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

No. 115

WEDNESDAY, 24 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 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:** Mr Speaker informed the House that members of the Select Committee on Election Laws of the Ontario Legislative Assembly, Canada, led by Mr E. A. Dunlop, O.B.E., G.M., M.P.P., were present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Aged Persons Homes Act—Homes subsidised under the Act as at 30 June 1969.
 The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 - Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968-69.
 - Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968-69.
- 5 **LIBRARIES PROGRAMME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr J. M. Fraser (Minister for Education and Science), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of further details of progress made in regard to the development of secondary school libraries.
- 6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DEFENCE POLICIES:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hughes had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The dangerous consequences which would flow from the implementation of Labor policies relating to national service and the stationing of Australian servicemen overseas".
 - The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 - 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) or a Member deputed by him speaking for a period not exceeding 15 minutes.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Mr Hughes addressed the House.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Discussion concluded.
- 7 **R.A.A.F. BASE, WAGGA, N.S.W.—DEVELOPMENT—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: Development of R.A.A.F. Base, Wagga, N.S.W.
 - Question—put and passed.

- 8 H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*, WESTERNPORT, VIC.—INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDINGS—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: Construction of instructional buildings, H.M.A.S. *Cerberus*, Westernport, Vic.
Question—put and passed.
- 9 FANNIE BAY, DARWIN—DIVISIONAL STORE—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: Construction of divisional store at Fannie Bay, Darwin.
Question—put and passed.
- 10 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.
- 11 TASMANIA GRANT 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. 176, dated 19 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 Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 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 rehabilitation of the 1942 Building, G.P.O., Sydney (Seventeenth report of 1969).
Ordered to be printed.
- 13 F-111 AIRCRAFT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Gorton (Prime Minister)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 23 September 1969*), viz.:
F-111 aircraft—Ministerial statement, 23 September 1969—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr K. M. K. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Davies), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 15 ESTATE DUTY RELIEFS FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Government's proposal for a scheme to provide estate duty reliefs for primary producers, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Estate duty reliefs for primary producers—Ministerial statement, 24 September 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) 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.

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

24 September 1969—Message—

No. 237—Book Bounty 1969.

No. 238—States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) 1969.

No. 239—States Grants (Aboriginal Advancement) (No. 2) 1969.

No. 240—States Grants (Advanced Education) 1969.

No. 241—States Grants (Advanced Education) (No. 2) 1969.

No. 242—Universities (Financial Assistance) (No. 2) 1969.

No. 243—States Grants (Universities) 1969.

No. 244—Fishing Industry Research 1969.

No. 245—Income Tax 1969 (*without requests*).

No. 246—Income Tax (Partnerships and Trusts) 1969 (*without requests*).

No. 247—Customs Tariff Validation 1969 (*without requests*).

17 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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, by leave, of Mr Swartz (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 6, page 3, add the following words after sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (h):—

“, including the sinking of bores or wells for water for such use”.

Clause 6, page 3, lines 14 and 15, omit “storing foodstuffs for use in the feeding of animals”, insert “the storage of grain, hay or fodder”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

18 NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1969: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act* 1953–1968.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Forbes moved, by leave—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.

19 ADJOURNMENT: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Calwell be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two 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 24 September 1969, pursuant to statute:

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1969—No. 7—Immigration.

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year ended 28 February 1969.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Armstrong, Mr Birrell, Mr Bury, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Collard, Mr Courtney, Mr Devine, Mr Freeth, Mr Fulton, Mr Giles, Mr Harrison, Mr Jess, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr O'Connor, Mr Peters, Mr Robinson, Mr Turner and Mr Webb.

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