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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1961.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Uren presented a Petition from certain electors in the States of the Commonwealth praying that the House will give immediate consideration to the increase of social service payments to meet the essential needs of recipients.
Petition received and read.
3. SOVIET REQUEST FOR SURRENDER OF MR. E. R. A. P. VIKS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the Soviet request for the surrender of Mr. E. R. A. P. Viks, because of certain alleged war crimes, and the reasons for which the Government had refused the request. Sir Garfield Barwick then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Soviet Request for Surrender of Mr. E. R. A. P. Viks—Ministerial Statement.
Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Calwell was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
United Nations—General Assembly—Fifteenth Regular Session (First Part), New York, 20th September to 20th December, 1960—Report of the Australian Delegation.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificates—E. Alfrey, J. A. S. Brewster, P. A. Fleming.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, Nos. 40, 42.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for civil aviation purposes—Essendon, Victoria.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1961—No. 15—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) (No. 2) 1960.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 41.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Treasury—E. V. Rees.
Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, Nos. 37, 38.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, consideration by the House of a matter of urgent public importance proposed to Mr. Speaker by the Leader of the Opposition.
Question—put and passed.

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6. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—STATEMENTS OF PRIME MINISTER ON SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The arrogant and the provocative statements made by the Prime Minister after the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference on the question of South Africa".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr. Calwell addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 67.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cash	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jess	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bland	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Murray	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. England	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Sir E. Page	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Davies	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Luchetti

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth be agreed to:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Presentation of Address in Reply.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Administrator would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply at Government House at five o'clock p.m. to-morrow. Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

8. SUPPLY.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

9. MARRIAGE BILL 1961.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 21, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 24, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 39, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 40 to 51, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 52 to 59, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 1 to 9 reconsidered together, by leave, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 11 and 12 reconsidered together, by leave—

Mr. Haylen, by leave, moved the following amendments together:—

Clause 11—

Page 6, line 39, omit "eighteen", insert "fifteen".

Page 6, line 41, omit "sixteen", insert "fifteen".

Debate ensued.

Amendments negatived.

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Debate continued.

Clauses agreed to.

Clauses 42 and 44 reconsidered together, by leave, and debated.

Mr. Costa moved the following amendment:—

Clause 42, page 19, line 34, omit " seventh ", insert " twenty-eighth ".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clauses agreed to.

Clauses 60 to 64, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 65 to 70, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 71 and 72, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 73 to 88, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 89 to 93, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 94 to 120, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chaney reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report.

Sir Garfield Barwick moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Bird, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cope, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Makin, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Stewart.

N. J. PARKES,

Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.