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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 43

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 1968

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- 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 PETITION: Mr Everingham presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that this House (1) take any action necessary to ensure that the Government does not implement the Resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations imposing economic sanctions upon the Government and people of Rhodesia and (2) will consider the advisability of sending a fact finding mission to Rhodesia to see and hear at first hand the conditions of life of black Africans in Rhodesia and the present and future policy of the Rhodesian Government concerning black Africans.
Petition received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Air Navigation Act—Minister for Civil Aviation—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Twentieth Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1967–68.
Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 11 February 1967 to 26 January 1968.
War Service Homes Act—Director of War Service Homes—Report and financial statements, for year 1967–68.
Mr Lynch (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report on the Royal Military College of Australia.
- 5 LOAN RAISING IN GERMANY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Acting Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of successful negotiations in Germany for a loan of \$44.6 million.
- 6 FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government would give early consideration to a draft agreement with Japan concerning Japanese tuna long-line fishing in waters off Australia and certain of the Territories.
- 7 SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1968: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to increase the Amounts of Weekly Payments of Compensation payable to, and in respect of, Seamen.
Bill read a first time.

Mr Sinclair 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.

- 8 NORTHERN TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory Supreme Court Act 1961–1966* in respect of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen 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.

- 9 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice—That the House of Representatives approves of the redistribution of the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs F. L. Ley, C. W. Prince and R. F. Mallon, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 18th day of September, 1968, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated in the map referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name “Ku-ring-gai” be substituted for “Hornsby” and the name “Grose” be substituted for “Blacktown” and the name “Cook” be substituted for “Kurnell”.

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

- 10 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice—That the House of Representatives approves of the redistribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs C. J. A. Lack, C. E. Middleton and R. Dowell, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 18th day of September, 1968, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated in the map referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name “La Trobe” be substituted for “Maroondah” and the name “Casey” be substituted for “La Trobe” and the name “Bruce” be substituted for “Waverley” and the name “Holt” be substituted for “Bruce” and the name “Isaacs” be substituted for “Beaumaris”.

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

- 11 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice—That the House of Representatives approves of the redistribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs I. F. Weise, E. F. Lane and E. Smith, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 18th day of September, 1968, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated in the map referred to therein, be adopted.

Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice—That the House of Representatives approves of the redistribution of the State of South Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs A. J. Walsh, H. A. Bailey and A. R. Kopp, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 18th day

of September, 1968, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated in the map referred to therein, be adopted, except that the name "Hawker" be substituted for "Holder".

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

- 13 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice—That the House of Representatives approves of the redistribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs L. J. Abbott, H. Camm and J. W. Robson, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 18th day of September, 1968, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated in the map referred to therein, be adopted.

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

- 14 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF TASMANIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice—That the House of Representatives approves of the redistribution of the State of Tasmania into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs J. M. Windsor, F. Miles and M. E. Young, the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before the House of Representatives on the 18th day of September, 1968, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the Report, and indicated in the map referred to therein, be adopted.

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

- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 16 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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 by Mr Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "this House is of opinion that this Bill should not be further proceeded with until a Joint Parliamentary Committee has inquired into and reported upon the way in which licence fees and other revenue can be used in the best interests of Australian production of television and radio programmes".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 66

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Failes	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairhall	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	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 Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hasluck	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Haworth	Mr Munro	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 31

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Costa	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Courtney	Mr Fulton	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Griffiths	Mr Stewart
Mr Calwell	Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Clark	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Davies
Mr Connor	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	Mr Uren

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

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Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Clark	Mr Davies	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Devine	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Everingham	Mr Peters	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

17 SOCIAL SERVICES 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 by Mr Daly who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill the House regrets that the Government has failed to:

- (1) increase pension rates sufficiently to enable pensioners to maintain a reasonable standard of living;
- (2) adjust all social service benefits in each year’s budget to meet the increased cost of living;
- (3) implement their policy of abolishing the means test as promised as long ago as 1949, and
- (4) make benefits retrospective from 1 July 1968”.

Debate adjourned (Mr Wilson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 18 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 18 (1968) AND EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 3 (1968):
Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—
Customs Tariff Proposals No. 18 (1968); and
Excise Tariff Proposals No. 3 (1968).

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

- 19 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Tariff Board—Reports—

Citric and tartaric acids, etc.

Cutlery, forks, spoons, etc.

Severally ordered to be printed.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Reports—

Polytetrafluoroethylene (P.T.F.E.) tape.

Woven shirts and parts therefor of cotton and man-made fibre mixtures.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 20 SOCIAL SERVICES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Daly, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill the House regrets that the Government has failed to:

- (1) increase pension rates sufficiently to enable pensioners to maintain a reasonable standard of living;
- (2) adjust all social service benefits in each year’s budget to meet the increased cost of living;
- (3) implement their policy of abolishing the means test as promised as long ago as 1949, and
- (4) make benefits retrospective from 1 July 1968”.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Bosman, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
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Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr Clark	Mr Daly	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Davies	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Devine	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 51, dated 17 September 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.

- 21 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 19 September 1968—Message—
 No. 71—Repatriation 1968.
 No. 72—Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1968.
- 22 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.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Health, \$24,939,000—debated and agreed to. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 September 1968, pursuant to statute:

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

No. 58—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia and others.

No. 120—Postmaster-General's Department Heads of Divisions and Branches Association.

No. 157—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 158—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 159—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 160—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

Nos. 161 and 162—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 163—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.

No. 164—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 165—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 166—Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 167—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 168—Amalgamated Engineering Union and Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia.

No. 169—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 170—Australian Journalists' Association.

No. 171—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 172—Amalgamated Engineering Union and Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia.

- No. 173—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
No. 174—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 175—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.
No. 176—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 177—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 178—North Australian Workers' Union.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Benson, Mr Bridges-Maxwell*, Mr Chaney, Mr Collard*, Mr Corbett, Mr Freeth, Mr Graham, Mr Holten*, Mr A. T. Jones, Mr Killen, Mr Luchetti*, Mr McEwen, Mr McMahon, Mr Minogue and Mr O'Connor.

* On leave

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