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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 43

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation from the National Assembly of Pakistan, led by Mr Muhammad Qasim Malik, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of honourable Members, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
  - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
    - Department of External Affairs—Report for year 1966–67.
    - United Nations—General Assembly—Twenty-first Session, New York, 20 September to 20 December 1966—Report of the Australian Delegation.The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
    - Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Thirteenth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1966–67.
    - Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1966–67.
    - Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Nineteenth Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
    - Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Nineteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1966.
  - 5 **TRADE AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIA—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
    - Australia–Romania Trade Agreement—Signed at Bucharest on 18 May 1967—and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the Agreement. Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter. Mr McEwen moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 6 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 19 September, at half-past two o'clock p.m. Question—put and passed.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr O'Connor (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Report relating to the proposed reconstruction of Sutherland Wharf, Cockatoo Island Dockyard, New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STOKES HILL POWER STATION, DARWIN—STAGE 4 EXTENSION: Mr Kelly (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Stokes Hill Power Station, Darwin—Stage 4 extension.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1967–68—BUDGET DEBATE: 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 Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “this House condemns the Budget because—

- (1) it places defence costs on those least able to pay them;
- (2) it fails to curb administrative waste and extravagance;
- (3) it defers and retrenches development projects; and
- (4) it allows social service and war pensioners to fall still further behind their fellow citizens”—

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	Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon
Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Snedden
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Stokes
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fox	Mr King	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr Freeth	Mr Lucock	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chaney	Mr Hasluck	Mr McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahon	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

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Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Stewart
Mr Beaton	Mr Courtney	Mr Harrison	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr McIvor	
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Minogue	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Collard	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr Peters	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Scholes	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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

Parliament.

Department of the Treasury, and } together.  
Advance to the Treasurer

Attorney-General's Department.

Department of Civil Aviation;  
Department of Shipping and Transport, and } together.  
Commonwealth Railways.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, and } together.  
Department of Education and Science

Postmaster-General's Department, and } together.  
Broadcasting and Television Services

Department of Customs and Excise; } together.  
Department of Trade and Industry, and

Department of Primary Industry

Defence Services—

Department of Defence; } together.  
Department of the Navy;  
Department of the Army;  
Department of Air;  
Department of Supply, and  
General Services

Department of Health.

Department of Housing.

Department of the Interior.

Department of Immigration.

Department of Labour and National Service.

Department of National Development.

Prime Minister's Department.

Repatriation Department, and } together.  
Department of Social Services

Department of Territories.

Department of Works.

Department of External Affairs.

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$3,940,000—debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 10 **ABORIGINES—GOVERNMENT POLICY—CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AND STATE MINISTERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of certain decisions taken by the Government in relation to Aborigines following the alteration of the Constitution in this respect earlier this year.

Mr Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers responsible for Aboriginal Affairs held in Perth on 21 July.

Mr Beazley, by leave, also made a statement with reference to Aboriginal Affairs.

- 11 **PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT:** Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

## THIRD REPORT

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

- Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for period 26 October 1966 to 30 June 1967.
- Air Navigation Act—Minister for Civil Aviation—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-fifth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1966–67.
- Christmas Island—Report for year 1965–66.
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1965–66.
- Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Report for 1966.
- Department of External Affairs—Report for year 1966–67.
- Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1966–67.
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Forty-third Annual Report, for year 1966–67, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Thirteenth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1966–67.
- Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Twenty-ninth Annual Report, for 1966.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Forty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on administration of Nauru for year 1965–66.
- New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on administration of New Guinea for year 1965–66.
- Norfolk Island—Report for year 1965–66.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Statement of reasons by the Minister for the withholding of assent to the Child Welfare Ordinance 1966.
- Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Forty-third Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1966–67.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Nineteenth Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Nineteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1966.
- States Grants (Advanced Education) Act—Statement by the Minister, dated 25 August 1967, specifying a project approved additional to those specified in the Act—New South Wales Institute of Technology.
- Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act—Return for year 1966–67.
- Tractor Bounty Act—Return for period 1 July 1966 to 25 October 1966.
- United Nations—General Assembly—Twenty-first Session, New York, 20 September to 20 December 1966—Report of the Australian Delegation.

B. W. GRAHAM,  
Chairman

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Mr Graham moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

12 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1967–68: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$3,940,000—further debated.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Haworth reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEFENCE FORCE PROTECTION BILL 1967: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

Message No. 65

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act for the Protection of the Defence Force in respect of its Operations in or near Viet-Nam*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 7 September 1967

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

*In the committee*

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 5, clause 9, line 25, after “is”, insert “*prima facie*”.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), the amendment was agreed to.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

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Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$3,940,000—further debated and agreed to.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

7 September 1967—Message No. 67—Social Services (No. 2) 1967.

- 16 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howson (Minister for Air) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 19 September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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**PAPER:** The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 7 September 1967, pursuant to statute:

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 119.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Benson, Mr Calder, Mr Calwell\*, Mr C. R. Cameron\*, Mr Daly, Mr Davies, Mr Failes\*, Mr Gibbs\*, Mr Gibson, Mr Holten, Mr A. T. Jones, Mr C. K. Jones\*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes\*, Mr McLeay, Mr St. John and Mr Whittorn\*.

\* On leave.

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