

1968

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 27

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 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 PETITIONS: Mr Corbett presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Maranoa praying that the Government convey as urgently as possible its belief to our American allies that all aspects of the war in Vietnam should be intensified, while pursuing a policy of no compromise at the current Paris talks.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition was presented by Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), from certain electors of the Commonwealth, and was received.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Commonwealth Education Conference (Fourth), held at Lagos, February-March 1968—
Report of the Conference.
Report of the Australian Delegation.
- 5 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION LEGISLATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to amending Commonwealth employees' compensation legislation which the Government proposed to submit to the House during the Budget sittings.
Mr Webb, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
Mr McMahon, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
- 6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Tariff Board—Reports—
Bed sheets, pillow cases, etc. (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
Gherkins (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
Severally ordered to be printed.
- 7 COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Fourth Commonwealth Education Conference held at Lagos in February-March 1968, and indicated that, on present planning, the Fifth Conference would be held in Canberra in 1971.
- 8 COLLEGES OF ADVANCED EDUCATION—INQUIRY INTO SALARIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had decided to establish an inquiry into salaries in colleges of advanced education and announced the terms of reference of the inquiry and the personnel by whom it would be conducted.
- 9 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION LEGISLATION—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Minogue, by leave, made a statement with reference to the amending Commonwealth employees' compensation legislation which the Government proposed to submit to the House.

- 10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cope brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
 Ninety-seventh Report—Treasury Minute on the Eighty-third Report together with summary of that report;
 Ninety-eighth Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial year 1966–67;
 Ninety-ninth Report—Treasury Minutes on the Fifty-fifth and Seventy-first Reports together with summaries of those reports—
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.
 Ordered—That the reports be printed.
- 11 UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES) BILL 1968: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide Rights in respect of the Injury, Disease or Death of certain Civilian Employees at the United States Naval Communication Station in Australia.
 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.
- 12 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 13 BANKRUPTCY BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PIER TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, PERTH: 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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Proposed extension of Pier Telephone Exchange, Perth.
 Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Question—put and passed.
- 15 TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING, HAWTHORN, VIC.—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: Hawthorn, Vic.—Extension to telephone exchange building.
 Question—put and passed.
- 16 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.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for Grievance debate: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration of order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being continued until twenty-five minutes past three o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
 Debate continued.
 It being twenty-five minutes past three o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 17 **CUSTOMS TARIFF 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 18 **PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT**: Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

SECOND REPORT

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:—

Australian Research Grants Committee—Third Report of the Australian Research Grants Committee, together with statement of Grants approved for 1968.

Chowilla Dam—Report by, and Resolutions of, the River Murray Commission, dated September 1961.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1966–67.

Commonwealth Education Conference—Report of Australian Delegation to the Fourth Commonwealth Education Conference, Lagos, 26 February to 9 March 1968.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund—Report by the Commonwealth Actuary on the Third Quinquennial Investigation into the Fund, as at 30 June 1964.

International Labour Organisation—Statement in relation to the Convention and Recommendations adopted by the Forty-seventh (1963) Session of the International Labour Conference.

Life Insurance Act—Twenty-second Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, for 1967.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1966–67.

Wheat Research Act—Tenth Annual Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act, for 1967.

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Mr Graham moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 **RAILWAY AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES) 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 Dobie), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 20 **FREQUENCY MODULATION BROADCASTING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the subject of frequency modulation broadcasting, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Frequency modulation broadcasting—Ministerial statement, 6 June 1968—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and that in the opinion of this House a select committee should be appointed to inquire into all aspects of frequency modulation broadcasting”.

Debate adjourned (Mr Bridges-Maxwell), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 21 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES) 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.

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.

- 22 STATES GRANTS (BEEF CATTLE ROADS) 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. 31, dated 17 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Bosman reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 7 JUNE 1968

- 23 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Mr Crean, who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Mr C. K. Jones addressing the House—

Closure: Mr G. D. Erwin 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, 49

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Allan	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
Mr Arthur	Mr Forbes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hasluck	Mr McEwen	
Mr Chaney	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	Mr G. D. Erwin
	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 26

Mr Beazley	Mr Costa	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Peters
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr Collard	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

24 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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 Patterson moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 24

Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Costa	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Peters	Mr Stewart
Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes	

NOES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Forbes	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
Mr Allan	Mr Fox	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Armstrong	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bowen	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Miss Brownbill	Mr Hasluck	Mr McMahan	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Haworth	Mr Munro	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Sinclair	Mr Turnbull
Mr Failes	Mr Jarman	Mr Snedden	

And so it was negatived.

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 Deputy Speaker, Mr Drury, in the Chair)—

AYES, 46

Mr Adermann	Mr Failes	Mr Jarman	Mr Snedden
Mr Allan	Mr Forbes	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
Mr Armstrong	Mr Fox	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Turner
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Hallett	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Hasluck	Mr McMahan	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr Munro	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pettitt	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Sinclair	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 25

Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Costa	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Peters	Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 32, dated 8 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 25 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL (NO. 2) 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 33, dated 31 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 26 SUPERANNUATION 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 34, dated 8 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 Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 27 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION) 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. 35, dated 31 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 Snedden (Minister for Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.

- 28 PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT 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. 36, dated 31 May 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

29 ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—

That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Mr Crean moved, as an amendment—That the word "Thursday" be omitted with a view to inserting the word "Wednesday" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Mr Snedden moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Thursday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 June 1968, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for post office purposes—Ceduna to Kevin, South Australia.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1968—No. 16—Land (Tenure Conversion) 1967.

States Grants (Advanced Education) Act—Statement by Minister, dated 28 May 1968, specifying additional project and estimated cost approved under section 5 (1.) (c) of the Act—College of Nursing, Australia.

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

* On leave

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