

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 1968

- 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 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - National Radiation Advisory Committee—Report, dated December 1967, on the biological aspects of fallout in Australia from French nuclear weapons explosions in the Pacific, June–July 1967.
 - New South Wales Intrastate Air Services—Report of Committee of Enquiry, dated 1 April 1968.
 The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
 - Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Australian Dairy Produce Board—Forty-second Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- 4 HELICOPTER ACCIDENT AT BARRACOUTA OFF-SHORE OIL RIG, NEAR SALE, VICTORIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the progress made in connection with investigations into the accident to Bell 204B Helicopter VH-UTW on 22 March at Barracouta off-shore oil rig, near Sale, Victoria.

Mr C. K. Jones, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 5 H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—STATEMENT OF LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER CABBAN AND MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSIONERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Snedden (Leader of the House): That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 March*), viz.:
 - H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—Statement of Lieutenant-Commander Cabban and matters incidental thereto—Report of Royal Commissioners—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.—That the following words be added to the motion: "but deplores the efforts of Ministers to stifle debate on Lieutenant-Commander Cabban's statement and to suppress documents substantially corroborating it" —*
 Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Chaney be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Benson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 6 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 9 (1968): Mr Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 9 (1968).

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

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

Tariff Board—Reports—

Earthmoving, excavating and materials handling machinery and equipment.

Pneumatic tyre valves and parts.

Wooden articles.

Severally ordered to be printed.

8 H.M.A.S. Voyager—STATEMENT OF LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER CABBAN AND MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSIONERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr Snedden (Leader of the House): That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 March*), viz.:

H.M.A.S. Voyager—Statement of Lieutenant-Commander Cabban and matters incidental thereto—Report of Royal Commissioners—

And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.— That the following words be added to the motion: “but deplores the efforts of Ministers to stifle debate on Lieutenant-Commander Cabban’s statement and to suppress documents substantially corroborating it”—

Debate resumed by Mr Benson who moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment—That all words after “but” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “places on record the confidence which it has in the Chief of the Naval Staff, the Naval Board, the Flag Officers, Officers, and the men and women of the Royal Australian Navy and the way in which the Navy operates and is administered”.

Ordered—That Mr Benson be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Turner be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr St. John be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr C. R. Cameron be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.

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

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Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Clark	Mr Davies	Mr McIvor	
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr O’Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson	Mr James

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Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Benson	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lucock	
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Haworth	Mr McLeay	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted—put and passed.

Question—That the words, as amended, proposed to be added to the motion be so added—put and passed.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz.: That the House take note of the paper but places on record the confidence which it has in the Chief of the Naval Staff, the Naval Board, the Flag Officers, Officers, and the men and women of the Royal Australian Navy and the way in which the Navy operates and is administered—be agreed to—put and passed.

9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) 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 ten minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 April 1968, pursuant to statute:

Customs Tariff—Order—Exemption from Primage Duty No. 3.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth officers accommodation purposes—Gladstone, Queensland.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Parliamentary Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance 1967, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1968—

No. 3—City Area Leases.

No. 4—Crimes.

No. 5—Scaffolding and Lifts.

Regulations—1968—No. 4 (Cemeteries Ordinance).



MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Birrell, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Fairhall, Mr Hallett, Mr Hasluck, Mr Holten, Mr McMahon, Mr Nicholls and Mr Nixon.

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