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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 93

THURSDAY, 22 MAY 1969

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- 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 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.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
One hundred and eighth Report—Treasury Minute on the Thirty-fourth Report together with summary of that report;
One hundred and ninth Report—The Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General—Financial year 1967-68—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.
Ordered—That the reports be printed.
 - 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Webb had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent necessity to achieve justice and goodwill in industry by providing effective conciliation machinery for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes and by repealing the labour injunction and related contempt provisions of the present Conciliation and Arbitration Act".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Webb addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 6 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1968*.
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.
 - 7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES: Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 8 AUGMENTATION OF SEWERAGE, NORTHERN AND CENTRAL ZONES, DARWIN—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 work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Augmentation of sewerage in northern and central zones, Darwin.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—GRIEVANCE DEBATE: It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., order of the day No. 1 (Grievance debate—pursuant to standing order 106) was not called on.
- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1968–69: 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 Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) AND SUPPLY BILLS: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 3, 4 and 5 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1968–69, the Supply Bill (No. 1) 1969–70 and the Supply Bill (No. 2) 1969–70 being read together and a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1968–69, SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1969–70 AND SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1969–70: The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—
Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the Bills be now passed.
Question—put and passed.
- 13 MEAT CHICKEN LEVY 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 Nixon (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 MEAT CHICKEN LEVY COLLECTION 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—
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.

Mr Patterson, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 8, page 3, at the end of sub-clause (2.) add “within twelve months of the alleged offence”.

Clause 9, page 3, lines 3–5, omit “For the purposes of this Act, a person authorized in writing by the Minister to exercise powers under this section may, at all reasonable times and on production of that authority”, insert “For the purposes of this Act, when it is believed that an offence has been committed, a person authorized in writing by the Minister to exercise powers under this section may apply to a Justice of the Peace for the granting of a search warrant authorizing him, at all reasonable times and on production of that authority to”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Failes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 33

Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Clark	Mr Davies	Mr McIvor	
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr Minogue	
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Peters	Mr Duthie
Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Scholes	Mr James

NOES, 58

Mr Adermann	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairbairn	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Katter	Mr St. John
Mr Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Miss Brownbill	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Turner
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr Munro	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 CHICKEN MEAT RESEARCH 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—Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 126, dated 15 May 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 Nixon (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—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 May 1969*), viz.:

Prime Minister's visit to the United States of America—Ministerial statement, 15 May 1969—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr G. D. Erwin moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

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

17 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 12 and 13, government business, being called on.
Question—put and passed.

18 JUDICIARY 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Aston, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53

Mr Armstrong	Mr England	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson
Mr Arthur	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Barnes	Mr Fairbairn	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairhall	Mr Katter	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	Mr Fox
Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 31

Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Beazley	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr O'Connor	Mr Duthie
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson	Mr James

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 127, dated 20 May 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 JUDGES' REMUNERATION 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 128, dated 20 May 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.

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 twenty-four minutes past one o'clock in the morning, 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 Anthony, Mr Bate, Mr Benson, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Calwell, Mr Freeth, Mr Haworth*, Mr Howson, Mr Jess, Mr McEwen and Mr Nicholls.

* On leave

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