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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 29

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 1967

1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth:

Australian Universities Commission—Report on tertiary education facilities in the Riverina.

Loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—Statements (16) with reference to the character and professional competence of Captain D. H. Stevens, R.A.N.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Seventeenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1965-66.

Superannuation Act—Superannuation Board—Forty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1965-66.

Wheat Research Act—Ninth Annual Report, for 1966.

4 **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 provision of engineering services to Casuarina Sub-division, Neighbourhood Unit No. 2, at Darwin, Northern Territory.

Ordered to be printed.

5 **TELEVISION SERVICES—EXTENSION TO ADDITIONAL AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—**

MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to extend television services in due course to the areas of Renmark in South Australia, Kalgoorlie and Geraldton in Western Australia, Mt Isa in Queensland, and Darwin in the Northern Territory, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:

Television Services—Extension to additional areas—Ministerial statement, 17 May 1967.

Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR MINING COPPER ON BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to a draft agreement which had been negotiated with Conzinc Riotinto of Australia Ltd for the mining of copper on Bougainville Island in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:

Papua and New Guinea—Proposed Agreement for mining copper on Bougainville Island—Ministerial statement, 17 May 1967—

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

16 May 1967—Message No. 28—

Dairying Industry 1967.

Processed Milk Products Bounty 1967.

- 8 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after order of the day No. 3, government business.

- 9 LOSS OF H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General): That the House take note of the ministerial statement (*presented on 16 May*), viz.:

Loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—Ministerial statement, 16 May 1967—

And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr St. John, viz.—That the following words be added to the motion: “and is of opinion that a select committee should be appointed to inquire into and report on this whole matter”—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Chaney be granted an extension of time.

Mr Benson moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment—That all words after “and” (first occurring) be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “places on record the confidence which it has in the Chief of the Naval Staff, the Naval Board, the Flag Officers, Officers, and the men and women of the Royal Australian Navy and the way in which the Navy operates and is administered”.

Ordered—That Mr Benson be granted an extension of time.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr C. R. Cameron finishing his speech.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Snedden—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1967 [No. 2]: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the passage without delay of a Post and Telegraph Rates Bill and that standing order 169 be suspended in relation to that Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 63

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

NOES, 35

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1967 [No. 2]: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, 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.

Mr Webb moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 35

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

NOES, 64

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

And so it was negated.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Snedden—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 LOSS OF H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General): That the House take note of the ministerial statement (*presented on 16 May*), viz.:

Loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—Ministerial statement, 16 May 1967—

And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr St. John, viz.—That the following words be added to the motion: “and is of opinion that a select committee should be appointed to inquire into and report on this whole matter”—*And on the amendment moved by Mr Benson to the proposed amendment, viz.*—That all words after “and” (first occurring) be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “places on record the confidence which it has in the Chief of the Naval Staff, the Naval Board, the Flag Officers, Officers, and the men and women of the Royal Australian Navy and the way in which the Navy operates and is administered”—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Holt (Prime Minister) finishing his speech.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

- 13 POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1967 [No. 2]: 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.

Mr Hansen rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put,

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

AYES, 63

Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
Mr Arthur	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bate	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bosman	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bowen	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Miss Brownbill	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	
Mr Bury	Mr Hasluck	Mr Nixon	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Haworth	Mr Peacock	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Pearsall	
Mr Chaney	Mr Howson	Mr Pettitt	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hulme	Mr Robinson	

Tellers:

Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Turnbull

NOES, 34

Mr Beaton	Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Courttnay	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	
Mr Collard	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 64

Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr Hulme	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
Mr Barnes	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hasluck	Mr Nixon	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr Peacock	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr Pearsall	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Pettitt	

Tellers:

Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Turnbull

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Mr Beaton	Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
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Mr Birrell	Mr Courttnay	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	
Mr Collard	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	

Tellers:

Mr Duthie
Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—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 debated.

Mr Bryant rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 63

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

NOES, 34

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Haworth reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 14 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

17 May 1967—Message—

No. 40—Supply (No. 1) 1967–68 (*without requests*).

No. 41—Supply (No. 2) 1967–68.

No. 42—Income Tax Assessment (No. 2) 1967.

- No. 43—Estate Duty Assessment 1967.
- No. 44—Gift Duty Assessment 1967.
- No. 45—Income Tax (International Agreements) 1967.
- No. 46—Wool Industry 1967.
- No. 47—States Grants (Advanced Education) 1967.
- No. 48—States Grants (Teachers Colleges) 1967.

16 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 May 1967, pursuant to statute:

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 60.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1967—

No. 90—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 91—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.

No. 92—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

No. 93—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 94—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia and Australian Nursing Federation, Employees' Section.

No. 95—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 96—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.

No. 97—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 98—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 99—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 101—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.

No. 102—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Aston, Mr Barnard, Mr Calwell, Mr Corbett, Mr Cross, Mr Daly, Mr Forbes, Mr Giles, Mr Hughes, Mr Jarman, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Mackay, Mr McEwen, Mr McIvor and Mr McLeay.

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