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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 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 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 3 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Tobacco Industry Act—Thirteenth Annual Report, for year 1967-68.
 - 4 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 television transmitting station at Mount Bellenden Ker, Cairns, Qld.
Ordered to be printed.
 - 5 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
8 November 1968, a.m.—Message—
No. 92—Appropriation (No. 1) 1968-69 (*without requests*).
No. 93—Appropriation (No. 2) 1968-69.
 - 6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
8 November 1968—Message No. 70—
Appropriation (No. 1) 1968-69.
Appropriation (No. 2) 1968-69.
 - 7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:
Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a definite matter of public importance being submitted to the House and discussed at a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.
 - 8 REMOVAL OF PRISONERS (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) BILL 1968: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Removal from the Australian Capital Territory to Prisons in the State of New South Wales of Prisoners and certain other Persons, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COASTGUARD BASES IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Patterson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to establish coastguard bases and facilities in northern Australia in order to police and enforce Australian laws on quarantine, immigration, fisheries and customs”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Patterson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 10 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

12 November 1968—Message—

No. 94—Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1968 (*without requests*).

No. 95—Removal of Prisoners (Australian Capital Territory) 1968.

- 11 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA) 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 Birrell), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP ACT—REVISION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a review of the Nationality and Citizenship Act which had been undertaken and approved by the Government and informed the House of policy decisions reached in connection with the legislation. Mr Snedden then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Nationality and Citizenship Act—Revision—Ministerial statement, 12 November 1968—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 RAILWAY AGREEMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA) 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.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

12 November 1968—Message No. 71—Removal of Prisoners (Australian Capital Territory) 1968.

- 15 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION 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.

On the motion of Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION 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.
On the motion of Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION 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 Barnes (Minister for External Territories), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 19 GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE 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. 72, dated 14 October 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 Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 November 1968, pursuant to statute:

- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Monegeeta, Victoria.
- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1968—No. 7—Immigration.
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 134.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1968—
 - No. 241—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
 - No. 256—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
 - No. 258—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 - No. 259—Australian Workers' Union.
 - No. 260—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
 - No. 261—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 - No. 262—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 263—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
 - No. 264—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division); and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 265—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.

No. 266—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 267—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization
Technical Association.

No. 268—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen
of Australia.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 135.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except
Mr Beazley, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Calder, Sir John Cramer, Mr Daly, Mr Hasluck,
Mr Hayden, Mr Howson, Mr Hughes, Mr Jess, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and Mr Webb.

N. J. PARKES,
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