

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 113

FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 1969

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 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

3 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Taxation—Forty-eighth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1 September 1969.

Ordered to be printed.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Second Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968-69.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968-69.

Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Tenth Annual Statement, for year 1968-69.

4 LOAN (DROUGHT BONDS) BILL 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for and in relation to the Issue of Drought Bonds. 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.

5 INCOME TAX (DROUGHT BONDS) BILL 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose Income Tax, in relation to certain Redemptions of Drought Bonds, by reference to the Income Tax saved by reason of the Purchase thereof. 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.

6 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1969: Mr McMahon (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax in relation to Drought Bonds. 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.

7 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1969: Mr Nixon (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put, by leave, and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Nixon, the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, NOWRA, N.S.W.—CONSTRUCTION OF SLEEPING QUARTERS: 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 work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Construction of sleeping quarters for officers and junior sailors at H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, Nowra, N.S.W.

Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 STATES GRANTS (DWELLINGS FOR AGED PENSIONERS) BILL 1969: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

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

Clause 3—

Mr C. R. Cameron moved—That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr C. R. Cameron moved the following amendment: Page 2, after sub-clause (2.) insert the following sub-clause:

“(2A.) The Minister shall maintain an interest in and supervision of the administration of any approved scheme.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—
Thirty-sixth Report (1969).
- 11 TASMANIA GRANT BILL 1969: Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.
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.
- 12 AIRLINE EQUIPMENT (LOAN GUARANTEE) 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 by Mr C. K. Jones who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, this House is of the opinion that the Government should negotiate with the manufacturers of the Boeing 727 and the Douglas DC 9 for the manufacture in Australia of component parts for these or other aircraft manufactured by these companies in order to promote stability in the Australian aircraft industry”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 LOANS (AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES COMMISSION) 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. 169, dated 16 September 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 170, dated 16 September 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.

- 15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 16 ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1968-69—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the statement.

In the committee

Statement taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the following resolution be reported to the House:

That the committee agrees with the statement for the year 1968-69 of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901-1969*.

Question—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr Hallett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Swartz, the resolution reported from the committee was adopted by the House.

- 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 fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 September 1969, pursuant to statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1969—No. 21—Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents).

States Grants (Advanced Education) Act—Statement by Minister, dated 18 August 1969, specifying additional project and estimated cost approved under section 5 (1.) (c) of the Act—Gordon Institute of Technology, Victoria.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Bate, Mr Beazley, Mr Benson, Mr Birrell, Mr Bonnett, Mr Bosman, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Chaney, Mr Collard, Mr Connor, Mr Courtney, Mr Devine, Mr J. M. Fraser, Mr Freeth, Mr Fulton, Mr Gibson, Mr Hansen, Mr Harrison, Mr Hunt, Mr Jess, Mr Jessop, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr McEwen, Mr O'Connor, Mr Patterson, Mr Peters, Mr Sinclair, Mr St. John, Mr Stokes, Mr Turner, Mr Webb and Mr Wentworth.

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