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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 88

TUESDAY, 13 MAY 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 **DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA (DR ZAKIR HUSAIN):** Mr McEwen (Acting Prime Minister) referred to the death, on 3 May, of Dr Zakir Husain, President of India, and, in paying tribute to the late President, expressed sympathy to India, a fellow Commonwealth country, in its loss.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Acting Prime Minister.
Mr McEwen suggested to Mr Speaker that the remarks made in the House be conveyed to the Indian High Commissioner for transmission to the Indian Government. Mr Speaker said that he would arrange for this to be done.
 - 3 **DEATH OF SENATOR K. A. LAUGHT:** Mr McEwen (Acting Prime Minister) referred to the death of Senator K. A. Laught, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death on 13 May 1969 of Keith Alexander Laught, a Senator for the State of South Australia, and places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.
And Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
 - 4 **DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR AND MEMBER (MR A. K. DEIN):** Mr McEwen (Acting Prime Minister) referred to the death, on 9 May, of Adam Kemball Dein, a former Senator for the State of New South Wales and a former Member of this House for the Division of Lang, and extended sympathy to the widow and family.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Acting Prime Minister.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
 - 5 **PETITION:** Mr Dobie presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government make grants available to relieve the increased costs of educating children attending Catholic schools.
Petition received and read.
 - 6 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr McEwen (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), Mr Kelly (Minister for the Navy) would act as Minister for Shipping and Transport.
 - 7 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 8 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honourable Member for Isaacs (Mr Haworth) owing to his absence from Australia.
Question—put and passed.

- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
9 May 1969—Message No. 120—Scholarships 1969.
- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—QUEENSLAND—NEED FOR OVERSEAS INVESTMENT: Mr Speaker informed the House that both Mr K. M. K. Cairns and Mr Patterson had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, he had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Cairns, namely, "The need for the continuation of overseas investment to ensure that regional development, employment, and living standards shall be maintained in Queensland at levels which otherwise would be adversely affected".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Cairns addressed the House.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Patterson speaking for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 11 CITIZENSHIP 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), the following amendment was made:

Clause 8, page 6, after sub-section (2.) of proposed section 11c insert the following sub-sections:—

"(3.) Where the Secretary is satisfied that a person to whom this Division applies has duly given a notice under this section, the Secretary shall, on application by that person, cause an authorized officer to issue to that person an evidentiary certificate in relation to the Australian citizenship of that person.

"(4.) An evidentiary certificate under this section shall certify that the person specified in the certificate is an Australian citizen.

"(5.) Where the Secretary is satisfied that a person to whom an evidentiary certificate has been issued under this section is not an Australian citizen, the Secretary may, by order in writing under his hand, revoke the certificate.

"(6.) An evidentiary certificate issued under this section is, unless the certificate is shown to have been revoked, evidence that the person specified in the certificate is an Australian citizen.

"(7.) The Secretary shall cancel all evidentiary certificates that have been issued under this section and have been revoked.

"(8.) An order under sub-section (5.) of this section may be proved in legal proceedings by the production of a copy of the order, together with a certificate signed by an authorized officer certifying the copy to be a true copy.

"(9.) An evidentiary certificate under this section or a certificate under the last preceding sub-section is admissible in evidence in legal proceedings without proof of the signature of the person signing it or of the fact that he was an authorized officer.

"(10.) In this section, "authorized officer" means an officer authorized by the Secretary to issue certificates under this section.'."

New clause—

On the motion of Mr Snedden, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

“ 17A. After section 48 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

‘48A. Where an order is made under sub-section (5.) of section eleven c of this Act revoking an evidentiary certificate issued to a person, that person shall, upon demand by the Secretary, surrender the certificate to the Secretary for cancellation.

Evidentiary certificate to be surrendered where order of revocation made.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars.’”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

- 12 OVERSEAS SHIPPING—AUSTRALIAN ENTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: 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 22 April 1969*), viz.:

Overseas Shipping—Australian Entry—Ministerial statement, 22 April 1969—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED PROVISION FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1968–69—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1968–69: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 121, dated 13 May 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1968–69*, for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

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.

- 14 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED PROVISION FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE, 1968–69—APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1968–69: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 122, dated 13 May 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed provision for certain additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1968–69*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

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.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR, 1969-70—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1969-70: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 123, dated 13 May 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

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.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED INTERIM PROVISION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURE, 1969-70—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1969-70: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 124, dated 13 May 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed interim provision for certain expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy, and recommending an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

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.

17 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE SITES—MOTION FOR ADOPTION: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House on Alternative Sites brought up on 30 April 1969—Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved—That the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House on the alternative sites of Capital Hill and the Camp Hill area for the new and permanent Parliament House be adopted.

Mr Bryant moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the new and permanent Parliament House be situated on Capital Hill”.

Debate continued.

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

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 sixteen 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 13 May 1969, pursuant to statute:

- Copyright Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 65.
 Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 64.
 Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (3).
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1969—
 No. 11—Prisons.
 No. 12—Infants (Housing Contracts).
 No. 13—Fire Brigades Arbitral Tribunal.
 Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1969—
 No. 13—Child Welfare (Reciprocal Arrangements) (Amendment).
 No. 14—Koki Market-place Trust.
 No. 15—Koki Market-place Trust (Amendment).
 No. 16—Industrial Development (Incentives to Pioneer Industries) (Procedures).
 No. 17—Institute of Higher Technical Education (Amendment).
 No. 18—Fisheries (Licensing) (Amendment).
 No. 19—District Courts (Service of Summonses).
 No. 20—Papua and New Guinea Electricity Commission (Borrowings).
 No. 21—Treasury (Amendment).
 No. 22—Evidence (Photographic Reproductions).
 No. 23—Motor Vehicles (Administration Liability).
 No. 24—Statistics (Release of Information).
 No. 25—Native Loans Fund Ordinance Repeal.
 No. 26—Ordinances Interpretation (Definition of "Officer").
 No. 27—Ex-servicemen's Credit (Validation of Take-over).
 No. 28—Passenger Transport Control Board.
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 63.
 Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 61, 62.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—
 1968—
 No. 111—Australian Journalists' Association.
 No. 255—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 1969—
 No. 43—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 55—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees' Union of Australia.
 No. 56—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 57—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
 No. 58—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 59—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).
 No. 60—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 61—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.
 No. 62—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 63—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 64—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.
 No. 65—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 66—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barnes, Mr Bate, Mr Bosman, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Clark, Mr J. M. Fraser, Mr Gorton, Mr Hansen, Mr Harrison, Mr Haworth*, Mr Jessop, Mr Killen, Mr King and Mr Minogue.

* On leave

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