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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 34

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 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 **PETITIONS:** Mr G. D. Erwin presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Government set one per cent of the Gross National Product as a target for the annual allocation of aid to the developing countries.
Petition received and read.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Lynch, Mr Bridges-Maxwell and Mr Kelly (Minister for Works), and were severally received.
Mr Stewart presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government implement Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by providing increased social service and housing benefits for the aged, the invalid, the widowed and their dependants.
Petition received and read.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Wentworth, Mr Bosman, Mr Arthur, Mr Turner, Mr Uren, Mr Harrison, Mr Devine, Mr Graham, Mr Luchetti and Mr Bridges-Maxwell, and were severally received.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPERS:** Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:
Audit Act—Finance—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1966–67, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.
Ordered to be printed.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 4 February 1966 to 10 February 1967.
 - 5 **UNITED STATES REST AND RECREATION PROGRAMME IN AUSTRALIA—PARTICIPATION OF AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the rest and recreation programme in Australia for United States personnel serving in Viet Nam, and informed the House of the arrangements now made for the participation of Australian servicemen in the programme.
 - 6 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for two months be given to the honourable Member for Bowman (Mr Gibbs) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas, to the honourable Member for Chisholm (Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes) owing to his absence from Australia, and to the honourable Member for Balaclava (Mr Whittorn) on the ground of public business overseas.
Question—put and passed.

- 7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS: Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honourable Member for Melbourne (Mr Calwell) and the honourable Members for Hindmarsh (Mr C. R. Cameron) and Newcastle (Mr C. K. Jones) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 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.
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.
Debate continued.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 9 NAVIGATION 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 15 TO 18 (1967): Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 (1967).
Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Tariff Board—Reports—
Alumina, unwrought aluminium and aluminium products.
Aluminium powders, flakes, pastes etc.
Band-pass crystal filters.
Calf vealer leather (By-law).
Cheese other than cheddar.
Severally ordered to be printed.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Reports—
High tenacity man-made fibre yarns; staple fibre, tow and raw normal tenacity yarns of polyester; polyamide and polyester waste.
Sodium dichromate and chromic acid.
Severally ordered to be printed.
- 12 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 17 AUGUST 1967—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on international affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
International Affairs—Ministerial statement, 17 August 1967—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Holt (Prime Minister) and Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) each speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Statement by Member: Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, made a statement regarding a broadcast and a press report concerning himself which were referred to by Mr Holt in his speech.

Debate continued.

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

13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Calwell*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Daly, Mr Failes, Mr Gibbs*, Mr Jess, Mr C. K. Jones*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes*, Mr McEwen and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave.

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