

1968

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 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 Uren 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.
A similar petition was presented by Mr Beaton, and was received.
- 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming respective absences abroad of himself, Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence) and Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) would act as Prime Minister, Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General) would act as Minister for Defence, and Mr Freeth (Minister for Air) would act as Minister for External Affairs. Mr Gorton also informed the House that, during the absence abroad this week of Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), Mr Kelly (Minister for the Navy) would deal with External Territories matters in this House.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Wheat Research Act—Tenth Annual Report, for 1967.
- 6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER FOR THE ARMY:** Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moving forthwith the motion of lack of confidence in the Minister for the Army (Mr Lynch) of which he has given notice for the next sitting, and that such motion take precedence of all other business until disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
- 7 **MINISTER FOR THE ARMY—MOTION OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE:** Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the Minister for the Army lacks the confidence of the House because of the maladministration and misinformation for which he is responsible.
Debate ensued.
Mr Chaney addressing the House—
Closure: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 68

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon
Mr Allan	Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr Faires	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairhall	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr Lucock	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hasluck	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahan	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	

Tellers:

Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Turnbull

NOES, 37

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Benson	Mr Cross	Mr Harrison	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr McIvor	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson	

Tellers:

Mr James
Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 37

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Harrison	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr McIvor	
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Patterson	

Tellers:

Mr James
Mr Stewart

NOES, 69

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Munro
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Benson	Mr Faires	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairhall	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr Lucock	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hasluck	Mr McLeay	
Mr Corbett	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahan	

Tellers:

Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEATH PENALTY ABOLITION BILL 1968: Mr Speaker reported message No. 40, dated 4 June 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to abolish Capital Punishment under the Laws of the Commonwealth*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Connor seconded the motion.

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

Opposition Members calling for a division—

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that, as Mr Whitlam had exercised his option under standing order 218 to move the second reading immediately after the bill had been read a first time, the debate had to be adjourned unless leave to the contrary was granted or other action taken. There could be no division and the resumption of the debate would accordingly be put down in the name of Mr Bowen who moved the adjournment of the debate.

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Whitlam moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the debate on the second reading proceeding forthwith.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 35

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

NOES, 56

Mr Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Pettitt
Mr Allan	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Artinur	Mr Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Freeth	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bowen	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Whittorn
Miss Brownbill	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Hasluck	Mr Maisey	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Haworth	Mr McEwen	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Munro	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

9 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND—DRAWING BY FRANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to Australian participation in the financing of a drawing by France from the International Monetary Fund.

10 NAVY HELICOPTER ACCIDENT OFF JERVIS BAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Kelly (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the crash of a Navy helicopter off Jervis Bay this morning and expressed sympathy to the relatives of the three crew members who lost their lives in this tragic accident.

- 11 WODEN VALLEY HOSPITAL, CANBERRA, A.C.T.—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 construction of Woden Valley Hospital, Canberra, A.C.T.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (QUEENSLAND) 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.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 26, dated 16 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Lynch (Minister for the Army), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 TASMANIA AGREEMENT (HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT) 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.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 27, dated 16 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Lynch (Minister for the Army), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 WESTERN AUSTRALIA AGREEMENT (ORD RIVER IRRIGATION) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 1968

- Debate continued.
Mr Davies addressing the House—
Closure: Mr G. D. Erwin moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 28, dated 16 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr Buchanan addressing the House—
Closure: Mr Erwin moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

16 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 29, dated 16 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.

17 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL TRAINING) 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.

Mr Buchanan addressing the House—

Closure: Mr G. D. Erwin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 30, dated 2 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Buchanan rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Erwin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a third time.

18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 5 June 1968, pursuant to statute:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Barnes, Mr Birrell, Mr Calder, Mr Courtney, Mr Duthie, Mr Howson, Mr Jess, Mr Katter, Mr Peacock*, Mr Pearsall and Mr Swartz.

* On leave

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