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

No. 41

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1968

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- 1 The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **PETITIONS:** Mr J. R. Fraser presented a petition from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying for a full judicial inquiry into the actual cost of living in the A.C.T. with the subsequent appointment, if necessary, of a price controller and action for an A.C.T. wage standard.
 Petition received and read.
 Mr D. M. Cameron presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that this House take any action necessary to assist a campaign for a lasting peaceful settlement in Vietnam.
 Petition received.
 - 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Gorton (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr McMahon (Treasurer), he would act as Treasurer.
 - 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 5 **PAPERS:** Mr Speaker presented, pursuant to statute:
 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 1967–68.
 The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:
 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 1967–68.
 Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1967–68.
 - 6 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS:** Mr Chaney (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 Report relating to the proposal to erect a Laboratory Building for the Division of Mineral Chemistry, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, North Ryde, N.S.W.
 Report relating to the proposed construction of beef roads in the Northern Territory (1968 Reference).
 Severally ordered to be printed.
 - 7 **SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1968:** Mr Wentworth (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947–1967*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Wentworth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 REPATRIATION BILL 1968: 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 opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House condemns the Government because—

- (1) the pension rates for the totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen, the general rate pensioner and war widows, notwithstanding the proposed increases, are below the required Australian minimum and
- (2) the Government has rejected the reasonable and just proposals submitted by the R.S.L. in the 1968 Pension Plan to restore the purchasing power of repatriation pensions to the 1950 level”.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr A. T. Jones	Mr Snedden
Mr Arthur	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr St. John
Mr Barnes	Mr Drury	Mr Kelly	Mr Stokes
Mr Bate	Mr England	Mr Killen	Mr Street
Mr Bonnett	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Swartz
Mr Bosman	Mr Fox	Mr Lee	Mr Turner
Mr Bowen	Mr Gibbs	Mr Mackay	Mr Wentworth
Miss Brownbill	Mr Gibson	Mr Maisey	Mr Whittorn
Mr Buchanan	Mr Giles	Mr McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Munro	
Mr Calder	Mr Hughes	Mr Peacock	
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hulme	Mr Pearsall	
Mr Chaney	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr Pettitt	
Mr Cleaver	Mr Jarman	Mr Robinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Corbett	Mr Jessop	Mr Sinclair	Mr G. D. Erwin
			Mr Turnbull

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Mr Beazley	Mr Courtney	Mr Harrison	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr Crean	Mr Hayden	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Cross	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Webb
Mr J. F. Cairns	Mr Curtin	Mr McIvor	
Mr Calwell	Mr Davies	Mr Minogue	
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Everingham	Mr Nicholls	
Mr Clark	Mr J. R. Fraser	Mr Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Griffiths	Mr Peters	Mr Duthie
Mr Costa	Mr Hansen	Mr Scholes	Mr James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Mr Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 50, dated 11 September 1968, 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.

9 SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1968: 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.

Proposed new clause—

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

“3A. After section 8 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

‘8A. Where an appeal to the Commission under section seven of this Act fails, the claimant may appeal to an Appeal Tribunal established under the *Repatriation Act 1920–1967* and the Tribunals established under that Act are vested with the necessary powers to hear and determine the appeal.’”

Deputy Chairman’s Ruling: The Deputy Chairman (Mr Drury) ruled that the proposed new clause was out of order as it was not within the title or relevant to the subject-matter of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Sinclair (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1968–69: 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—

Ordered—That the order for the consideration of the proposed expenditures agreed to by the committee on 29 August be varied by postponing the consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Department of Education and Science until after the proposed expenditure for the Department of External Territories.

Proposed expenditure—Department of External Territories, \$90,510,000—debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

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

- 11 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o’clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o’clock p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 September 1968, pursuant to statute:

High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 103.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for research laboratory purposes—Monash (Mulgrave), Victoria.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1968, No. 104.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1968—

No. 49—Prisons (No. 2).

No. 50—Crown Lands.

No. 51—Crown Lands (No. 2).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1968—

No. 37—Industrial Relations.

No. 38—Fire Service.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1968—

No. 142—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

Nos. 143 and 144—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 145—Civil Aviation Employees' Association of Australia.

No. 146—Commonwealth Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 147—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division).

No. 148—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 149—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

Nos. 150 and 151—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos. 152, 153, 154 and 155—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 156—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—National Memorials Ordinance—Determination naming two Divisions of the Canberra City District, dated 26 July 1968.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Allan, Mr Beaton, Mr Benson, Mr Bridges-Maxwell*, Mr Chipp, Mr Collard*, Mr Cope, Mr Devine, Mr Fulton, Mr Graham, Mr Haworth, Mr Holten*, Mr Howson, Mr Luchetti*, Mr McEwen and Mr McMahon.

* On leave

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