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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 46

THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 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 Costa presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take suitable action to provide increased financial assistance towards the operating costs of independent schools.

Petition received and read.

Sir John Cramer presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House take action to restore some of the tribal lands to the Aborigines so that their culture may be appreciated and the process of assimilation gradually achieved.

Petition received and read.

Petitions from certain residents of Australia praying that the Government use its influence to achieve the release of all political prisoners, the holding of free elections and the restoration of all other constitutional and democratic rights in Greece and that the Government take steps to prevent further intimidation of Greek migrants in Australia by representatives of the Greek military dictatorship were presented by Mr Webb, Mr C. R. Cameron, Mr Crean and Mr Cross.

Petitions severally received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Mr Mackay asking a question relating to an individual—

Point of order: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) raised a point of order that the question was out of order as it was critical of a person and contravened the latter part of standing order 153.

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the question was in order.

Dissent from ruling: Mr Whitlam moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 40

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

NOES, 70

Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr Haworth	Mr Nixon
Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bate	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr Calder	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Gorton	Mr Maisey	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Interim Annual Report, for year 1967–68.

Australian Egg Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1967–68.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1967–68.

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1967–68.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1968.

5 EXPORT OF CERTAIN FOREST PRODUCTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government proposed to control the export of certain forest products such as wood chips, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Export of certain forest products—Ministerial statement, 26 September 1968—and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

6 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION—APPOINTMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the appointment of two Commissioners under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act and the provision of assistance for the Public Service Arbitrator, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Appointments—Ministerial statement, 26 September 1968—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

7 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 8 October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed construction of a higher primary school, Gove, N.T.
Ordered to be printed.
- 9 **OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL (No. 2) 1968:** Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Overseas Telecommunications Services.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hulme 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.
- 10 **PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK) BILL 1968:** Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve the Guarantee by the Commonwealth of the Discharge of the Obligations of the Administration of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea under a Loan Agreement made with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Freeth 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.
- 11 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1968:** Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax.
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 **AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1968:** Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Charges in respect of Commonwealth Air Navigation Facilities and Services.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Swartz 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.
- 13 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 **ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior): 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 resumed by Mr Crean who moved, as an amendment—That the words "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" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: " , since the distribution provides for a greater equality of population in the proposed Divisions than has been allowed to develop in the existing Divisions, the House of Representatives accepts 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, but does so with reluctance since the distribution:

- (1) permits a greater inequality of population in the proposed Divisions than has occurred in any previous distribution;
- (2) fails to provide that as nearly as is practicable one man's vote is to be worth as much as another's; and
- (3) ignores the Constitution's plain objective of making equal representation for equal numbers of people the fundamental goal for the House of Representatives, and agrees".

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, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr St. John
Mr Bate	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fox	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Freeth	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibson	Mr Mackay	
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Haworth	Mr Nixon	Mr G. D. Erwin
			Mr Turnbull

NOES, 34

Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Cross	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Calwell	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr Connor	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr Cope	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Costa	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Courtney	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

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

26 September 1968—Message No. 74—Social Services 1968.

16 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior): 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 resumed by Mr Patterson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House disapproves of the distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by the Distribution Commissioners for the reasons stated in the dissent expressed by the Chairman of the Commissioners, Mr I. F. Weise, Commonwealth Electoral Officer for Queensland, and requests the Minister to refer back to the Commissioners the redistribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions for a fresh distribution”.

Debate continued.

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

- 17 DROUGHT RELIEF—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of decisions taken by the Government in connection with the continuance of drought relief to the States, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Drought Relief—Ministerial statement, 26 September 1968—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 18 F-111 AIRCRAFT—DOCUMENTS RELATING TO PURCHASE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

F-111 Aircraft—Documents relating to purchase—
and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the documents.

Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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.

- 19 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior): 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Patterson, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House disapproves of the distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by the Distribution Commissioners for the reasons stated in the dissent expressed by the Chairman of the Commissioners, Mr I. F. Weise, Commonwealth Electoral Officer for Queensland, and requests the Minister to refer back to the Commissioners the redistribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions for a fresh distribution”—

Debate resumed.

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, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr St. John
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Turner
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lucock	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 35

Mr Barnard	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	Mr Whitlam
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr K. M. K. Cairns moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “but regrets that the Report did not:

- (a) have better regard to the trend of population changes in the State, which were not applied in a uniform manner in relation to all the other factors required to be taken into account, and
- (b) apply the principles in the separate statement by Commissioner I. F. Weise to the whole of the State of Queensland”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

AYES, 39

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Beaton	Mr Courtney	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr St. John
Mr Bosman	Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Turner
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Davies	Mr McIvor	Mr Webb
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Patterson	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters	Mr James

NOES, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock
Mr Allan	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr England	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairbairn	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr Lucock	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Gorton	Mr Lynch	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chaney	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	

Tellers:

Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

- 20 QUARANTINE BILL 1968: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908-1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Forbes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 21 PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT: Mr Stewart brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

FOURTH 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:

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

Air Navigation Act—Eighth Annual Report by the Minister on the administration of the Act and Regulations and other matters relating to civil air navigation, for year 1967-68.

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Twenty-second Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for year 1967-68.

Australia's Immigration Programmes for the period 1968-73—Report by the Immigration Planning Council.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1967-68.

Broadcasting and Television Act—

Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, together with financial statement, for year 1967-68.

Twentieth Annual Report of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board, together with the financial statement and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1967-68.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Annual Reports and financial statements of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1967-68.

- Defence Act—Report of the Royal Military College of Australia for period 11 February 1967 to 26 January 1968.
- Defence Report 1968.
- Department of External Affairs—Report for year 1967–68.
- Department of Health—Report of the Director-General, for year 1967–68.
- Egg Export Control Act—Twentieth Annual Report of the Australian Egg Board, for year 1966–67.
- Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Twelfth Annual Report of the Export Payments Insurance Corporation, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1967–68.
- Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Fourteenth Annual Statement by the Minister on the operation of the Act and the payment of subsidy, for year 1967–68.
- Homes Savings Grant Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Secretary, Department of Housing, on the administration and operation of the Act, for year 1967–68.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Housing Loans Insurance Corporation, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1967–68.
- Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—First Annual Report of the Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board on the operation of the Act, for year 1967–68.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—Eleventh Annual Report of the National Capital Development Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1967–68.
- National Library Act—Eighth Annual Report of the Council of the National Library of Australia, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1967–68.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Twenty-second Annual Report and the financial accounts of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia), together with the Auditor-General's Report on accounts, for year ended 31 March 1968.
- Papua—Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- Public Service Act—Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Public Service Board, for year 1967–68.
- Referendums, 1967—
- Statistical Returns in relation to the Submission to the Electors of Proposed Laws for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled *Constitution Alteration (Parliament) 1967* and *Constitution Alteration (Aboriginals) 1967*, together with Summaries of Constitution Alteration Referendums 1906–1967.
 - Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Sub-division in relation to the submission to Electors of Proposed Laws for the Alteration of the Constitution, entitled *Constitution Alteration (Parliament) 1967* and *Constitution Alteration (Aboriginals) 1967* for the States of—
 - New South Wales
 - Queensland
 - South Australia
 - Tasmania
 - Victoria
 - Western Australia.
- Repatriation Act—
- Report of the Repatriation Commission, for year 1967–68.
 - Reports of the Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals, for year 1967–68.
- Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report of the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1967–68.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Twentieth Annual Report of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, for year 1967–68.

Social Services Act—Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Director-General of Social Services, for year 1967–68.

States Grants (Teachers Colleges) Act—First Annual Statement by the Minister of payments authorised under the Act and projects for which payments were authorised, for year 1967–68.

Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1967–68.

Trade Practices Act—First Annual Report of the Commissioner of Trade Practices, for year 1967–68.

War Service Homes Act—Report of the Director of War Service Homes, together with financial statements, for year 1967–68.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

26 September 1968—Message No. 75—Broadcasting and Television 1968.

23 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior): 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 resumed.

Question—put and passed.

24 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 4 and 5, government business, being called on.

Question—put and passed.

25 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior): 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—

Question—put and passed.

26 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF TASMANIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior): 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 resumed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 8 October, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 26 September 1968, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserve in the Northern Territory at Katherine.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Benson, Mr Collard*, Mr Graham, Mr Hasluck, Mr Holten*, Mr McEwen and Mr McMahon.

* On leave

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