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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1968

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- 1 The House met, at five minutes to three o'clock p.m. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE J. A. J. HUNTER): Mr Speaker referred to the death, on 26 October, of the Honourable James Aitchison Johnston Hunter, a Member of this House for the Division of Maranoa from 1921 to 1940 and from 1934 to 1937 a Minister without portfolio.  
As a mark of respect to the memory of the late honourable gentleman all Members present rose, in silence.
- 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence through indisposition of Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), Senator Wright (Minister for Works) would act as Minister for Education and Science and Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) would handle matters relating to education and science in this House.
- 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
- Royal Australian Air Force V.I.P. Flight—List of V.I.P. Flights by No. 34 Squadron for period 1 January to 24 October 1968.
  - Senate Election 1967—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Sub-division in relation to the Senate Election 1967, viz.:
    - New South Wales.
    - Victoria.
    - Queensland.
    - South Australia.
    - Western Australia.
    - Tasmania.
- The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirty-fifth Report (1968).
  - Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1967–68.
  - Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Thirty-seventh Annual Report, and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure certified by the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, for year ended 31 August 1968.
- 6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
- 25 October 1968—Message No. 62—
    - Income Tax Assessment (No. 3) 1968.
    - Papua and New Guinea Loan (International Bank) 1968.

- 31 October 1968—Message—  
 No. 63—  
 Income Tax 1968.  
 Income Tax (Partnerships and Trusts) 1968.  
 No. 64—  
 Excise Tariff 1968.  
 Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1968.  
 Coal Excise (No. 2) 1968.  
 States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) 1968.
- 7 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 4) 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 Kelly (Minister for the Navy), the Bill was read a third time.
- 8 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) 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.  
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
 Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 9 VIETNAM BOMBING HALT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:  
 Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding recent developments concerning Vietnam and the announcement of the President of the United States to cease the bombing of North Vietnam, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 Vietnam bombing halt—Ministerial statement, 5 November 1968.  
 Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Snedden moved, by leave—  
 That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr K. M. K. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
 5 November 1968—Message No. 91—Loan (Housing) 1968.
- 11 NATIONAL HEALTH 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.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Bonnett), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at eighteen 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 5 November 1968, pursuant to statute:

- Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).
- High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 128.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—
  - Broadcasting and television purposes—Near Coonabarabran, New South Wales.
  - Defence purposes—Canungra, Queensland.
  - Lighthouse purposes—Marsden Point (Kangaroo Island), South Australia.
  - Post Office purposes—
    - Adamstown, New South Wales.
    - Huntleys Point, New South Wales.
    - Morey's Hill, Triabunna, Tasmania.
  - Tracking Station purposes—Honeysuckle Creek, Australian Capital Territory.
- National Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 132.
- Nationality and Citizenship Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 129.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, Nos. 126, 127.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
  - Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserve in the Northern Territory at Adelaide River.
  - Ordinances—1968—
    - No. 65—Prisons (No. 3).
    - No. 66—Abattoirs and Slaughtering.
    - No. 67—Criminal Law Consolidation (No. 2).
    - No. 68—Local Government (No. 4).
  - Regulations—1968—No. 16 (Supply of Services Ordinance).
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1968—
  - No. 44—Local Government (Council Borrowing).
  - No. 45—Associations Incorporation.
  - No. 46—Child Welfare (Destitute Children).
  - No. 47—Medical Services.
  - No. 48—Exports (Control of Proceeds).
  - No. 49—Income Tax.
  - No. 50—Income Tax (Rates).
  - No. 51—Public Accounts Committee (Organization).
  - No. 52—Local Government (Education Grants).
  - No. 53—Ordinances Interpretation (Amendment).
  - No. 54—Co-operative Societies (Charges).
  - No. 55—Papua and New Guinea Coffee Marketing Board (Reports).
  - No. 56—Loan (Works, Services and Government Instrumentalities).
  - No. 57—Companies (Service of Documents).
  - No. 58—Health (Papua).
  - No. 59—Customs Tariff.
  - No. 60—Treasury.
  - No. 61—Savings and Loan Societies.
  - No. 62—Motor Traffic (Signs).
  - No. 63—Papua and New Guinea Copra Industry Stabilization (Reports).
  - No. 64—Ordinances Interpretation (Service by Post).
  - No. 65—Second-hand Dealers.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 131.
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, Nos. 130, 133.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1968—
  - No. 193—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
  - No. 194—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
  - No. 195—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
  - No. 196—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

- No. 197—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).  
 No. 198—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.  
 No. 199—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.  
 No. 200—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
 No. 201—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).  
 No. 202—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
 No. 203—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.  
 No. 204—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.  
 No. 237—Australian Builders Labourers' Federation.  
 Nos. 238 and 239—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 240—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.  
 No. 242—Transport Workers' Union of Australia and others.  
 No. 243—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.  
 No. 244—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.  
 No. 245—North Australian Workers' Union.  
 No. 246—Australian Builders Labourers' Federation.  
 No. 247—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union of Australia.  
 Nos. 248 and 249—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 250—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees' Union of Australia.  
 No. 251—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
 No. 252—Australian Workers' Union.  
 No. 253—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
 No. 254—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Sir John Cramer, Mr Daly, Mr Failes, Mr J. M. Fraser, Mr Gibson, Mr Harrison, Mr Hasluck, Mr Haworth, Mr Hayden, Mr Howson, Mr Hughes, Mr Killen, Mr Stokes and Mr Webb.

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