

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 106

TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1969

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- 1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
  - 2 ABSENCE OF MR SPEAKER: The Acting Clerk having informed the House that Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) was unavoidably absent on Parliamentary business overseas, the Chairman of Committees (Mr Lucock) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
  - 3 ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that elections to fill casual vacancies in the Senate for the States of Victoria and South Australia would be held on 25 October concurrently with the General Elections for the House of Representatives and that the date for the return of writs for both the General Elections and the Senate elections would be 24 November.
  - 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  - 5 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Senator McKellar (Minister for Repatriation), Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation) would act as Minister for Repatriation and, in the Senate, Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin (Minister for Housing) would represent the Acting Minister for Repatriation, Senator Scott (Minister for Customs and Excise) would represent the Minister for Primary Industry and Senator Wright (Minister for Works) would represent the Ministers for the Navy, the Army and Air.
  - 6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
    - Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Interim Annual Report, for year 1968-69.
    - Department of Education and Science—Report for 1967 and 1968.
    - Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health, for year 1968-69.
    - National Library of Australia Council—Interim Annual Report, for year 1968-69.
    - Treaty—Convention No. 122 concerning employment policy, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 48th Session on 17 June 1964.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

- Apple and Pear Organisation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twenty-third Annual Report, for year 1968-69, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-seventh Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1968-69.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 14 November 1967 to 31 December 1968.
- Citizenship Act—Return for year 1968-69.
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Forty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1968-69, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

- Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Fifteenth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1968–69.
- Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Forty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1968–69.
- Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Twentieth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.
- Wheat Research Act—Eleventh Annual Report, for 1968.
- 7 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
- 2 September 1969—Message No. 154—  
Meat Industry 1969.  
Coral Sea Islands 1969.  
Loan (Housing) 1969.
- 5 September 1969—Message No. 155—  
Defence (Parliamentary Candidates) 1969.  
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1969.
- 8 ALTERATION OF DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That for the remainder of the session, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on each Tuesday at two o'clock p.m., and on each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
- Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 9 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1969–70: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

- Second Schedule—  
Proposed expenditure—Department of Education and Science, \$109,071,000—debated.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.
- The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.  
Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.
- 10 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Charges in respect of Commonwealth Air Navigation Facilities and Services.
- Bill read a first time.  
Mr Swartz moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr C. K. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1969: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947–1968*.
- Bill read a first time.  
*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 the Minister for Social Services, when moving the second reading of the Bill, speaking without limitation of time.
- Question—put and passed.  
Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 REPATRIATION BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Acting Minister for Repatriation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920–1968* so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions and Allowances and for matters connected therewith and to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of certain Payments resulting from the Increases.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Swartz moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1969: Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1968* so as to provide for Increases in the Rates of certain Pensions and Allowances and for matters connected therewith.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Sinclair moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 STATES GRANTS (DWELLINGS FOR AGED PENSIONERS) BILL 1969: Mr Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the provision of Self-contained Dwellings for certain Aged Pensioners.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Bury moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1969–70: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education and Science, \$109,071,000—further debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Sir William Haworth reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 16 INCORPORATION IN *Hansard* OF TABLE RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES BILL—STATEMENT BY ACTING SPEAKER: The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) stated that earlier in the day when moving the second reading of the Social Services Bill, Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) had been granted leave to incorporate in *Hansard* a complicated table, described as a Ready Reckoner. The Acting Speaker said that in accordance with the recognised practice that the incorporation of material in *Hansard* was always subject to the approval of the Chair, he had asked the Government Printer to examine the table and advise whether incorporation would present technical problems. In view of the Government Printer's advice that it would present technical difficulties, he could not authorise incorporation of the table in *Hansard*.
- 17 LOAN (SWISS FRANCS) BILL 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Loan (Swiss Francs) Act 1955*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr McMahon 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.

- 18 **LOAN (CANADIAN DOLLARS) BILL 1969:** Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Loan (Canadian Dollars) Act 1955*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr McMahon 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.
- 19 **TASMANIA GRANT (CRESSY-LONGFORD IRRIGATION WORKS) BILL 1969:** Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania in connexion with the construction of Irrigation Works in the Cressy-Longford area in that State.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Fairbairn moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:  
 9 September 1969—Message—  
 No. 225—Sulphuric Acid Bounty 1969.  
 No. 226—Pyrites Bounty 1969.  
 No. 227—Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty 1969.  
 No. 228—Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty 1969.  
 No. 229—Urea Bounty 1969.  
 No. 230—Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty 1969.
- 21 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1969–70:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education and Science, \$109,071,000—further debated.

*Limitation of debate:* At twenty-five minutes past eight o'clock p.m., the Deputy Chairman (Sir William Haworth) having called the attention of the committee to the fact that the time allotted for the proposed expenditure had expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Territories, \$100,209,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Immigration, \$63,935,000—

Department of Labour and National Service, \$12,371,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Sir William Haworth reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved—That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 September 1969, pursuant to statute:

- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 133.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 131, 132.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—
  - Defence purposes—Townsville, Queensland.
  - Post office purposes—
    - Cape Grim, Tasmania.
    - Field, South Australia.
    - Koongawa, South Australia.
- Norfolk Island Act—
  - Ordinances—1969—
    - No. 5—Motor Vehicles.
    - No. 6—Traffic.
  - Regulation—1969—No. 2 (Customs Ordinance).
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1969—No. 19—Special Purposes Leases.
- Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1969—
  - No. 36—Crocodile Trade (Protection) (Amendment).
  - No. 50—Judges' Pensions.
  - No. 51—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) (Amendment).
  - No. 52—Land Titles Commission (Land Marks).
  - No. 53—Public Accounts Committee (Extended Jurisdiction).
  - No. 54—Pure Food (Labelling and Standardization).
  - No. 55—Police Offences (Rubbish Dumping).
  - No. 56—Valuers' Registration.
  - No. 57—Retirement Benefits (Contract Officers) (Amendment).
  - No. 58—Migration (Amendment).
- Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 134.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1969—
  - No. 187—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
  - No. 194—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
  - No. 195—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
  - Nos. 196 and 197—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
  - No. 198—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association.
  - No. 200—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
  - No. 201—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
  - No. 202—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
  - No. 203—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
  - No. 205—Australian Journalists' Association.
  - No. 206—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
  - No. 207—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act—Return for year 1968–69.
- Urea Bounty Act—Return for 1968.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aston, Mr Benson, Mr Birrell, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Courtney, Mr Cross, Mr Devine, Mr Duthie, Mr Failes, Mr Gibson, Mr Harrison, Mr Jess, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Killen, Mr O'Connor, Mr Peters and Mr Turner.

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N. J. PARKES,  
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives