

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 116

THURSDAY, 25 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 PETITIONS: Mr Whittorn presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House prevail upon the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Repatriation Act to enable ex-servicemen to have legal representation before Appeal Tribunals, and make it compulsory for the Repatriation Department to supply ex-servicemen with copies of their medical and service history on receipt of the initial claim.

Mr Uren presented a petition from certain employees of Hawker De Havilland Australia Pty Ltd praying that the Government take action to plan a light aircraft industry based on the requirements of general aviation and commuter airlines.

Mr Bryant presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House make legal provision for (1) a joint Commonwealth-State inquiry into inequalities in Australian education, (2) the immediate financing of special programmes for low income earners and others and (3) the provision of pre-school opportunities for all children.

Petitions severally received and read.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Balance of the Sexes in Australia—Report to Minister for Immigration by Immigration Advisory Council.

Social Services—Information on Commonwealth Social Services.

Wool Marketing in Australia—Australian Labor Party Proposals, by R. B. Whan.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

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

Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Twenty-fourth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968-69.

Bankruptcy Acts—

Fortieth and Final Report by the Attorney-General under the *Bankruptcy Act* 1924-1965, for period 1 July 1967 to 3 March 1968; and First Report by the Attorney-General under the *Bankruptcy Act* 1966, for period 4 March 1968 to 30 June 1968.

Second Annual Report by the Attorney-General under the *Bankruptcy Act* 1966, for year 1968-69.

Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Report for year 1968–69.

Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board—Second Annual Report, for year 1968–69.

Post and Telegraph Act—Australian Post Office—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1968–69.

Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.

5 STATEMENT BY MEMBER—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED: Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

6 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT NEAR PORT HEDLAND, W.A.—ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Aircraft accident near Port Hedland, W.A., on 31 December 1968 involving Viscount 720C aircraft VH-RMQ—Accident investigation report by Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation, and related documents.

Mr Swartz, by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Aircraft accident near Port Hedland, W.A., on 31 December 1968 involving Viscount 720C aircraft VH-RMQ—Accident investigation report by Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation, and related documents—Ministerial statement, 25 September 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers. Debate adjourned (Mr C. K. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

7 ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNTRON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Lynch (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the conclusions of a Board of Inquiry into allegations of ill-treatment of junior cadets at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and the action now proposed to be taken.

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

Mr Mackay asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr J. F. Cairns also asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr Daly moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr J. F. Cairns making a statement.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Sir William Haworth, in the Chair)—

AYES, 27

Mr Barnard  
Mr Beazley  
Mr Bryant  
Mr J. F. Cairns  
Mr C. R. Cameron  
Mr Cope  
Mr Costa

Mr Crean  
Mr Cross  
Mr Curtin  
Mr Daly  
Mr Davies  
Mr Everingham  
Mr Hansen

Mr Hayden  
Mr Kennedy  
Mr Luchetti  
Mr McIvor  
Mr Minogue  
Mr Nicholls  
Mr Patterson

Mr Scholes  
Mr Stewart  
Mr Uren  
Mr Whitlam  
*Tellers:*  
Mr Duthie  
Mr James

## NOES, 62

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

And so it was negatived.

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

24 September 1969—Message No. 248—States Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) 1969.

25 September 1969 a.m.—Message—

No. 249—Airline Equipment (Loan Guarantee) 1969.

No. 250—Loans (Australian National Airlines Commission) 1969.

No. 251—Northern Territory (Administration) 1969.

- 9 ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNTROON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Royal Military College, Duntroon—Ministerial statement, 25 September 1969—and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 10 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 thirteenth Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1968–69;

One hundred and fourteenth Report—The Seventh Committee—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

- 11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the proposed construction of sleeping quarters for officers and junior sailors at H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, Nowra, N.S.W. (Eighteenth report of 1969).

Mr Chaney and Mr James, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

- 12 H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, NOWRA, N.S.W.—SLEEPING QUARTERS—APPROVAL OF WORK:

Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, by leave—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 sleeping quarters for officers and junior sailors at H.M.A.S. *Albatross*, Nowra, N.S.W.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 SOCIAL SERVICES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that Victoria would participate in the deserted wives legislation passed last year and that New South Wales would participate in the Government's home care programme.

- 14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—"FRINGE BENEFITS" FOR PENSIONERS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Daly had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to provide 'fringe benefits' to all pensioners under the tapered means test proposals".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Daly addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 15 RIVER MURRAY WATERS AGREEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the River Murray Waters Agreement.

Mr Luchetti and Mr Turnbull, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement with reference to the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

- 16 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.

Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Twenty-second Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 17 G.P.O., SYDNEY (1942 BUILDING)—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: Rehabilitation of 1942 building, G.P.O., Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1969: Mr Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 252

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

T. C. DRAKE-BROCKMAN,  
Deputy President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 25 September 1969

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

*In the committee*

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- (1) Page 7, clause 17, line 28, leave out "the House of Representatives", insert "both Houses of the Parliament".
- (2) Page 7, clause 17, line 32, leave out "the House", insert "those Houses".
- (3) Pages 8 and 9, leave out clause 18, insert the following clause:—

"18.—(1.) A motion may be moved in either House of the Parliament that a public work be referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

Reference of  
public works  
to the  
Committee.

"(2.) A motion under the last preceding sub-section may relate to a public work that has been referred to the Committee as constituted during a previous Parliament.

"(3.) Upon the moving of the motion, a Minister shall furnish to the House in which the motion is moved—

- (a) a statement in relation to the public work (including the purpose of the work); and
- (b) such plans, specifications and other particulars as the Minister thinks necessary.

"(4.) The Governor-General may, at any time when the Parliament is not in session or the House of Representatives is adjourned for a period exceeding one month or for an indefinite period, being a time when the Committee is in existence, refer a public work to the Committee for consideration and report.

"(5.) A public work that has been referred to the Committee in accordance with this section shall not be commenced before a report of the Committee concerning the work has been presented to both Houses of the Parliament.

"(6.) If, after a report of the Committee concerning a public work has been presented to both Houses of the Parliament and before the work has been commenced, each House resolves that, for reasons or purposes stated in the resolution, the work be again referred to the Committee for consideration and report, the Committee shall further consider the work and the work shall not be commenced before a further report of the Committee concerning the work has been presented to both Houses.

"(7.) A public work that has been referred to the Committee shall not be commenced unless, after the report of the Committee (or, if there has been a further reference of the work under the last preceding sub-section, the report of the Committee on the further reference) has been presented to both Houses of the Parliament, the House of Representatives has resolved that it is expedient to carry out the work.

"(8.) A public work the estimated cost of which exceeds Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall not be commenced unless—

- (a) the work has been referred to the Committee in accordance with this section;
- (b) the House of Representatives has resolved that, by reason of the urgent nature of the work, it is expedient that it be carried out without having been referred to the Committee; or
- (c) the Governor-General has, by order, declared that the work is for defence purposes and that the reference of the work to the Committee would be contrary to the public interest."

- (4) Page 9, clause 19, line 10, leave out "the House of Representatives", insert "both Houses of the Parliament".
- (5) Page 9, clause 19, lines 24 to 30, leave out sub-clause (3.).

(6) Page 14, clause 39, lines 1 to 12, leave out sub-clauses (2.), (3.) and (4.), insert:—

“(2.) Where, in relation to a public work that was referred to the former Committee before the commencement of this Act, the former Committee had not, before that commencement, made a report to the House of Representatives concerning the work, the Committee shall give such further consideration, if any, as is necessary to the work, and shall report on the work, in accordance with this Act as if the work had been referred to it under this Act, and this Act applies in relation to the work as if it had been so referred.

“(3.) Where, before the commencement of this Act, the former Committee had made a report to the House of Representatives in accordance with sub-section (5.) or (6A.) of section 15 of the repealed Act in relation to a public work (whether or not the House of Representatives had, before the commencement of this Act, passed a resolution under sub-section (6.) of that section in relation to the work) the provisions of sections 15 and 15A of the repealed Act continue to apply in relation to the work and the provisions of sections 18 and 19 of this Act do not apply in relation to the work.”.

On the motion of Mr Kelly (Minister representing the Minister for Works), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Fox reported accordingly.

Mr Kelly moved—That the report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

19 NATIONAL HEALTH 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.

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

20 SUPERANNUATION RIGHTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Government's proposals for the preservation of accumulated superannuation rights of employees moving from a position with one employer to a position with another employer, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
Superannuation rights—Ministerial statement, 25 September 1969.

Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and is of the opinion that a committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon Australian proposals and overseas practices with respect to national superannuation”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Haworth, in the Chair)—

#### AYES, 27

Mr Barnard  
Mr Beazley  
Mr Bryant  
Mr Calwell  
Mr C. R. Cameron  
Mr Cope  
Mr Costa

Mr Crean  
Mr Cross  
Mr Curtin  
Mr Davies  
Mr Everingham  
Mr J. R. Fraser  
Mr Griffiths

Mr Hayden  
Mr C. K. Jones  
Mr Kennedy  
Mr Luchetti  
Mr McIvor  
Mr Minogue  
Mr Nicholls

Mr Patterson  
Mr Stewart  
Mr Uren  
Mr Whitlam  
*Tellers:*  
Mr Duthie  
Mr James

## NOES, 62

Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearsall
Mr Bate	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Pettitt
Mr Bonnett	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bosman	Mr Failes	Mr Katter	Mr Snedden
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fairhall	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Miss Brownbill	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Buchanan	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Gibbs	Mr Mackay	Mr Wilson
Mr Chaney	Mr Gibson	Mr Maisey	
Mr Chipp	Mr Gorton	Mr McEwen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cleaver	Mr Graham	Mr McLeay	Mr Fox
Mr Corbett	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	Mr Turnbull

And so it was negated.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

- 21 **SUGAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND QUEENSLAND—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that negotiations between the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments for a new sugar agreement had been satisfactorily concluded and outlined the principal features of the proposed new agreement.

Mr Patterson and Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

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

25 September 1969—Message—

No. 253—Social Services 1969.

No. 254—Repatriation 1969.

No. 255—Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances 1969.

No. 256—States Grants (Petroleum Products) 1969.

- 23 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.

National Fitness Act—Report for 1968.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 24 **NATIONAL HEALTH 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.

Mr Everingham addressing the House—

*Closure:* Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 62

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

## NOES, 26

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Mr Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 177, dated 25 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 Forbes (Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

- 25 BORROWING IN AUSTRALIA BY OVERSEAS INTERESTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the new guidelines announced by the Prime Minister in respect of borrowings in Australia by overseas interests.

Mr Crean, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Uren, by leave, also making a statement with reference to the matter—

*Closure of Member:* Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 58

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

## NOES, 23

Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Hayden	Mr Stewart
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr Kennedy	Mr Whitlam
Mr Calwell	Mr Daly	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Everingham	Mr Minogue	Mr Duthie
Mr Clark	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nicholls	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 26 PRINTING COMMITTEE—TENTH REPORT: Mr Graham (Chairman) brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:



## TENTH REPORT

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

- Aboriginal Enterprises (Assistance) Act—Commonwealth Capital Fund for Aboriginal Enterprises—First Report, for period 10 December 1968 to 30 June 1969.
- Academic awards—Report of Commonwealth Committee of Inquiry, June 1969.
- Air Navigation Act—Minister for Civil Aviation—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Aircraft accident near Port Hedland, W.A., on 31 December 1968 involving Viscount 720C aircraft VH-RMQ—Accident investigation report by Air Safety Investigation Branch, Department of Civil Aviation.
- Apple and Pear Organization 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.
- Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.
- Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.
- 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.
- Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Twenty-fourth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.
- Australian Parliamentary Mission—Report of visit to Canada of mission led by the Honourable P. J. Nixon, M.P., Minister for the Interior, 8 to 25 June 1969.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Second Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.
- Bankruptcy Acts—
  - Fortieth and Final Report by the Attorney-General under the *Bankruptcy Act* 1924–1965, for period 1 July 1967 to 3 March 1968; and First Report by the Attorney-General under the *Bankruptcy Act* 1966, for period 4 March 1968 to 30 June 1968.
  - Second Annual Report by the Attorney-General under the *Bankruptcy Act* 1966, for year 1968–69.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—
  - Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-seventh Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1968–69.
  - Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Twenty-first Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, 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.
- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Return for year ended 18 March 1969.
- Citizenship Act—Return for year 1968–69.

- Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1968–69.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirty-sixth Report (1969).
- Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Report for year 1968–69.
- Defence Act—Royal Military College of Australia—Report for period 26 January 1968 to 31 January 1969.
- Defence Report 1969.
- Department of Education and Science—Report for 1967 and 1968.
- Department of External Affairs—Report for year 1968–69.
- Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health, for year 1968–69.
- Department of Supply—Report 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.
- 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.
- Fishing Industry Act—Thirteenth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Fifteenth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1968–69.
- Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- 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.
- Industrial Research and Development Grants Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Grants Board—Second Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1968.
- 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.
- 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.
- Nauru Island Phosphate Industry Agreement 1967—Agreed Minute, dated 10 September 1969, of discussions on the Agreement.
- Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1968–69.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1969.
- Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Tenth Annual Statement, for year 1968–69.
- Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1968–69.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Australian Post Office—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.
- Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Forty-fifth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.
- Pyrites Bounty Act—Return for year 1968–69.

Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1969.  
 Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year ended 28 February 1969.  
 Repatriation Act—  
     Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1968–69.  
     War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4—Reports for year 1968–69.  
 Salaries of Lecturers and Senior Lecturers in Colleges of Advanced Education—Report of Inquiry, May 1969.  
 Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, 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.  
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1968–69.  
 Services Trust Funds Act—  
     Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.  
     Services Canteens Trust Fund—Twenty-first Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1968.  
 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.  
 Social Services Act—Director-General of Social Services—Twenty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1968–69.  
 Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act—Return for year 1968–69.  
 Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1968–69.  
 Urea Bounty Act—Return for 1968.  
 War Service Homes Act—Director of War Service Homes—Report and financial statements, for year 1968–69.  
 Wheat Research Act—Eleventh Annual Report, for 1968.

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 Chairman

Mr Graham moved, by leave—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

27 INTEREST ON CONVERTIBLE NOTES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the intention of the Government, subject to conditions, to restore income tax deductions for interest on convertible note issues.

Mr Crean, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

28 PAPER: The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Seventeenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1968–69.

Ordered to be printed.

29 COMMONWEALTH POLICE—ALLEGATIONS BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR MELBOURNE (MR CALWELL)—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to allegations against the Commonwealth Police and representations made to him by the Right Honourable Member for Melbourne (Mr Calwell) concerning Mrs R. A. Patterson.

Mr Calwell, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Bowen, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.

30 YUENDUMU WELFARE SETTLEMENT, N.T.—ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER ACTIVITIES—  
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Nixon (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to allegations made concerning improper activities at Yuendumu Welfare Settlement, N.T., and informed the House that inquiries made by the Administrator of the Northern Territory had not substantiated these allegations.

31 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

25 September 1969—Message No. 257—States Grants (Independent Schools) 1969.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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 25 September 1969, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 148.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 149.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 144, 145.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, No. 143.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1969, Nos. 146, 147.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Armstrong, Mr Benson, Mr Birrell, Mr Bury, Mr Collard, Mr Connor, 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.

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