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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 82

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 1969

- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITION: Mr Webb presented a petition from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House give earnest consideration, during Human Rights Year, to the crisis in education in Australia.
Petition received and read.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Uren asked leave to make a statement.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Calwell moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Uren from making a statement.
Question—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

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Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Costa	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr Calwell	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr Minogue	
Mr Clark	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James

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Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Jess	Mr Pettitt
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Jessop	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bate	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr Failes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Lee	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Forbes	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Mackay	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Gibbs	Mr Maisey	
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr McMahon	
Mr Chaney	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	Mr K. M. K. Cairns
Mr Cleaver	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

- 5 LIBRARIES PROGRAMME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER—
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement giving details of progress under the new scheme for the development of secondary school libraries, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Standards for secondary school libraries—Preliminary statement prepared by Commonwealth Secondary Schools Libraries Committee—March 1969.
Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts: One hundred and sixth Report—Commonwealth Fire Board—and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DROUGHT RELIEF IN NEW SOUTH WALES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Bate had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The closure of the Commonwealth-State drought relief scheme in New South Wales”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Bate addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, general business, being considered until fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT—PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE: Mr Scholes moved, pursuant to notice—That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
(1) the practicability of establishing regional development areas having regard to existing settlement and proven resources;
(2) the special action which would be required to achieve population growth, industrial development and adequate cultural, recreational and educational opportunities within such regions;
(3) the means by which any proposals can be best promoted by co-operation between Commonwealth, State, semi and local government authorities; and
(4) other matters considered relevant to achieving balanced development throughout Australia.
Debate ensued.
The time allotted for the consideration of the motion having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Turnbull was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1969: Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Broadcasting and Television.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hulme moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953–1968*.
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.

- 12 CITIZENSHIP BILL 1969: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Australian Citizenship and the Status of British Subject.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden 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.

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

17 April 1969—Message—

No. 172—Public Service Arbitration 1969.

No. 173—Commonwealth Employees' Compensation 1969.

No. 174—Conciliation and Arbitration 1969.

No. 175—Officers' Rights Declaration 1969.

No. 176—Superannuation 1969.

- 14 DEFENCE AID TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE—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 15 April 1969*), viz.:

Defence aid to Malaysia and Singapore—Ministerial statement, 15 April 1969—
Debate resumed.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Katter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 15 NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME—ADDITIONAL PROJECTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the operation of the national water resources development programme and informed the House that the Commonwealth had agreed to provide assistance towards three further water development measures. Mr Fairbairn then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

National Water Resources Development Programme—Additional projects—
Ministerial statement, 17 April 1969.

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

- 16 DEFENCE AID TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE—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 15 April 1969*), viz.:

Defence aid to Malaysia and Singapore—Ministerial statement, 15 April 1969—
Debate resumed.

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

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

17 April 1969—Message No. 177—Conciliation and Arbitration (No. 2) 1969.

- 18 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Devine, Mr Fox, Mr Freeth, Mr Fulton, Mr Gibson, Mr Graham, Mr Haworth, Mr Hughes, Mr Killen, Mr King, Mr St. John and Mr Turner.

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