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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 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 PETITION: Mr Bate 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.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Papua—Report for year 1965–66.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirty-fourth Report (1967).
- 5 SENATE ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that all States were in agreement on the time-table proposed for the Senate Elections. The dates in connection with the elections had been fixed as follows:
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| Issue of Writs | .. | .. | .. | Friday, 13 October 1967 |
| Nominations | .. | .. | .. | Friday, 27 October 1967 |
| Polling | .. | .. | .. | Saturday, 25 November 1967 |
| Return of Writs | .. | .. | .. | On or before Thursday, 11 January 1968. |
- 6 DEFENCE AID TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the decision of the Government to allot funds for the continuation of defence aid to Malaysia and Singapore for the period 1968 to the end of 1970, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Defence Aid to Malaysia and Singapore—Ministerial statement, 5 October 1967—and moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Hume (Mr Pettitt) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
- 8 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Members for Braddon (Mr Davies) and Hunter (Mr James) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.

- 9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
 Ninety-first Report—Treasury Minutes on the Seventy-third, Seventy-fifth and Eighty-seventh Reports together with summaries of those reports;
 Ninety-second Report—Index to the First to the Eighty-ninth Reports of the Committee—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

- 10 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 17 October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.

- 11 PETITIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG: Mr Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, pursuant to notice—That this House—

Noting the communist-fomented insurgency in Hong Kong;

Regretting the civil strife, damage, loss of life and injury which have resulted;
 Supporting the stand of the British Government and the Official Administration of Hong Kong in dealing with the situation;

Being gravely concerned that petitions signed by certain Trade unionists and members of the Australian Labor Party in terms corresponding to those formulated by the Peking Government and likely to give comfort and encouragement to the forces of insurrection manifesting themselves in Hong Kong have been sent to the Government of Hong Kong and could falsely represent Australian public opinion on the matters mentioned;

Deplores the sending of the petitions and repudiates their contents.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Ordered—That Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Bate addressing the House—

Closure: Mr G. D. Erwin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 12 **MIGRATION AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to an agreement which had been completed between Australia and Turkey concerning the residence and employment of Turkish citizens in Australia.
Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
Mr Snedden, by leave, made a further statement on the matter.
- 13 **NATIONAL HEALTH BILL (No. 2) 1967:** Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953–1966*, as amended by the *National Health Act 1967*, in relation to Medical Services in respect of which Commonwealth Benefits are Payable and in relation to the Provision of Hearing Aids.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Forbes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **MACKAY AIRPORT, QLD—DEVELOPMENT OF AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Kelly (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Mackay Airport, Qld—Development of airfield pavements.
Question—put and passed.
- 15 **STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1967:** Mr Bury (Acting Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to Grant Financial Assistance to the States of Western Australia and Tasmania.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **ORDER OF THE DAY No. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.
- 17 **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 Works, \$48,991,000—debated and agreed to.
Proposed expenditure—Department of External Affairs, \$48,924,000—debated and agreed to.
Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for the Army), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 18 **APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1967–68:** 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for the Army), the Bill was read a third time.

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

FOURTH 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, and another Paper, the consideration of which had been deferred, recommends that the following be printed:

- Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twenty-first Annual Report, for year 1966–67, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Fifteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.
- Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—Eleventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.
- Australian Research Grants Committee—Second Report, July 1967.
- Bankruptcy Act—Thirty-ninth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for year 1966–67.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Nineteenth Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirty-fourth Report (1967).
- 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.
- Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing—Third Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Tenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.
- National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.
- Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1966–67.
- Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for period 17 August 1966 to 30 June 1967.
- Papua—Report for year 1965–66.
- Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1966–67.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Second Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- Pyrites Bounty Act—Return for year 1966–67.

Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report and financial accounts, for year ended 31 March 1967.

Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1966–67.

Social Services Act—Director-General of Social Services—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, for year 1966–67.

Vietnamese Elections—Report of Australian Observers for the Presidential and Senate Elections held in the Republic of Viet Nam on 3 September 1967.

War Service Homes Act—Director of War Service Homes—Report for year 1966–67.

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Chairman

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

Question—put and passed.

- 20 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Howson (Minister for Air) moved—That orders of the day Nos. 4 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 LOAN 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 Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 54, dated 7 September 1967, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

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

- 23 STATES GRANTS (WATER RESOURCES MEASUREMENT) 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 Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 55, dated 16 August 1967, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Senators and Members as members of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House:

Senators Drake-Brockman and Dame Ivy Wedgwood had been appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and Senators Devitt and McClelland by the Leader of the Opposition in that House.

Mr Anthony, Mr Drury, Mr G. D. Erwin and Mr Giles had been appointed by the Prime Minister. Mr Birrell, Mr Bryant, Mr Duthie and Mr Luchetti had been appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in this House and Mr Barnard had been appointed jointly by the Leaders of the Opposition in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

In accordance with paragraph (3) of the resolution of appointment of the committee, the Prime Minister had appointed the Treasurer to attend the committee when he is unable to be present.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 17 October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 October 1967, pursuant to statute:

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 32—Poisons and Dangerous Drugs.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Calwell*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Cross, Mr Davies*, Mr Failes*, Mr Gibbs*, Mr Hasluck, 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