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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 5

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 1968

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 PETITION: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) presented a petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that the Australian Government increase by an immense amount its contributions to non-military overseas aid, such aid to be financed, if necessary, by increases in taxation, administered by some international organisation such as the United Nations and offered to countries without reference to political advantage or purposes, but solely on the basis of need.
Petition received and read.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) be appointed a member of the Standing Orders Committee, in the place of Mr Holt, deceased.
Question—put and passed.
 - 5 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) BILL 1968: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 16 and 146 of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fairbairn 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.
 - 6 UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1968: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Second Schedule to the *Universities (Financial Assistance) Act 1966–1967* in relation to the University of Newcastle and La Trobe University.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 7 FISHERIES BILL 1968: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 4 of the *Fisheries Act 1952–1967*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH BILL 1968: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 32 of the *Science and Industry Research Act 1949-1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 9 NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1968: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 3 of the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act 1957-1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 10 REMOVAL OF PRISONERS (TERRITORIES) BILL 1968: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 8A and 10A of the *Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Act 1923-1962*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 11 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

- 12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 20 March 1968, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariff—Order—Exemption from Primage Duty No. 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Failes, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Hallett, Mr Hansen, Mr A. T. Jones and Mr Street.

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