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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 77

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 1969

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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 PETITION: 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.
Petition received.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PRIME MINISTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding certain statements with respect to him which had been made in the House on Thursday night last.
 - 5 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Third Annual Report, for year 1967-68, together with the Auditor-General's Report.
 - 6 HEALTH INSURANCE—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Health Insurance—Report of the Commonwealth Committee of Enquiry—March 1969.
Mr Forbes, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Health Insurance—Report of Commonwealth Committee of Enquiry—Ministerial statement, 25 March 1969.
Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Wilson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EXPENDITURE ON ROADS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr C. K. Jones had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's continuing refusal to plan expenditure of an amount at least equivalent to the proceeds of all the automotive fuel taxes on roads and associated facilities".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Jones addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

- 8 SOUND BROADCASTING STUDIOS FOR AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION, COLLINSWOOD, S.A.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Construction of sound broadcasting studios at Collinswood, S.A., for the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1969: 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 G. D. Erwin (Minister for Air), the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:

25 March 1969—Message No. 164—Wine Grapes Charges 1969.

- 11 DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 25 February 1969*), viz.:

Defence—Ministerial statement, 25 February 1969—

Debate resumed.

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

- 12 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-seven minutes to 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 25 March 1969:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Agreement on Administrative Arrangements for the Prek Thnot (Cambodia) Power and Irrigation Development Project, signed 13 November 1968.
- (2) Protocol on the Authentic Trilingual Text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago, 1944), dated 24 September 1968.
- (3) Exchange of Notes dated 13 January 1969, between Australia and the United States of America, constituting an Agreement to establish facilities on Norfolk Island to study ionospheric propagation in relation to long-range radio paths.
- (4) Double Taxation Agreement between Australia and Singapore, signed 11 February 1969.
- (5) European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets used in International Transport, dated 9 December 1960.

Pursuant to statute:

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 28, 39.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc. acquired for—

Post office purposes—Muswellbrook, New South Wales.

Radio Australia transmitter purposes—Cox Peninsula, Northern Territory.

Maintenance Orders (Commonwealth Officers) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 38.

War Service Homes Act—Supplemental Agreement, made 4 March 1969, between the Director of War Service Homes and the State of Western Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Bate, Mr Beaton, Mr Devine, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Gibson, Mr Haworth and Mr Jess.

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