THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 68

TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 1969

- 1 The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the resolution of 28 November last. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 DEATHS OF FORMER SENATOR (MR G. R. COLE) AND FORMER MEMBERS (MR J. S. GARDEN, MR J. T. JENNINGS AND MR B. M. WIGHT):

Mr Speaker informed the House of the deaths of:

Mr George Ronald Cole, on 23 January, a Senator for the State of Tasmania from 1950 to 1965;

Mr John Smith Garden, on 1 January, a Member of this House for the Division of Cook from 1934 to 1937;

Mr John Thomas Jennings, on 20 December 1968, a Member of this House for the Division of South Sydney from 1931 to 1934 and the Division of Watson from 1934 to 1940; and

Mr Bruce McDonald Wight, on 2 February, a Member of this House for the Division of Lilley from 1949 to 1961.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

3 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER AND ISSUE OF WRIT (CURTIN DIVISION): Mr Speaker announced that on 10 February he had received from the Right Honourable Sir Paul Hasluck, G.C.M.G., a letter resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral Division of Curtin, in the State of Western Australia, and that he proposed to issue a writ on 14 March for the election of a Member to serve for the said Electoral Division. The dates in connection with the election would be fixed as follows:

Date of nomination ... Monday, 31 March 1969

Date of polling ... Saturday, 19 April 1969

Date of return of writ ... On or before Friday, 23 May 1969

- 4 APPOINTMENT OF RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR PAUL HASLUCK AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that Her Majesty The Queen had graciously approved the appointment of the Right Honourable Sir Paul Hasluck, G.C.M.G., to be her Governor-General of, and representative in, Australia. Sir Paul would take up the appointment when Lord Casey relinquishes his appointment and would be sworn-in on Wednesday, 30 April 1969.
- 5 MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHIP: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House of the following ministerial and other changes:

Following the resignation of Sir Paul Hasluck, Mr Freeth had been appointed Minister for External Affairs.

Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) would assist the Treasurer.

Mr G. D. Erwin had been appointed Minister for Air and would also carry out the responsibilities of Leader of the House.

Mr Fox had been appointed Government Whip.

Senator Anderson (Minister for Supply) would continue to represent in the Senate the Minister for External Affairs and Senator McKellar (Minister for Repatriation) would continue to represent the Minister for Air.

- 6 Petitions: Mr J. R. Fraser presented a petition from certain citizens of Canberra praying that this House disallow Australian Capital Territory Ordinance No. 30 of 1968 and refrain from imposing a sewerage charge in Canberra until it can be shown that it will bear justly on all people and can be supported by detailed financial statements of the Territory.
 - Mr Benson presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the Commonwealth Government place an immediate and total ban on the export of all kangaroo meat and fur products and set up a body to administer conservation of kangaroos in all States of Australia.

Petitions severally received and read.

Mr Fox presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria praying that the shooting of all kangaroos and the export of meat and other products made from kangaroos be banned and that a Commonwealth Department be established to conserve wild life on a national basis.

Petition received and read.

Similar petitions were presented by Mr Peacock, Mr Jarman, Mr Lee and Mr Whittorn, and were severally received.

Mr Fox also presented a petition from certain residents of Australia (overseas) praying that the Commonwealth Government set up a body with power to control the conservation of kangaroos on a Commonwealth basis.

Petition received.

Mr Gibbs presented a petition from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes and the export of products made from kangaroos be banned and that a Commonwealth Government body be established to protect Australia's native fauna on a national basis.

Mr Davies presented a petition from certain citizens of King Island praying that a television translator service be provided for the residents of King Island. Petitions severally received and read.

7 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 8 New and Permanent Parliament House—Joint Select Committee—Extended time for report—Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That the time for bringing up the report of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House on the matter of the site alternatives of Capital Hill and the Camp Hill area be extended until the end of April.
 - (2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 New and Permanent Parliament House—Joint Select Committee—Membership: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That the Leader of the Government in the Senate and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate be added to the membership of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House when the Committee is considering the matter of the site for the new building.
 - (2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence. Question—put and passed.
- 10 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—POWER TO MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLACE: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That paragraph (8) of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory be omitted and that the following paragraph be inserted in place thereof:
 - "(8) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament."
 - (2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence. Question—put and passed.

- 11 FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT TO MINISTER: Mr Killen informed the House that, in accordance with paragraph 10(a) of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee, at the request of the then Minister for External Affairs, had reported to the Minister upon the Middle East situation.
- 12 Messages from the Senate: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

28 November 1968—Message—

No. 155—States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) 1968.

No. 156—Aboriginal Enterprises (Assistance) 1968.

No. 157—States Grants (Special Assistance) 1968.

No. 158—Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) 1968.

No. 159-Fisheries 1968.

13 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:

29 November 1968-Message No. 101-

Parliamentary Allowances 1968.

Ministers of State 1968.

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances 1968.

2 December 1968-Message-

No. 102-

Customs (No. 2) 1968.

Excise (No. 2) 1968.

Distillation (No. 2) 1968.

Beer Excise Act Repeal 1968.

Canned Fruit Excise Act Repeal 1968.

Sales Tax Assessment (No. 5) 1968.

No. 103-

Spirits 1968.

Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) 1968.

Extradition (Foreign States) 1968.

Processed Milk Products Bounty 1968.

Public Service (No. 2) 1968.

States Grants (Pre-school Teachers Colleges) 1968.

Northern Territory Supreme Court 1968.

Apple and Pear Export Charges 1968.

Raw Cotton Bounty 1968.

Gold-Mining Industry Assistance 1968.

Salaries 1968.

3 December 1968-Message No. 104-

Bankruptcy 1968.

Loan (Housing) (No. 2) 1968.

Commonwealth Employees' Compensation 1968.

Seamen's Compensation 1968.

States Grants (Secondary Schools Libraries) 1968.

Railway Agreement (New South Wales and South Australia) 1968.

9 December 1968—Message—

No. 105-

States Grants 1968.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (No. 3) 1968.

Australian Universities Commission 1968.

International Monetary Agreements 1968.

Airline Equipment (Loan Guarantee) 1968.

Loan (Qantas Airways Limited) 1968,

Loan (Defence) 1968.

Judiciary 1968.

Loan (No. 2) 1968.

Lands Acquisition (Defence) 1968.

Customs Tariff Validation 1968.

No. 106—

States Grants (Special Assistance) 1968.

Overseas Telecommunications (No. 2) 1968.

Live-stock Slaughter Levy 1968.

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection 1968.

Meat Research 1968.

Meat Legislation Repeal 1968.

Commonwealth Banks 1968.

Australian Coastal Shipping Commission 1968.

Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) 1968.

Service and Execution of Process 1968.

Income Tax Assessment (No. 5) 1968.

Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) 1968.

Fisheries 1968.

10 December 1968-Message No. 107-

Judges' Pensions 1968.

Law Officers 1968.

Loans (Australian National Airlines Commission) 1968.

Aboriginal Enterprises (Assistance) 1968.

States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) 1968.

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court 1968.

Papua and New Guinea (No. 2) 1968.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—OVERSEAS AND LOCAL INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to identify and regulate overseas investment and control by overseas interests of industry in Australia and to encourage and marshal Australian investment in the development of Australian resources".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support-

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 Defence—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to aspects of Australian defence and informed the House of what the Australian Government is prepared to do militarily in Malaysia/Singapore after the British withdrawal from those areas. Mr Gorton then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Defence-Ministerial statement, 25 February 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 Postponement of order of the day: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 QUARANTINE 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: The Schedule, page 6, omit-

"Section 67 (1.) .. | Omit 'Five hundred pounds', insert 'Two thousand dollars or imprisonment for five years'.",

insert-

"Section 67 (1.) .. Omit 'Five hundred pounds', insert 'Punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding One hundred thousand dollars or imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years'.".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put. The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 68			
Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr St. John
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	'Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairhall	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	
Mr Calder	Mr Haworth	Mr McMahon	m **
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	Tellers:
Mr Chaney	Mr Howson	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr Chipp	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull
Noes, 37			
Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Beaton	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr Calwell	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	
Mr Collard	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	Tellers:
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question-put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past ten 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 25 February 1969, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules-

1968—Nos. 140, 155.

1969-No. 3.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 4.

Apple and Pear Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 14. Canned Fruits Export Marketing Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 149. Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—M. A. Barry, R. J. Ford, R. J. Nunn.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

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1968—Nos. 141, 144, 153, 160, 161, 162.
  1969—Nos. 2, 7, 10, 11.
Defence Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules-
  1968-No. 154.
  1969-No. 6.
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules-
  1968—No. 163.
  1969-Nos. 8, 9.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (6).
Fisheries Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 143.
High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968,
  No. 164.
International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—
  Statutory Rules 1968, No. 158.
Lands Acquisition Act-Land, etc., acquired for-
  Broadcasting and television purposes—Geraldton, Western Australia.
  Civil aviation purposes—
    Brisbane Airport, Queensland.
    Rockhampton, Queensland.
    Tweed Heads, New South Wales.
  Defence purposes—
    Canungra, Queensland.
    Enoggera (Brisbane), Queensland.
  Health purposes—Tamworth, New South Wales.
  Postal purposes—
    Broken Hill, New South Wales.
    George Town, Tasmania.
    Ingleburn, New South Wales.
    Mount Hope—Kapinnie, South Australia.
    Noarlunga, South Australia.
    Port Adelaide, South Australia.
    St Marys, Tasmania.
    Talbot, Victoria.
National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 146.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
  1968-Nos. 152, 159.
  1969--No. 5.
Navigation Act-
  Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations—Determination dated 30 January
  Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 139.
  Report by the Minister of cases in which the power of the Governor-General
    has been exercised under section 422A of the Act during 1968.
Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 151.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
  Crown Lands Ordinance-Statements of reasons by Minister for revocation of
    reserves in the Northern Territory at-
      Darwin-Nos. 1022, 1094.
      Katherine.
      Nightcliff—No. 1145.
  Ordinances-
    1968-
      No. 73—Crown Lands (Pastoral Lessees Preference).
      No. 74—Darwin Town Area Leases (No. 2).
      No. 75—Special Purposes Leases (No. 2),
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No. 1—Crown Lands (No. 3) 1968.

No. 2—Real Property 1968.

Regulations-1968-

No. 37 (Firearms Ordinance).

No. 38 (Forestry Ordinance).

No. 39 (Public Service Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1968—

No. 69—Public Officers (Employment Security) (Death of Retiring Officers).

No. 70—Explosives (Delegations).

No. 71—Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary (No. 2).

No. 72-Gire Gire-Ralum Lands.

No. 73-Customs Tariff (No. 2).

No. 74—Papua and New Guinea Copra Industry Stabilization (Desiccated Coconut).

No. 75—Criminal Code (Declaratory).

No. 76—Papua and New Guinea Coffee Marketing Board (Amendment).

No. 77—Criminal Law (Escapes).

No. 78—Medical Services (Nursing Council).

No. 79—Child Welfare (Reciprocal Arrangements).

No. 80—Plant Disease and Control (Amendment).

No. 81-Income Tax (No. 2).

No. 82—Passenger Transport Control Board.

No. 83—Veterinary Surgeons (Deregistration).

No. 84—Building (Off-Street Parking).

No. 85-Papua and New Guinea Development Bank.

No. 86-Ex-servicemen's Credit.

No. 87-Supreme Court (Full Court).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1968-No. 145.

1969-No. 1.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—C. M. Condillac, J. Hackman, B. J. Leslie, L. E. Morris, B. E. Spencer.

Shipping and Transport—N. A. MacMillan.

Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1968-Nos. 138, 147, 148, 156, 157, 165, 166.

1969—Nos. 12, 13.

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

No. 292—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 293—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.

Nos. 294, 295 and 296—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 297—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 298—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

No. 299—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.

No. 300—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 301—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees' Union of Australia.

Nos. 302 and 303—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 304—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 305—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 306-Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 307—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 308—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 309—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

Nos. 310 and 311—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

No. 312—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 313—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 314—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 315—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 316—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 317—Actors and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.

No. 318—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.

No. 319—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 320—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 321—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 322—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia; and Australian Nursing Federation, Employees' Section.

No. 323—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 324—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.

No. 325—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 326—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 327—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 328—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

No. 329—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

No. 330—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

No. 331—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.

Nos. 332 and 333—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 334—Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 335—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 336—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.

Nos. 337 and 338—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 339—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 340—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.

Nos. 341 and 342—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 343-North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 344—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 345—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 346—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).

Nos. 347 and 348—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 349—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).

Nos. 350, 351 and 352—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 353—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Nos. 354 and 355—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 356—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 357—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Nos. 358, 359 and 360-Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 361—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 362—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 363—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 364—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association.

No. 367—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 368-Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 369—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 370—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act-

Ordinances—1968—

No. 24—Theatres and Public Halls.

No. 25-Court of Petty Sessions.

No. 26—Agents.

No. 27-Child Welfare.

No. 28-City Area Leases (No. 2).

No. 29-Hawkers.

No. 30-Sewerage Rates.

No. 31—Companies.

No. 32—Meat.

No. 33-Canberra Theatre Trust.

No. 34—Infants (Housing Contracts).

No. 35—Institute for the Study of Man and Society Incorporation.

Regulations-1968-

No. 7 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

No. 8 (Maintenance Ordinance).

No. 9 (Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance).

No. 10 (Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance).

No. 11 (Nurses Registration Ordinance).

No. 12 (Workmen's Compensation Ordinance).

No. 13 (Agents Ordinance).

No. 14 (Canberra Theatre Trust Ordinance).

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 142.

Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 150.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley.

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