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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 31

FRIDAY, 19 MAY 1967

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- 1 The House met, at half-past nine 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 respective absences abroad of Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) and Mr Howson (Minister for Air), Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) would act as Minister for National Development and Mr Chipp (Minister for the Navy) would act as Minister for Air.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 LOSS OF H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—FURTHER JUDICIAL ENQUIRY INTO PARTICULAR MATTERS—TERMS OF REFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement in which he informed the House of the proposed terms of reference for the further judicial enquiry into particular matters related to the loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*. Mr Holt stated that the enquiry would take the form of a royal commission.
 - 5 TRANSPORT COSTS IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION—PRESENTATION OF PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:
Transport Costs in Northern Australia—Report of Committee of Investigation—and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.
Mr Patterson, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
Mr Harrison asked leave to make a statement in connection with the matter.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
 - 6 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Forty-first Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1966.
 - 7 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1967—SENATE'S REQUESTS: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendments requested by the Senate.
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In the committee

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS

- (1) Page 6, clause 7, line 17, after "society", insert "or credit union that has as a substantial part of its business the lending of moneys to its members for the purpose of the purchase or erection of dwelling-houses (including acquisition of land) for occupation by those members".
- (2) Page 6, clause 8, lines 32 to 36, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:—
 "8. Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended—
 (a) by omitting from sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of sub-section (3.) the words 'or credit union';
 (b) by adding at the end of sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (b) of sub-section (3.) the words 'or was described in those books or records in any other way that indicated that the moneys were for use in connexion with the purchase or construction of a dwelling-house'; and
 (c) by inserting in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of sub-section (3.) after the word 'society', the words 'or credit union that has as a substantial part of its business the lending of moneys to its members for the purpose of the purchase or erection of dwelling-houses (including acquisition of land) for occupation by those members'."

Acceptable savings where prescribed date is later than 31st December, 1964.

Mr Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing) moved—That the requested amendments be not made.

Debate ensued.

Sir John Cramer addressing the committee—

Closure: Mr G. D. Erwin 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, 51

Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Killen	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Lee	Mr St. John
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Giles	Mr Maisey	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Graham	Mr McMahan	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Hasluck	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Holten	Mr Opperman	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 26

Mr Beaton	Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Cope	Mr Harrison	Mr Peters
Mr Bryant	Mr Courtney	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	Mr Duthie
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Nicholls	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the requested amendments be not made—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 53

Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Killen	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Failes	Mr King	Mr St. John
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lee	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairhall	Mr Lynch	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Mr Maisey	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr McMahan	Mr Wilson
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Munro	
Mr Buchanan	Mr Graham	Mr Nixon	
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hasluck	Mr Peacock	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Pearsall	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 27

Mr Beaton	Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Cope	Mr Harrison	Mr Peters
Mr Bryant	Mr Courtney	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	Mr Duthie
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

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

The House resumed; Mr Haworth reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr Bury, the House adopted the report.

8 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9 SUGAR MARKETING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT 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 Administrator: Mr Acting Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 31, dated 11 May 1967, from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth 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 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: Page 1, line 9, at the end of the clause add “subject to the agreement being amended—

- (a) to provide for a grant of financial assistance of Nineteen million dollars to the State of Queensland to enable the State to meet its guarantee to the Reserve Bank of Australia, one-half of the grant to be a non-repayable grant and one-half to be an interest-bearing loan in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the agreement, and

- (b) to provide specifically that the Government of the State of Queensland will not levy the sugar industry or withhold funds from the sugar industry in order to make repayments to the Commonwealth”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

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 Snedden (Leader of the House), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES COMMISSION EQUIPMENT 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: “this House, whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, is of opinion that the financing of the purchase of aircraft by the Australian National Airlines Commission should be met from revenue and not from a loan raised overseas”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Administrator: Mr Acting Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 32, dated 11 May 1967, from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snedden (Leader of the House), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Acting Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Senators and Members as members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Senators Bull, Cormack, Laught and Mattner had been appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senators Drury, Mulvihill and Willesee had been appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senator McManus had been appointed by the Leader of the Australian Democratic Labor Party in that House.

Mr Armstrong, Mr Giles, Mr Hughes, Mr Jess, Mr Killen, Mr Nixon, Mr Peacock and Mr Turner had been appointed by the Prime Minister, and Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mr Beazley, Mr Costa, Mr Cross and Mr Davies had been appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in this House.

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

19 May 1967—Message—

No. 50—Softwood Forestry Agreements 1967.

No. 51—Petroleum Search Subsidy 1967.

- 13 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Snedden, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to three o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Aston, Mr Barnard, Mr Beazley, Mr Calwell, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Chaney, Mr Cleaver, Mr Daly, Mr Davies, Mr Dobie, Mr Forbes, Mr Freeth, Mr Gibson, Mr Giles, Mr Gray, Mr Hansen, Mr Howson, Mr Hulme, Mr Jarman, Mr Jessop, Mr A. T. Jones, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Mackay, Mr McEwen, Mr McIvor, Mr McLeay, Mr Turner and Mr Whittorn.

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