

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 86

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 1969

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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 **BENDIGO BY-ELECTION:** Mr Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the writ in connection with the by-election for the Bendigo Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on 23 April.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **WHEAT DELIVERY QUOTA PROPOSALS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Anthony (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that proposals put forward by the Australian Wheat Growers' Federation for quotas to operate on delivery of wheat to the Australian Wheat Board next season now had the full support of the wheat industry in all States, all State Governments, the Commonwealth Government and the Reserve Bank and the way was now clear for them to operate for the 1969-70 harvest. Mr Anthony then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
Wheat delivery quota proposals—Ministerial statement, 30 April 1969.
Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr Patterson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 5 **PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—BORDER INCIDENT AT WUTUNG—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Barnes (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to a recent incident at Wutung near the border between the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and West Irian when a small group of armed, uniformed Indonesians entered Papua and New Guinea in search of a number of West Irianese who had crossed the border.
Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Calwell, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.
 - 6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MR SEMENOV—REFUSAL OF ENTRY TO NEW GUINEA:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Barnard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to give reasons for refusing entry to New Guinea to Mr Semenov, who had an Australian visa, and to consult members of the House of Assembly in such matters".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Barnard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 7 **POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:** Ordered—That government business be postponed until after notice No. 1, general business.

8 SEWERAGE RATES ORDINANCE—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE: Mr J. R. Fraser moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That the *Sewerage Rates Ordinance* 1968, made under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act* 1910–1965, be disallowed, and
- (2) That any necessary revenue be collected by means of a rate based on the assessed annual value, the improved capital value or the unimproved capital value of the land concerned.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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| Mr Barnard | Mr Costa | Mr Griffiths | Mr Peters |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Crean | Mr Hansen | Mr Scholes |
| Mr Birrell | Mr Cross | Mr C. K. Jones | Mr Stewart |
| Mr Bryant | Mr Curtin | Mr Luchetti | Mr Uren |
| Mr Calwell | Mr Daly | Mr McIvor | Mr Webb |
| Mr C. R. Cameron | Mr Davies | Mr Minogue | Mr Whitlam |
| Mr Collard | Mr Devine | Mr Nicholls | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Connor | Mr Everingham | Mr O'Connor | Mr Duthie |
| Mr Cope | Mr J. R. Fraser | Mr Patterson | Mr James |

NOES, 70

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| Mr Adermann | Sir J. Cramer | Mr Hulme | Mr Nixon |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Dobie | Mr L. H. Irwin | Mr Peacock |
| Mr Armstrong | Mr Drury | Mr Jarman | Mr Pearsall |
| Mr Arthur | Mr England | Mr Jessop | Mr Pettitt |
| Mr Barnes | Mr G. D. Erwin | Mr A. T. Jones | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Bonnett | Mr Failes | Mr Katter | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr Bosman | Mr Fairbairn | Mr Kelly | Mr St. John |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Fairhall | Sir W. Kent Hughes | Mr Stokes |
| Miss Brownbill | Mr Forbes | Mr Killen | Mr Street |
| Mr Buchanan | Mr J. M. Fraser | Mr King | Mr Swartz |
| Mr Bury | Mr Freeth | Mr Lee | Mr Turner |
| Mr K. M. K. Cairns | Mr Garland | Mr Lucock | Mr Wentworth |
| Mr Calder | Mr Gibbs | Mr Lynch | Mr Whittorn |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Giles | Mr Maisey | Mr Wilson |
| Mr Chaney | Mr Hallett | Mr McEwen | |
| Mr Chipp | Mr Holten | Mr McLeay | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr Cleaver | Mr Howson | Mr McMahan | Mr Fox |
| Mr Corbett | Mr Hughes | Mr Munro | Mr Turnbull |

And so it was negatived.

9 ASSENT TO BILL: Mr Speaker informed the House that this afternoon, accompanied by the Attorney-General, he waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, the Right Honourable Sir Paul Hasluck, and personally presented for the Royal Assent the Raw Cotton Bounty Bill 1969 which was the first Bill ready for presentation following the swearing-in of His Excellency. His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, was pleased to assent to the Bill which is now Act No. 16 of 1969—Message No. 118.

10 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER: Mr Speaker announced that he had this day received from Mr Archibald Ian Allan a letter resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral Division of Gwydir.

11 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE SITES: Mr Speaker (Deputy Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House:

Report on the Alternative Sites of Capital Hill and the Camp Hill Area for the New and Permanent Parliament House, April 1969, together with a Dissenting Report and Appendices.

Ordered—That the report, the dissenting report and the appendices be printed.

Ordered—That consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 OVERSEAS SHIPPING—AUSTRALIAN ENTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr G. D. Erwin (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 22 April 1969*), viz.:

Overseas Shipping—Australian Entry—Ministerial statement, 22 April 1969—

Debate resumed.

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

13 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 seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bate, Mr Benson, Mr Bridges-Maxwell, Mr Gibson, Mr Haworth, Mr Jess and Mr Mackay.

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