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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 9

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 1968

- 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 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SOCIAL SERVICE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS:
Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Daly had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to provide adequate increases in the rates of aged, invalid and widows' pensions and other social service benefits to meet the increased cost of living, thereby causing hardship and suffering and reducing living standards".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Daly addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 4 PRIVY COUNCIL (LIMITATION OF APPEALS) BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to limit the matters in which Special Leave of Appeal from the High Court of Australia to Her Majesty in Council may be asked and to exclude appeals to Her Majesty in Council from other Federal Courts and from the Supreme Courts of the Territories of the Commonwealth.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 AVIONICS WORKSHOP, NAVAL AIR STATION, NOWRA, N.S.W.—APPROVAL OF WORK:
Mr Kelly (Minister representing the 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: Proposed new avionics workshop at the Naval Air Station, H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, Nowra, N.S.W.
Question—put and passed.
- 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 1, government business, being called on and the consideration of the question, That grievances be noted, being continued until four o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

- 7 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.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 8 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 7 (1968): Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 7 (1968).
 Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 26 MARCH 1968, AND PAPERS—
 MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs): That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 26 March*), viz.:
- International Affairs—Ministerial statement, 26 March 1968.
 Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons—
 Draft treaty.
 Draft resolution which the United States of America, the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom will propose for adoption by the Security Council—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 28 March 1968—Message No. 1—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) 1968.
- 11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Kelly (Minister for the Navy) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 March 1968, pursuant to statute:

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (3).
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 43.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr England, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Gorton, Mr Hallett, Mr Hasluck, Mr Haworth, Mr Jessop and Mr Mackay.

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