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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 38

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1968

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- 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 **DEATH OF PRINCESS MARINA—REPLY TO ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE:** Mr Speaker informed the House that, in reply to the Address of Condolence agreed to by the House on the death of Princess Marina, Her Majesty The Queen had sent the following message:
 

“ I sincerely thank the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia for their kind message of sympathy.

ELIZABETH R ”.
  - 3 **PETITIONS:** Mr Courtnay presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Darebin praying that the Government break off diplomatic relations with, and impose economic and other sanctions against, the U.S.S.R. and her co-aggressors in the invasion of Czechoslovakia.
 

Mr Pearsall presented a petition from certain members of the Czechoslovakian community in Hobart praying that this House call on the people of the world, through the United Nations, to bring economic and other sanctions to bear on Russia, Poland, East Germany, Hungary and Bulgaria until such time as Czechoslovakia regains her freedom.

Mr Jessop presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that this House take any action necessary to ensure that the Government does not implement the Resolution of the United Nations Security Council imposing economic sanctions upon the Government and people of Rhodesia.

Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Chisholm 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.

Petitions severally received and read.
  - 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport) was acting as Minister for Trade and Industry.
 

Mr Gorton also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), Mr McMahon (Treasurer) was acting as Minister for Labour and National Service and would represent the Minister for Housing in this House.

Mr Gorton also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin (Minister for Housing) was acting as Minister for Social Services and Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs and Mr Sinclair would handle matters relating to social services and Aboriginal affairs in this House.
  - 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 6 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Killen asked leave to make a statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
- 7 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Australian Meat Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1967–68.  
Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1967–68.  
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:  
Apple and Pear Organisation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twenty-second Annual Report, for year 1967–68, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.  
Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Forty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
- 8 BASLE CREDIT AGREEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding an arrangement confirmed in Basle between the Bank of England and a number of other central banks for the provision of a new \$US2,000 million stand-by to offset fluctuations in the sterling balances of sterling area countries.
- 9 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of a new five year programme for the development of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Papua and New Guinea Development Programme—Ministerial statement, 10 September 1968—  
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
Question—put and passed.
- 10 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Papua and New Guinea—Programmes and Policies for Economic Development, September 1968.
- 11 IMMIGRATION PROGRAMMES, 1968 TO 1973—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Australia's Immigration Programmes for the period 1968 to 1973—Report by the Immigration Planning Council.  
Mr Snedden, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Australia's Immigration Programmes for the period 1968 to 1973—Report by the Immigration Planning Council—Ministerial statement, 10 September 1968—  
and moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1968: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 128 of the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942–1967*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Hulme 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 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION BILL 1968: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision with respect to the Staff of the Australian Universities Commission.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Fraser 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.
- 14 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 17 (1968): Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 17 (1968).  
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Tariff Board—Report—Wrapping machines.  
Ordered to be printed.
- 16 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1968–69: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$4,719,000—debated.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 17 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Department of External Affairs—Report for year 1967–68.
- 18 REPATRIATION BILL 1968: Mr Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920–1967* so as to provide for increases in the Rates of certain War Pensions, for an Allowance to Compensate for Serious Incapacity and for matters in connexion with Service Pensions, and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of Payments resulting from this Act.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Swartz 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.
- 19 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1968: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1967* so as to provide for an increase in the Rates of certain Pensions and Allowances and to provide for an Allowance to compensate for serious incapacity, and for matters connected therewith.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Sinclair 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.
- 20 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1968–69: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
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*In the committee*

## Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$4,719,000—further debated and agreed to.

## Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$62,812,000—

Advance to the Treasurer, \$20,000,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

21 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 September 1968, pursuant to statute:

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for year 1967–68.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—M. J. Beaven, M. M. Mailer.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Alice Springs, Northern Territory.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of Woolwonga Aboriginal Reserve, Northern Territory.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—P. Samios.  
Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1967–68.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Benson\*, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Bury, Mr Collard, Mr Gibson, Mr Graham, Mr Haworth, Mr Holten, Mr Lee, Mr Luchetti, Mr McEwen, Mr Peters and Mr Wentworth.

\* On leave

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