

1968

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 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 Scholes presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House press for a speedy ending of the war in Vietnam by the implementation of the proposals of the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant. 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.  
Petitions severally received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—  
Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration) answering a question asked by Mr McLeay—  
*Point of order:* Mr Uren raised a point of order that the question was out of order.  
*Speaker's ruling:* Mr Speaker ruled that the question was in order.  
*Dissent from ruling:* Mr J. F. Cairns moved—That the ruling be dissented from.  
Debate ensued.  
*Closure:* Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) 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, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Allan	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairhall	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bate	Mr Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Freeth	Mr Lucock	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hasluck	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahan	
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall	

*Tellers:*Mr G. D. Erwin  
Mr Turnbull

## NOES, 33

Mr Barnard	Mr Collard	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Courtney	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Benson	Mr Crean	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	
Mr Calwell	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	
Mr Clark	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters	

*Tellers:*Mr Davies  
Mr Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 32

Mr Barnard	Mr Courtney	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	
Mr Calwell	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Clark	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters	Mr Davies
Mr Collard	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes	Mr Stewart

## NOES, 65

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Buchanan	Mr Gorton	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hasluck	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	

And so it was negatived.

Mr Snedden continuing to answer the question—

*Closure of Member moved:* Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—

That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 32

Mr Barnard	Mr Courtney	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	
Mr Calwell	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	
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Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	

And so it was negatived.

Mr Snedden completed his answer to the question.

- 4 **BRITISH SHIPPING ENTERING PORT OF HAIPHONG, NORTH VIETNAM:** Mr Killen moved, pursuant to notice—That this House expresses its profound regret that Her Majesty's British Government is still permitting ships sailing under the British flag to enter the Port of Haiphong in North Vietnam when that port is the major port of entry for military supplies to North Vietnam and to the Viet Cong, and calls upon Her Majesty's Australian Government to draw to the attention of Her Majesty's British Government the fact that troops owing allegiance to Her Majesty are fighting in South Vietnam, and further, that it is the view of this House that while hostilities continue, Her Majesty's British Government should direct that no ship flying the British flag should enter the Port of Haiphong.
- Debate ensued.
- It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.
- Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.
- Debate continued.
- The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS BILL (NO. 2) 1968:** Mr Speaker reported message No. 77, dated 16 October 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to the Customs*".
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXCISE BILL (NO. 2) 1968:** Mr Speaker reported message No. 78, dated 16 October 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to Excise*".
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DISTILLATION BILL (NO. 2) 1968:** Mr Speaker reported message No. 79, dated 16 October 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to Distillation*".
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BEER EXCISE ACT REPEAL BILL 1968:** Mr Speaker reported message No. 80, dated 16 October 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to repeal the 'Beer Excise Act 1901-1968', and for purposes related thereto*".
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CANNED FRUIT EXCISE ACT REPEAL BILL 1968:** Mr Speaker reported message No. 81, dated 16 October 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to repeal the 'Canned Fruit Excise Act 1963-1968', and for purposes related thereto*".
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1968:** Mr Speaker reported message No. 82, dated 16 October 1968, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to give effect, in relation to Sales Tax, to the European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets used in International Transport*".
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 4) 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 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SOUND BROADCASTING STUDIOS FOR AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION, COLLINSWOOD, S.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 sound broadcasting studios for the Australian Broadcasting Commission at Collinswood, S.A.

Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE SITE: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Gorton (Prime Minister): That this House is of the opinion that the new and permanent Parliament House should be situated on the lakeside site—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bryant, viz.*—That the words “the lakeside site” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “Capital Hill”—

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, 39

Mr Adermann	Mr Curtin	Mr Haworth	Mr Munro
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Hughes	Mr Sinclair
Mr Benson	Mr Fairhall	Mr Hulme	Mr Snedden
Mr Birrell	Mr Forbes	Mr Jarman	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Lee	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Courtney	Mr Freeth	Mr Lynch	Mr Duthie
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Gorton	Mr McMahon	Mr G. D. Erwin

NOES, 50

Mr Allan	Mr Costa	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Pearsall
Mr Armstrong	Mr Crean	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt
Mr Beazley	Mr Cross	Mr Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Bryant	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Scholes
Mr Buchanan	Mr Everingham	Mr Lucock	Mr St. John
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Failes	Mr Mackay	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Griffiths	Mr Maisey	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Hallett	Mr McIvor	Mr Whittorn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Hansen	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Clark	Mr Hasluck	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Nicholls	Mr Stewart
Mr Connor	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Patterson	Mr Turnbull
Mr Corbett	Mr Jessop	Mr Peacock	

And so it was negatived.

Question proposed—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment—That the words proposed to be inserted be amended by adding the following words: “or the Camp Hill area and that the matter be referred to the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House for report on the alternatives and that the Committee be requested to submit its report at an early date; and that this Resolution be conveyed to the Senate seeking its concurrence to this procedure.”.

Debate continued.

Words proposed to be added amended by Mr Nixon, by leave, by omitting the words "at an early date" and inserting in place thereof the words "within three months".  
Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Birrell moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be added be so added (Mr Nixon's amendment)—was put accordingly, and passed.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, as amended, be so inserted—put and passed.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz.: That this House is of the opinion that the new and permanent Parliament House should be situated on Capital Hill or the Camp Hill area and that the matter be referred to the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House for report on the alternatives and that the Committee be requested to submit its report within three months; and that this Resolution be conveyed to the Senate seeking its concurrence to this procedure—be agreed to—put and passed.

14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

15 COAL EXCISE 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—  
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 Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.

16 EXCISE TARIFF 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.

17 STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.

18 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

19 LOAN (HOUSING) 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 C. R. Cameron was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed. Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK) 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. 56, dated 26 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 Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

21 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Beaton, Mr Bonnett, Mr Bosman, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Chaney, Mr Cope, Mr Daly, Mr Devine, Mr Dobie, Mr Fairbairn, Mr Fulton, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Holten, Mr James, Mr Jess, Mr King, Mr McEwen and Mr O'Connor.

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N. J. PARKES,  
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives