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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

TUESDAY, 16 MAY 1967

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- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 3 **KENNEDY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that agreement had been reached in Geneva on the elements of a successful Kennedy Round of trade negotiations.
Mr J. F. Cairns, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
Mr Holt, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
 - 4 **COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION—FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
 - 5 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth:
Australian Drug Evaluation Committee—Report for the period June 1963 to December 1966.
 - 6 **LOSS OF H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*, the findings of the Royal Commission which inquired into the disaster and to the proposal put forward by the honourable Member for La Trobe (Mr Jess) that a select committee should be appointed to inquire again into the disaster. Mr Bowen then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following papers:
Loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—
Ministerial statement, 16 May 1967;
Copy of record of interview by Police Sergeant Turner with Peter Thomas Cabban of 45 Robert Street, Willoughby; and
Copy of statement by Peter Thomas Cabban—
and moved—That the House take note of the ministerial statement.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, by leave—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Jess finishing his speech.
Question—put and passed.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr Chipp (Minister for the Navy) be granted an extension of time.
Mr Benson, having addressed the House, was granted leave to speak again later in the debate.
Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr St. John be granted an extension of time.

Mr St. John moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and is of opinion that a select committee should be appointed to inquire into and report on this whole matter”.

Debate continued.

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

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

12 May 1967—Message—

No. 30—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) (No. 2) 1967.

No. 31—Superannuation 1967.

No. 32—National Library 1967.

No. 33—Trade Practices 1967.

No. 36—Appropriation (No. 3) 1966–67 (*without requests*).

No. 37—Appropriation (No. 4) 1966–67.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

12 May 1967—Message No. 25—

National Debt Sinking Fund 1967.

Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities 1967.

Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1967.

Excise Tariff 1967.

Income Tax Assessment 1967.

Pay-roll Tax Assessment 1967.

Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1967.

Sheltered Employment (Assistance) 1967.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1967: Mr Acting Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:

MR ACTING SPEAKER,

Message No. 38

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Homes Savings Grant Act 1964–1966’*”, and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 12 May 1967

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

10 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

11 EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NARCOTIC DRUGS BILL 1967: Mr Acting Speaker reported message No. 34, dated 11 May 1967, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to regulate the Manufacture of, and to make other provision with respect to, Narcotic Drugs in accordance with the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961*".
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS BILL 1967: Mr Acting Speaker reported message No. 35, dated 11 May 1967, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901–1966' in relation to Offences*".
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Beaton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL 1967: 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 Acting Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 26, dated 20 April 1967, 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.
Mr Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Science) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 15 STATES GRANTS (TEACHERS COLLEGES) BILL 1967: 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 Administrator: Mr Acting Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 27, dated 3 May 1967, from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth 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 Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Science), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment.
16 May 1967—Message No. 39—Tasmania Grant (Fire Relief) 1967.
- 17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 18 BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1967: 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—

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Debate continued.

Mr Stewart moved—That the debate be now adjourned.]

Question—put.

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

AYES, 30

Mr Beaton	Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Patterson
Mr Beazley	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Devine	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr Clark	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Gray	Mr O'Connor	Mr Stewart

NOES, 60

Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr Robinson
Mr Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr Howson	Mr Sinclair
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Snedden
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr St. John
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr Bonnett	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Street
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fox	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Miss Brownbill	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Buchanan	Mr Freeth	Mr Lynch	
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chaney	Mr Hasluck	Mr Peacock	Mr Turnbull
Mr Chipp	Mr Haworth	Mr Pearsall	

And so it was negatived.

Mr Stewart addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 59

Mr Allan	Mr Cleaver	Mr Howson	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Hulme	Mr Snedden
Mr Armstrong	Mr Drury	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr St. John
Mr Arthur	Mr England	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr Barnes	Mr Failes	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairhall	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bowen	Mr Fox	Mr King	Mr Whittorn
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Miss Brownbill	Mr Freeth	Mr Lynch	
Mr Buchanan	Mr Gibson	Mr Maisey	
Mr Bury	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hasluck	Mr Peacock	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Chaney	Mr Haworth	Mr Pearsall	Mr Turnbull
Mr Chipp	Mr Holten	Mr Robinson	

NOES, 29

Mr Beaton	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Stewart
Mr Beazley	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Uren
Mr Birrell	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Devine	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Minogue	
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Connor	Mr Gray	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters	Mr Duthie
			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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

New clauses—

On the motion of Mr Crean, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

“8A. After section 78 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted:—

‘78A. Where the Minister has given a direction under section sixty-four of this Act or has prohibited the broadcasting or televising of any matter or made any requirement under section seventy-seven of this Act he shall, within seven sitting days of giving such direction or notifying such prohibition or requirement, report the same in writing to both Houses of the Parliament and shall give the reasons for such direction, prohibition or requirement, as the case may be.’”

Action taken under section 64 or 77 to be reported to the Parliament.

On the motion of Mr Crean, the following further new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

“8B. After section 105 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted:—

‘105A. Where the Minister has prohibited the broadcasting or televising of any matter or has made any requirement under sub-section (3.) of section ninety-nine or section one hundred and four of this Act, he shall within seven sitting days report the same in writing to both Houses of the Parliament and shall give the reasons for such prohibition or requirement, as the case may be.’”

Action taken under section 99 (3.) or 104 to be reported to the Parliament.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Crean moved—That the following further new clause be inserted in the Bill:

“8c. Section 116 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words ‘If, during an election period, a licensee broadcasts or televises election matter, he shall afford reasonable opportunities’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘During an election period, a licensee shall afford free of charge reasonable opportunities’; and
- (b) by omitting sub-section (5.)”

Broadcasting or televising of political matter or controversial matter.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Haworth reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, the House adopted the report.

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

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 58

Mr Allan	Mr Chipp	Mr Haworth	Mr Pearsall
Mr Anthony	Mr Cleaver	Mr Holten	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Dobie	Mr Howson	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Drury	Mr Hulme	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr England	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr St. John
Mr Bonnett	Mr Failes	Mr Jessop	Mr Stokes
Mr Bosman	Mr Fairbairn	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Street
Mr Bowen	Mr Fairhall	Mr Kelly	Mr Swartz
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Fox	Mr Killen	Mr Wentworth
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Mr Buchanan	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Wilson
Mr Bury	Mr Gibson	Mr Lynch	
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Mr Beaton	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Stewart
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Mr Birrell	Mr Curtin	Mr Hayden	Mr Webb
Mr Bryant	Mr Devine	Mr C. K. Jones	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Fulton	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr Gray	Mr Patterson	Mr James
Mr Cope	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Hulme moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 May 1967, pursuant to statute:

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1967—

No. 21—Pearl, Pearl-Shell and Bêche-de-mer (Papua) 1966.

No. 22—Fisheries (New Guinea) 1966.

No. 23—Palm Oil Industry (New Britain Agreement).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aston, Mr Barnard, Mr Calwell, Mr Corbett, Mr Cross, Mr Daly, Mr Forbes, Mr Giles, Mr Hughes, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr Mackay, Mr McEwen, Mr McIvor, Mr McLeay, Mr Nixon and Mr Opperman.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives