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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 51

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 1967

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- 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 **PETITIONS:** Mr G. D. Erwin presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the well-being of the aged, the infirm, the widowed, the deserted wives and dependent children, and the service pensioner be improved to parity with the national general living standard of the Australian people.
Petition received.
Mr Daly presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government implement Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by providing increased social service and housing benefits for the aged, the invalid, the widowed and their dependants.
Petition received and read.
 - 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), Senator Gorton (Minister for Education and Science) would act as Minister for External Affairs. Mr Holt stated that, until Mr Hasluck's return, questions in the House relating to external affairs should be directed to him.
 - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Photostat copy of a letter dated 4 August 1967 from Mr P. Malone, State Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Builders Labourers' Federation, addressed to the Governor of Hong Kong, and an accompanying petition.
 - Photostat copy of a letter dated 24 August 1967 from Mr Rex H. Rickard, General Secretary of the Milk and Ice Carters and Dairymens Employees' Union of N.S.W., addressed to the Governor of Hong Kong, and an accompanying petition.
 - Photostat copy of text of Chinese Foreign Ministry statement handed to the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking on 15 May 1967 as published in *Keesing's Contemporary Archives* of 15-22 July 1967.
 - Photostat copy of text of Chinese Foreign Ministry statement handed to the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking on 15 May 1967 as printed in the Melbourne publication *New China News* of 24 May 1967.The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute:
Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1967.

- 6 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE V.I.P. FLIGHT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the operations of the Royal Australian Air Force V.I.P. flight, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Royal Australian Air Force V.I.P. Flight—Ministerial statement, 4 October 1967. Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Whitlam—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 19 (1967): Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 19 (1967). Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 TARIFF BOARD REPORT—WHISKY, ETC.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Tariff Board—Report—Whisky, gin and vodka.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Howson, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.

- 9 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SYDNEY AIRPORT, NORTH-WEST BUILDING AREA—SITE PREPARATION FOR FUTURE DOMESTIC TERMINALS, ETC.—Mr Kelly (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1966*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report: Site preparation for future domestic terminals and additional roadworks in the north-west building area at Sydney Airport.

Mr Kelly presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 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.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Prime Minister's Department, \$22,425,000—debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 7 September be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditures for the Repatriation Department and the Department of Social Services until after the proposed expenditure for the Department of Territories.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Territories, \$102,133,000—debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 11 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1967: Mr Swartz (Minister for Civil Aviation), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Charges in respect of Commonwealth Air Navigation Facilities and Services.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 SUPERANNUATION (PENSION INCREASES) BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Superannuation Pensions.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS (PENSION INCREASES) BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Defence Forces Retirement Pensions.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES (INCREASES) BILL 1967: Mr Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Parliamentary Retiring Allowances.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1967: Mr Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to increase certain amounts of Compensation payable to Seamen and to amend the *Seamen's Compensation Act 1911–1964* in relation to Decimal Currency.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Freeth 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.
- 16 BANKRUPTCY (VALIDATION) BILL 1967: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Validation of certain Sequestration Orders.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Bowen 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.
- 17 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1967–68: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Territories, \$102,133,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Repatriation Department, \$273,859,000—

Department of Social Services, \$27,099,000—
together debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Lucock reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 October 1967, pursuant to statute:

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1966-67.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1967—

No. 205—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 206—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

No. 207—Union of Postal Clerks and Telegraphists.

No. 208—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 209—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 210—North Australian Workers' Union.

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

* On leave.

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