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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 69

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 1969

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 PETITIONS: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) presented a petition from the Council of the City of Wagga Wagga on behalf of 124 New South Wales municipalities and shires praying that this House ensure that the Government will (1) initiate a positive programme of decentralisation of industry, (2) establish a fund to provide for a better balanced development of the States, (3) provide additional taxation and tariff concessions to country industries and (4) reduce trunk line telephone charges in country areas.

Mr Howson presented a petition from certain citizens of Victoria praying that this House do everything in its power to ensure (1) that all frying fats are either removed from the market or that the price is made more competitive with that of vegetable oil and (2) that farmers be made aware of the urgent need to use vegetable oils instead of animal fats and that they be actively encouraged to grow soya beans, safflower, corn and maize.

Petitions severally received and read.

Mr Jess 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, praying that the shooting of kangaroos for commercial purposes and the export of products from kangaroos be banned and that a Commonwealth Government body be established to protect Australia's native fauna on a national basis, were presented as under:

By Mr Hughes, from certain residents of New South Wales, and

By Mr Howson, from certain residents of Toorak, South Yarra and Prahran, Victoria.

Petitions severally received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Australian Dairy Produce Board—Forty-third Annual Report, for year 1967-68.

5 HOME CARE PROGRAMME FOR THE AGED—COMMONWEALTH OFFER TO STATES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement in which he announced details of an offer by the Commonwealth to State Governments with respect to a programme of home care for the aged, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Home care programme for the aged—Commonwealth offer to States—Ministerial statement, 26 February 1969—

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

Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 6 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That Mr Fox be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and that, in his place, Mr Jessop be appointed a member of the committee. Question—put and passed.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The system of patronage in ministerial appointments which the Prime Minister has practised contrary to the national interest”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Whitlam addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 8 LOAN (SUPPLEMENTARY BORROWING) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Moneys.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Swartz 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 CURRENCY BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Currency Act* 1965.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Swartz 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 EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1968.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon 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 SPIRITS BILL 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 3 of the *Spirits Act* 1906–1968.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon 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 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 1 TO 5 (1969): Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (1969).
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Tariff Board—Reports—
Case board and panelboard.
Cylinder lawnmowers with self contained power (New Zealand–Australia Free Trade Agreement).
Hot water bags.
Printing and writing paper.
String musical instruments.
Vegetable fats and oils.
X-ray apparatus and accessories.
Severally ordered to be printed.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Bisphenol A.
Ordered to be printed.

- 14 CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Nixon 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.
- 15 WINE GRAPES 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), the following amendment was made: Clause 2, page 1, lines 9 and 10, omit “the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine”, insert “a date to be fixed by Proclamation”.
Bill, as amended, agreed to.
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

- 16 NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME—GRANT FOR TAILEM BEND—KEITH RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that, under the Government’s National Water Resources Development Programme, the Commonwealth would make a grant of \$6m towards completion of the Taillem Bend—Keith Rural Water Supply Scheme in the south-east of South Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

National Water Resources Development Programme—Grant for Taillem Bend—Keith Rural Water Supply Scheme—Ministerial statement, 26 February 1969—
and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Mr Luchetti 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.

- 17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 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 Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—EXTENDED TIME FOR REPORT ON SITE ALTERNATIVES: Mr Speaker reported message No. 160, dated 26 February 1969, from the Senate concurring in the resolution of the House 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.

- 19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—
POWER TO MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLACE: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the
following message from the Senate:

Message No. 161

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate, having considered Message No. 161 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following Resolution in connection therewith, viz.: That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 161 of the House of Representatives, viz.: "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.'".

A. M. McMULLIN,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 26 February 1969

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at
half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 February 1969,
pursuant to statute:

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1969—

No. 1—Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary (Promotions Procedure)
1968.

No. 2—Valuation (Special Procedure) 1968.

No. 3—Public Service (Papua and New Guinea) (Amendment) 1968.

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

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