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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 99

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST 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 Jess 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.
 - 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
 - 5 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
 - 6 AGED PERSONS HOMES BILL 1969: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Persons Homes Act 1954-1967*, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 7 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 8 TO 11 (1969): Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 (1969).
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.
 - 8 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Tariff Board—Reports—
Electric circuit breakers and switch units.
Floor and wall coverings.
Gloves and mittens.
Secateurs.
Wheel trims.
Severally ordered to be printed.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Reports—
Cherries, preserved by sugar—drained, glace, or crystallised.
Knitted shirts.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 9 DEFENCE (PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES) 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.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Fairhall (Minister for Defence), the following amendment was made: Clause 6, page 3, after sub-clause (2.) insert the following sub-clause:

“(3.) The Minister may, for the purposes of sub-section (1.) of this section, treat the result of an election as being certain if, at the expiration of thirty days after the return of the writ relating to the election, the validity of the election has not been disputed in accordance with law and the Minister has no reason to believe that it will be so disputed.”

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

- 10 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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. 145, dated 22 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 Fairhall (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 MEAT INDUSTRY BILL 1968: 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.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Patterson moved the following amendment: Page 1, omit sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause:

“(1.) Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the word ‘nine’ and inserting in its stead the word ‘twelve’;

(b) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) the word ‘five’ and inserting in its stead the word ‘six’; and

(c) by adding at the end of sub-section (1.) the following paragraphs:—

(e) one member to represent publicly owned abattoirs and freezing works which deal with meat or meat products for export from Australia; and

(f) one member to represent employees engaged in the slaughter and preparation of meat or meat products for export.’.”.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Lucock, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett	Mr Howson	Mr Peacock
Mr Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hughes	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Bate	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Jarman	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jess	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Jessop	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Forbes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Katter	Mr Wentworth
Mr Buchanan	Mr Freeth	Mr Kelly	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bury	Mr Garland	Mr Killen	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Gibbs	Mr King	
Mr Calder	Mr Giles	Mr Lee	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gorton	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chaney	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	Mr Fox
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

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Mr Barnard	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Whitlam
Mr Calwell	Mr Daly	Mr Kennedy	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Scholes	Mr Duthie
Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Stewart	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), the following amendment was made: Page 2, line 6, omit “January”, insert “December”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

12 STATEMENT BY MINISTER FOR AIR CONCERNING THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR REID:

Mr G. D. Erwin (Minister for Air), by leave, made a statement with reference to an earlier statement which he had made concerning the honourable Member for Reid (Mr Uren) and questions which had been asked by that honourable Member.

Mr Uren, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

Mr G. D. Erwin, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.

13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Freeth (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on foreign affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 14 August 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. *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 ensued.

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

14 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Daly addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Lucock moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Howson	Mr McLeay
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro
Mr Bonnett	Mr England	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall
Mr Bowen	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Hunt	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fairbairn	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Sinclair
Miss Brownbill	Mr Fairhall	Mr Jessop	Mr Snedden
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Street
Mr Calder	Mr Freeth	Mr Katter	Mr Swartz
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Garland	Mr Kelly	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Mr Gibbs	Mr Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr King	Mr Fox
Mr Cleaver	Mr Graham	Mr Lucock	Mr Turnbull

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Mr Barnard	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Daly	Mr C. K. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Scholes	Mr Nicholls
Mr Cross	Mr Hansen	Mr Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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 Benson, Mr Birrell, Mr Courtney, Mr Harrison, Sir William Haworth, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Mackay, Mr Minogue, Mr O'Connor, Mr Peters, Mr St. John and Mr Turner.

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