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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 19

TUESDAY, 14 MAY 1968

- 1 The House met, at five minutes past three o'clock p.m. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: Mr Beaton 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 and read.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) and Mr Wilson, and were severally received.
Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the well-being of the aged, the infirm, the widowed, the deserted wives and dependent children, and the service pensioner be improved to parity with the national general living standard of the Australian people.
Petition received.
Mr J. F. Cairns presented a petition from certain Australian students praying that this House will take appropriate action to assist in stopping the war in Vietnam.
Petition received and read.
Similar petitions were presented by Mr Crean, Mr Scholes, Mr James, Mr Uren, Mr Hayden and Mr Bryant, and were severally received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australian Research Grants Committee—Third Report, March 1968.
 - Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1966-67.
- 5 APPOINTMENTS UNDER CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the appointment, under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act, of Mr R. H. C. Watson, as a Commissioner of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and of Mr E. G. Deverall, as a Conciliator.
- 6 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 10 (1968): Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 10 (1968).
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), 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—
 - Gas-fired water heaters.
 - Glucose and glucose syrup.
 - Sheepskin and hogskin leathers.
 - Tinsmiths' snips and shears.
 Severally ordered to be printed.

- 8 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 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—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Collard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 9 ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to three anti-war demonstrations proposed to be held this week in Canberra, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Report of Anti-War Activists Conference held in Sydney, Australia Day Weekend, 27-29 January 1967.
Mr Bryant, by leave, made a statement with reference to the ministerial statement. Mr Mackay asked leave to make a statement on the same subject.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 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—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) AND SUPPLY BILLS: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 2, 3 and 4 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1967-68, the Supply Bill (No. 1) 1968-69 and the Supply Bill (No. 2) 1968-69 being called on and read together and a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1967-68, SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1968-69 AND SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1968-69: The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—
Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved—That the Bills be now passed.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 May 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Puckapunyal, Victoria.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 30 April 1968.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Anthony, Mr Birrell, Mr Corbett, Mr England, Mr Fairhall, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr A. T. Jones, Mr Katter, Mr McEwen, Mr Minogue and Mr Peacock.

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