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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 107

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1969

- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 National Radiation Advisory Committee—Report, dated March 1969, on the biological aspects of fallout in Australia from French nuclear weapons explosions in the Pacific, July–September 1968.
 The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.
 Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
 Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1968.
 War Service Homes Act—Director of War Service Homes—Report and financial statements, for year 1968–69.
- 4 **STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) BILL 1969:** Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Universities.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Fraser moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—HIGH SCHOOLS, CASUARINA (DARWIN) AND ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.:** 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*, the following proposed works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of high schools, Casuarina (Darwin) and Alice Springs, N.T.
 Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed works.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 6 **PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.
 Question—put and passed.

7 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL 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.

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

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 31

Mr Barnard	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Calwell	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Davies	Mr Kennedy	Mr Webb
Mr Clark	Mr Devine	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Collard	Mr Everingham	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Minogue	Mr Daly
Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment: Page 1, omit all words after “the” (first occurring), insert “first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seventy”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Sir William Haworth, in the Chair)—

AYES, 66

Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr Hallett	Mr McEwen
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay
Mr Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr McMahon
Mr Arthur	Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro
Mr Barnes	Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon
Mr Bonnett	Mr England	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Bosman	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Sir William Haworth reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the report.

Mr Nixon asked leave to move—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Nixon moved, pursuant to contingent notice—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Cleaver	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett	Sir W. Haworth	Mr McEwen
Mr Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay
Mr Arthur	Mr Dobie	Mr Howson	Mr McMahan
Mr Barnes	Mr Drury	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro
Mr Bonnett	Mr England	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Scholes	Mr James

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

- 8 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1969-70—VARIATION OF ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That, during the consideration of the Second Schedule of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1969-70, consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Postmaster-General's Department, the Defence Services, the Prime Minister's Department and the Department of the Cabinet Office be postponed until after consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Departments of Repatriation, Social Services, Health and Housing.

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 National Development, \$39,839,000—debated. Ordered—That further consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Department of National Development be postponed.

Proposed expenditures—

- Repatriation Department, \$306,855,000—
- Department of Social Services, \$32,685,000—
- Department of Health, \$27,825,000—
- Department of Housing, \$5,746,000—

together debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Hallett reported accordingly.

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

- 10 DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILISATION SCHEME—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the proposed dried vine fruits stabilisation scheme for 1969–73, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Dried vine fruits stabilisation scheme—Ministerial statement, 10 September 1969—
and 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.
- 11 AUSTRALIAN MEAT BOARD—APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that he had appointed Colonel M. H. McArthur, O.B.E., to succeed the present Chairman of the Australian Meat Board on 1 July 1970.
Mr Patterson and Mr Adermann, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
- 12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
10 September 1969—Message No. 231—Aged Persons Homes 1969.
- 13 PAPER: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Nauru Island Phosphate Industry Agreement 1967—Agreed Minute, dated 10 September 1969, of discussions on the Agreement.
- 14 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—GAZELLE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with regard to the Gazelle Peninsula Local Government Council, recent unrest in the Peninsula and the appointment by the Administration of a commission of inquiry into the matter.
Mr Beazley, Mr Stewart and Mr Giles, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
- 15 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—BOUGAINVILLE COPPER DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 10 SEPTEMBER 1969: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the main terms of a proposed agreement negotiated between the Papua and New Guinea Administration, Bougainville Copper Pty Ltd and the Rorovana people of Bougainville.
Mr Beazley, Mr Bryant and Mr Mackay, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
- 16 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.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Repatriation Department, \$306,855,000—
Department of Social Services, \$32,685,000—
Department of Health, \$27,825,000—
Department of Housing, \$5,746,000—
together further debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Sir William Haworth reported accordingly.

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

17 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 nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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

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