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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 48

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 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 **PETITIONS:** Mr J. F. Cairns presented a petition from Lillian Verna Louisa Pedlar, an elector of the Commonwealth, praying that the Government urge all in high places, including the delegates at the United Nations, to demand genuine impartial outlawing of war and thus restore stability before there is an unprecedented worsening beyond recall.
Petition received and read.
Mr Hansen presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Wide Bay 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.
Mr Everingham presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House take any action necessary to assist a campaign for a lasting peaceful settlement in Vietnam.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition was presented by Mr Hansen, and was received.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **TARIFF BOARD—ANNUAL REPORT, 1967–68—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Sinclair (Acting Minister for Trade and Industry) presented, pursuant to statute, the following paper:
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1967–68, together with Summary of Recommendations.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Tariff Board—Annual Report, 1967–68—Ministerial statement, 9 October 1968.
Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the statement. Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 5 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1967.

- 6 HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS, GOVE, N.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: Construction of higher primary school buildings at Gove, N.T.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PARA-MEDICAL BUILDING AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY CENTRE, HOLLYWOOD REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, W.A.: 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: Construction of para-medical building and occupational therapy day centre at Hollywood Repatriation General Hospital, W.A.

Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 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 expenditures—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, \$21,645,000—

Department of the Navy, \$215,149,500—

Department of the Army, \$385,332,000—

Department of Air, \$350,257,000—

Department of Supply, \$95,002,300—

General Services, \$2,498,200—

together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

- 9 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

- 10 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection Act 1964–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

- 11 MEAT RESEARCH BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Meat Research Act 1960–1965*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

- 12 MEAT LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal certain Legislation relating to Meat, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

- 13 WINE GRAPES CHARGES BILL 1968: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 3 of the *Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929–1966*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony 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.

- 14 COMMONWEALTH BANKS BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Banks Act 1959–1966* in relation to the Conditions of Service of the Holders of certain Statutory Offices and in relation to the Commonwealth Banking Corporation Service and to repeal section 54 of that Act.

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.

- 15 GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1968: Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954–1966*.

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.

- 16 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.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, \$21,645,000—
 Department of the Navy, \$215,149,500—
 Department of the Army, \$385,332,000—
 Department of Air, \$350,257,000—
 Department of Supply, \$95,002,300—
 General Services, \$2,498,200—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Prime Minister's Department, \$24,837,000—
 Department of the Cabinet Office, \$232,000—
 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.

17 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.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 October 1968, pursuant to statute:

Banking Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 108.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 112.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 111.

Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 109.

Naval Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 110.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 117.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1967–68.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, Nos. 113, 118.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, Nos. 114, 115, 116.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Beazley, Mr Clark, Mr Cope, Mr Daly, Mr Devine, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Graham, Mr Hasluck, Mr Jess, Mr McEwen, Mr McMahon and Mr O'Connor.

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