

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 78

WEDNESDAY, 26 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 OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE—CHANGES OF STAFF: Mr Speaker informed the House that, following the re-organisation of the House of Representatives Department, the following promotions of officers in attendance in the Chamber had been made:
Mr Browning, formerly Serjeant-at-Arms, would assist at the Table,
Mr Barlin would occupy the office of Serjeant-at-Arms, and
Mr Cochran would perform the duties of Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TALKS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: 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 Government's failure to inform or consult the Parliament on those aspects of foreign policy, defence contracts, trade and aid which the Prime Minister should discuss with the President of the United States".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Whitlam addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 5 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 23C and 160AC of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1936-1968 and to make certain consequential provisions.
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.
 - 6 PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act* 1941-1968 in relation to Rebates of Tax allowable to Producers of Gold.
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.
 - 7 AUDIT BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Audit of Public Moneys and the Protection of Public Property.
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.

- 8 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY: Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 9 UNIVERSITIES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 112, dated 19 March 1969, 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 J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) 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.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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Mr Allan	Mr Corbett	Mr Hughes	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr Bate	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Failles	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Miss Brownbill	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Freeth	Mr Lynch	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Giles	Mr Mackay	
Mr Calder	Mr Graham	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	Mr Fox
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

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Mr Beazley	Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Costa	Mr Hayden	Mr Peters
Mr Bryant	Mr Courtney	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Crean	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Curtin	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Davies	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 113, dated 19 March 1969, 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 Bowen (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 MERINO EXPORT EMBARGO—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 20 March 1969*), viz.:
Merino export embargo—Ministerial statement, 20 March 1969—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr Armstrong), 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 26 March 1969, pursuant to statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for repatriation purposes—Concord, New South Wales.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Beaton, Mr Cross, Mr Devine, Mr J. R. Fraser, Mr Hansen, Mr Haworth, Mr Jess, Mr A. T. Jones and Mr St. John.

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