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

No. 48

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1967

- 1 The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.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, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Australian Egg Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
 Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Interim Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Fifteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1966–67.
 Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Second Annual Report, for year 1966–67.
- 4 **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:
 26 September 1967—Message No. 51—
 Post and Telegraph Rates 1967.
 Post and Telegraph Regulations 1967.
- 5 **NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice—
- (1) That, having in mind proposals for the erection of a new and permanent Parliament House (in this resolution referred to as "the Parliament building") and in that connection the need to examine the efficiency or otherwise of working arrangements in the present Parliament House and any changes in those arrangements that may seem to be desirable, a Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on—
- (a) the accommodation needs of—
- (i) the Senate, the House of Representatives and the Parliamentary staff in the Parliament building;
 - (ii) members of the public visiting the Parliament building; and
 - (iii) library facilities, and catering and other facilities and services in the Parliament building for Members of the Parliament and others;
- (b) whether, and, if so, to what extent or in what manner, the following should be accommodated in the Parliament building—
- (i) the Executive;
 - (ii) the press; and
 - (iii) communication services; and
- (c) matters incidental to the foregoing matters.

- (2) That the committee consist of—
 - (a) the President of the Senate, who shall be Chairman;
 - (b) the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be Deputy Chairman;
 - (c) the Prime Minister;
 - (d) the Leader of the Country Party in the House of Representatives;
 - (e) the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives;
 - (f) a member of the Opposition in the Senate or the House of Representatives appointed jointly by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives;
 - (g) eight Members of the House of Representatives, four of whom shall be appointed by the Prime Minister and four by the Leader of the Opposition in that House; and
 - (h) four Senators, two of whom shall be appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (3) That the member of the committee referred to in paragraph (c), (d), (e) or (f) of paragraph (2) of this resolution have power to appoint a Member of the House of Representatives or a Senator to attend the committee when the member of the committee is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (4) That a person so appointed, when attending a meeting of the committee, be deemed to be a member of the committee.
- (5) That every appointment of a member of the committee, and every appointment under paragraph (3) of this resolution, be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (6) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of six or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter that the committee is empowered to inquire into.
- (8) That the committee, or a sub-committee so appointed, have power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit during any adjournment or recess of the Parliament and during the sitting of either House of the Parliament.
- (9) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House appointed during the Twenty-fifth Parliament.
- (10) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (11) That ten members of the committee, including the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, constitute a quorum of the committee and four members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.
- (12) That, in matters of procedure, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at a meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of any equality of votes, have a casting vote and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (13) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, in so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (14) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it with this resolution and requesting the Senate that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

- 6 PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved, pursuant to notice—That government business shall take precedence over general business tomorrow.

Question—put and passed.

7 REPATRIATION 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 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: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, this House is of the opinion that the rates of pension for totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen, the general rate pensioner and war widows are inadequate and should be revised”.

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the amendment was out of order as it was not relevant to the Bill.

Dissent from ruling: Mr Barnard moved—That the ruling be dissented from. Debate ensued on the motion of dissent.

Question—That the ruling be dissented from—put.

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

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Mr Barnard	Mr Cope	Mr Fulton	Mr O'Connor
Mr Benson	Mr Costa	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters
Mr Birrell	Mr Courtney	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes
Mr Bryant	Mr Crean	Mr Harrison	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Cross	Mr Hayden	
Mr Clark	Mr Curtin	Mr Luchetti	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Devine	Mr McIvor	Mr Duthie
Mr Connor	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Nicholls	Mr Stewart

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Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pearsall
Mr Allan	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Pettitt
Mr Anthony	Mr Drury	Mr Jess	Mr Robinson
Mr Armstrong	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair
Mr Arthur	Mr Fairhall	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr Kelly	Mr St. John
Mr Bosman	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr King	Mr Stokes
Mr Bowen	Mr Freeth	Mr Lee	Mr Street
Mr Bridges-Maxwell	Mr Gibson	Mr Luccock	Mr Swartz
Miss Brownbill	Mr Graham	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Buchanan	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Bury	Mr Hasluck	Mr Maisey	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Haworth	Mr McEwen	
Mr Chaney	Mr Holten	Mr McLeay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Chipp	Mr Howson	Mr Munro	Mr G. D. Erwin
Mr Cleaver	Mr Hughes	Mr Nixon	Mr Turnbull
Mr Corbett	Mr Hulme	Mr Peacock	

And so it was negatived.

Mr Bryant continuing the debate on the question for the second reading—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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. 52, dated 7 September 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 Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 8 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL (NO. 3) 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Turner moved the following amendment: First Schedule, page 5, after item 23 insert the following item:

“23A. Item 135A, after ‘legs’, insert ‘or one or both arms’.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

- 9 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to increase certain amounts of Compensation payable to Employees of the Commonwealth and to amend the *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930-1964* in relation to Decimal Currency.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1967-68: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Civil Aviation, \$48,654,000—

Department of Shipping and Transport, \$49,581,000—

Commonwealth Railways, \$19,761,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Health, \$22,112,000—debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Forbes (Minister for Health) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 1967

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

Mr Wentworth addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved: Mr Curtin moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three 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 27 September 1967:
By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Treaties—Text of—

- (1) Exchange of Notes dated 23 June and 22 August 1966, between Australia and the United Kingdom, constituting an Agreement to amend the 1958 Air Services Agreement.
- (2) Air Services Agreement between Australia and Austria, signed 22 March 1967.
- (3) Exchange of Notes dated 12 May 1967, between Australia and the United States of America, constituting an Agreement to amend the 1964 Agreement for the financing of certain education and cultural exchange programmes.
- (4) Assisted Passage Agreement between Australia and the United Kingdom, signed 6 June 1967.
- (5) Exchange of Notes dated 5 July 1967, between Australia and Austria, constituting an Agreement on the status of the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Klagenfurt, Carinthia.
- (6) Exchange of Notes dated 18 August 1967, between Australia and Indonesia, constituting an Agreement to extend the 1959 Trade Agreement.
- (7) Migration and Settlement Agreement between Australia and Italy, signed 26 September 1967.

Pursuant to statute:

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 126.

Navigation Act—Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations—Determination dated 8 September 1967.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beaton, Mr Bonnett, Mr K. M. K. Cairns, Mr Calwell*, Mr C. R. Cameron*, Mr Davies, Mr Failes*, Mr Gibbs*, Mr Giles, Mr James, Mr C. K. Jones*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes*, Mr Killen, Mr McMahon, Mr Minogue, Mr Uren and Mr Whittorn*.

* On leave.

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