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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

TUESDAY, 22 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 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM: Mr Speaker informed the House that a delegation of four members of the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, led by the Right Honourable the Lord Brooke of Cumnor, was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House and the Commonwealth of Australia Branch of the Association, Mr Speaker extended to the delegation a cordial welcome.
  - 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), Mr Freeth (Minister for Air) would act as Minister for External Affairs.
  - 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 5 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
    - Australian Research Grants Committee—Grants approved for 1969.
 The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
    - Fishing Industry Act—Twelfth Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
    - Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Third Annual Report, for year 1967–68.
    - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1967–68.
  - 6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the Minister for Trade and Industry (Mr McEwen) on the ground of public business overseas.  
Question—put and passed.
  - 7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for North Sydney (Mr Graham) owing to his absence from Australia.  
Question—put and passed.
  - 8 CUSTOMS BILL (No. 2) 1968: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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.
  - 9 EXCISE BILL (No. 2) 1968: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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.

- 10 **DISTILLATION BILL (No. 2) 1968:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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.
- 11 **BEER EXCISE ACT REPEAL BILL 1968:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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 **CANNED FRUIT EXCISE ACT REPEAL BILL 1968:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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 **SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 1968:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) 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 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 15 **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.  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 57, dated 14 August 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
Agreement between the Governments of the Commonwealth and of the States of Australia in relation to the administration of laws relating to blasphemous, indecent or obscene literature, signed 15 November 1967.
- 17 **SALES TAX BILLS (Nos. 1 to 9) 1968:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills 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: “as the existing structure of sales tax rates and exemptions has become inequitable and is inadequate to meet the problems of the economy, this House is of opinion that a comprehensive examination of sales tax rates should be commenced immediately with a view to the earliest possible introduction of legislation consistent with present day economic needs”.  
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, 65

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

## NOES, 30

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Beazley	Mr Courtney	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Crean	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr Clark	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

## AYES, 66

Mr Adermann	Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr McMahan
Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Munro
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bills together read a second time.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Freeth (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bills were together read a third time.

18 LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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. 58, dated 14 August 1968, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 October 1968, pursuant to statute:

Australian Capital Territory Representation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 125.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 121.

Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 124.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 18 September 1968.

Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 123.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1968—No. 66—International Bank (Telecommunications) Loan Agreement Ratification.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—C.H.A. Figg.

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

No. 179—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 180—Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia.

Nos. 181 and 182—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 183—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 184—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 185—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 186—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 122.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 120.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Cope, Sir John Cramer, Mr Daly, Mr Devine, Mr Fulton, Mr Graham\*, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hasluck, Mr Howson, Mr Hulme, Mr McEwen\*, Mr O'Connor, Mr Robinson, Mr St. John and Mr Webb.

\* On leave

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