enrolment, Courses and Degrees Amendment No. 4.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aston, Mr Benson, Mr Daly, Mr Drury, Mr Forbes, Mr Fulton\*, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and Mr McEwen.

\* On leave.

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