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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 50

TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1967

- 1 The House met, at three o'clock p.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 the Right Honourable K. J. Holyoake, C.H., M.P., Prime Minister of New Zealand, and the Honourable N. S. Reddy, M.P., Speaker of the Lok Sabha in the Indian Parliament, were within the precincts. The distinguished visitors thereupon, with the concurrence of honourable Members, were provided with seats on the floor of the House.
- Mr Speaker also informed the House that members of a delegation from the Indian Parliament, led by Mr Reddy, were 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 being asked—
- Member named and suspended:* Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Watson (Mr Cope) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
- Mr Holt (Prime Minister) moved—That the honourable Member for Watson be suspended from the service of the House.
- Question—put.
- The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Robiinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jarman	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairhall	Mr Jess	Mr St. John
Mr Bate	Mr Forbes	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Katter	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr Kelly	Mr Turner
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibson	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hasluck	Mr McEwen	
Mr Chipp	Mr Haworth	Mr McLeay	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Holt	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	Mr G. D. Erwin
			Mr Turnbull

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Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Costa	Mr Harrison	Mr Uren
Mr Benson	Mr Courtney	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr Birrell	Mr Crean	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Daly	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Patterson	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr Peters	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at twenty-two minutes to four o'clock p.m. for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Elections 1966—

Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1966, viz.:

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1966, viz.:

New South Wales.

Queensland.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

- 5 INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FLIGHTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding the Government's policy on International Charter Flights to and from Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

International Charter Flights—Ministerial statement, 3 October 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 EMPLOYMENT OF JAPANESE AT PORT HEDLAND, W.A.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the entry to Australia of certain Japanese workers and their employment on dredging operations at Port Hedland, W.A.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—REPATRIATION PAYMENTS AND GENERAL BENEFITS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to maintain the purchasing power of repatriation payments and general benefits".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Barnard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of National Development, \$33,549,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, \$44,638,000—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.

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

3 October 1967—Message No. 71—Repatriation 1967.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 October 1967, pursuant to statute:

Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 132.

Loans Securities Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 135.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 128.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 133.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, Nos. 129, 131.

Post and Telegraph Act and Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 130.

Poultry Industry Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 127.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determination—1967—No. 218—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 134.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Calwell*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Chaney, Mr Cross, Mr Davies, Mr Failes*, Mr Gibbs*, Mr James, Mr C. K. Jones*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes*, Mr Killen, Mr McMahon, Mr Minogue, Mr Pettitt and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave.

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