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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 114

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1969

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- 1 The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 PETITION: Mr Benson presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth produce and provide ultrasonic aids for the blind on the same terms as hearing aids for children, pensioners and others or that alternatively the organisations struggling to provide these aids be approved for subsidy under the *States Grants (Paramedical Services) Act 1969*.
Petition received and read.
 - 3 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Bury (Minister for Labour and National Service), Mr McMahon (Treasurer) would act as Minister for Labour and National Service and Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration) would represent the Minister for Housing in this House.
 - 4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 PAPERS: Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:
Audit Act—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts, for year 1968–69.
Ordered to be printed.
The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1969.
Treaty—Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Australia and New Zealand concerning co-operation in defence supply.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
Aboriginal Enterprises (Assistance) Act—Commonwealth Capital Fund for Aboriginal Enterprises—First Report, for period 10 December 1968 to 30 June 1969.
Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Thirteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.
Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1968–69.
 - 6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUE: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of messages from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending appropriations of revenue for the purposes of the following Bills:
22 September 1969—Message—
No. 171—Book Bounty 1969.
No. 172—States Grants (Petroleum Products) 1969.

- 7 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed construction of a divisional store for the Department of Health at Darwin (Sixteenth report of 1969).
Ordered to be printed.
- 8 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 eleventh Report—Treasury Minute on the One hundred and third Report together with a summary of that report;
One hundred and twelfth Report—Commonwealth Advertising—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.
Ordered—That the reports be printed.
- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH SCHEMES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Killen had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The proposals by the Opposition relating to a health scheme which, if implemented, would destroy the free hospital system in Queensland”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Killen addressed the House.
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 Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
22 September 1969—Message No. 173—
Loan (Canadian Dollars) 1969.
Loan (Swiss Francs) 1969.
Tasmania Grant (Cressy-Longford Irrigation Works) 1969.
- 11 ENGINEERING SERVICES TO NEIGHBOURHOOD UNIT No. 4, CASUARINA DISTRICT, 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 proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House: Provision of engineering services to Neighbourhood Unit No. 4, Casuarina District, Darwin.
Question—put and passed.
- 12 STATES GRANTS (INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS) 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 Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “the House is of opinion that the Bill is an inadequate contribution to education in Australia because it—
(a) fails to make a considered and comprehensive approach to the needs of all Australian schools;
(b) ignores the needs of government schools, to which governments have a primary obligation, and
(c) makes grants indiscriminately to non-government schools without regard to needs and priorities.
Therefore the House resolves that the Bill should be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for—
(1) grants to government schools based on sums that are not less per student than those made to non-government schools under the Bill, and

- (2) the immediate establishment of an Australian Schools Commission to examine and determine the needs of students in government and non-government primary, secondary and technical schools and recommend grants which the Commonwealth should make to the States to assist in meeting the requirements of all school-age children on the basis of needs and priorities”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Scholes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 13 F-111 AIRCRAFT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Government’s proposal to purchase F-111 aircraft.

Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Gorton, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

F-111 aircraft—Ministerial statement, 23 September 1969—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 14 STATES GRANTS (INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “ the House is of opinion that the Bill is an inadequate contribution to education in Australia because it—*

- (a) fails to make a considered and comprehensive approach to the needs of all Australian schools;
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- (2) the immediate establishment of an Australian Schools Commission to examine and determine the needs of students in government and non-government primary, secondary and technical schools and recommend grants which the Commonwealth should make to the States to assist in meeting the requirements of all school-age children on the basis of needs and priorities”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 63

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

NOES, 30

Mr Barnard	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr Curtin	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Daly	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Calwell	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr Connor	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Crean	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 174, dated 16 September 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.

Mr Barnard moved the following amendment: Clause 7, page 4, line 35, after “names” insert “and the needs”.

Debate ensued.

Mr Bryant rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Garland	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McLay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Howson	Mr McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	Mr Fox
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull

NOES, 28

Mr Barnard	Mr Curtin	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr Calwell	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes	Mr Duthie
Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 28

Mr Barnard	Mr Curtin	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Beazley	Mr Davies	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whitlam
Mr Bryant	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	
Mr Calwell	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Cope	Mr Hansen	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Scholes	Mr Duthie
Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Stewart	Mr James

NOES, 60

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pearsall
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Jessop	Mr Pettitt
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Forbes	Mr Killen	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Garland	Mr Lee	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibbs	Mr Lynch	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr Mackay	
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr Maisey	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	
Mr Chaney	Mr Howson	Mr McMahan	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Munro	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Nixon	

Tellers:

Mr Fox
Mr Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Sir William Haworth reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Fraser, the House adopted the report.

Mr Fraser moved, by leave—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

23 September 1969—Message—

No. 235—Air Navigation (Charges) 1969.

No. 236—Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy 1969.

- 16 LOAN (DROUGHT BONDS) 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—

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1969

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message

No. 175, dated 22 September 1969, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys 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 Hallett reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 **INCOME TAX (DROUGHT BONDS) 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.
 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.
- 18 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 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.
 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.
- 19 **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 twenty-five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 September 1969, pursuant to statute:

- Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1968–69.
 Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1969—
 Nos. 193 and 199—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 204—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.
 No. 209—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 No. 210—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
 No. 211—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 212—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; and Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.
 No. 213—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 214—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.
 No. 215—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 216—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia; and Australian Nursing Federation, Employees' Section.
 No. 217—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
 No. 218—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 220—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 No. 221—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
 Nos. 222, 223 and 224—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 No. 225—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1969—
 No. 22—Sewerage Rates.
 No. 23—Water Rates.
 Universities (Financial Assistance) Act—Determinations by Minister under sections 9, 10 (6.) and 11 (3.) of the Act.
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Armstrong, Mr Birrell, Mr Bury, Mr Clark, Mr Collard, Mr Freeth, Mr Fulton, Mr Giles, Mr Harrison, Mr Jess, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr O'Connor, Mr Peters, Mr Robinson, Mr St. John, Mr Stokes, Mr Turner and Mr Webb.

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