

1968

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 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 **PETITIONS:** Mr Hansen presented a petition from certain citizens of Queensland praying that this House will make a survey of the full requirements of pensioners of all types and adopt a policy for the progressive liberalisation of the means test resulting in its removal within three years.  
Mr Griffiths 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.  
Petitions severally received.
- 3 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation of six Members of the Indonesian Parliament, led by Major-General Dr Sjarif Thajeb, Vice-Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic, was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a warm welcome.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:  
Life Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Twenty-second Annual Report, for 1967.
- 6 **TRADE AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARY—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Trade and Industry), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Trade Agreement between Australia and Hungary, signed 5 December 1967—  
and, by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Agreement.
- 7 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:  
Report relating to the proposal to construct the Woden Valley Hospital, Canberra.  
Ordered to be printed.
- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:  
15 May 1968—Message No. 18—  
Defence (Re-establishment) 1968.  
Northern Territory Representation 1968.  
States Grants (Science Laboratories) 1968.  
Universities (Financial Assistance) 1968.

- 9 CANNED FRUITS EXPORT MARKETING BILL 1968: Mr Nixon (Acting Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act 1963–1966* in relation to the making of Advances to the Australian Canned Fruits Board.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Nixon 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.
- 10 NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1968: 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 Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 11 LOAN (AIRLINES EQUIPMENT) BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the raising by way of Loan of Moneys in the Currency of the Federal Republic of Germany to be lent to the Australian National Airlines Commission, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 LOANS SECURITIES BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Loans Securities Act 1919–1959*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (QUEENSLAND) BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to a Supplemental Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland with respect to the Collinsville–Townsville–Mount Isa Railway.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr C. K. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 TASMANIA AGREEMENT (HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Tasmania in respect of Financial Assistance for Hydro-Electric Power Development.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Freeth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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.
- 15 WESTERN AUSTRALIA AGREEMENT (ORD RIVER IRRIGATION) BILL 1968: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Western Australia in respect of Financial Assistance for the construction of a Dam on the Ord River and associated Works.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Fairbairn 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.

16 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1968: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act providing for Increases in the Salaries of certain Persons holding office under the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1967*. 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.

17 NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1968: 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 Jarman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

15 May 1968—Message No. 23—Naval Defence 1968.

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 May 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for post office purposes—Beechworth, Victoria.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1968—

No. 34—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 35—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 36—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 37—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 38—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 39—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

No. 40—Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Anthony, Mr Barnes, Mr Birrell, Mr Chipp, Mr Corbett, Mr England, Mr Haworth, Mr L. H. Irwin, Mr McEwen, Mr Minogue and Mr Peacock.

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