

1961.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1961.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. J. R. Fraser presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the Government will take immediate action to defer the implementation of rental increases of Government-owned dwellings in Canberra and conduct an inquiry into Canberra rentals at which evidence may be taken both from individuals and from community organizations.
Petition received and read.
Mr. Fraser also presented a similar Petition, from certain residents of the Currong Flats in the Australian Capital Territory, which was received.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1961—No. 1—Customs.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—R. P. Slattery.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—NOTICE OF MOTION, GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, being continued until 12.45 p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of opinion that the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review, which was established in 1956 and which reported to both Houses in 1958 and 1959, should be submitted to the people for their approval.
Debate ensued.
The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr. Failes was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of debate was made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1961.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1961.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1959*.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1961.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953–1959*, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. Cameron moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. OVERSEAS VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [presented on the 11th April, 1961], viz.:—

Overseas Visit by Prime Minister—Ministerial Statement—

be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:*—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ in the opinion of this House, the speeches and statements made by the Prime Minister on the question of South Africa, following the Commonwealth Prime Ministers’ Conference, have done great harm to Australia’s relations with other member States of the Commonwealth, and with the nations of South-East Asia; have aggravated the position he created at the United Nations meeting in October last year; and do not represent the views of the Australian people. The House resolves, therefore, that the Right Honorable gentleman should be censured and removed from the office of Minister of State for External Affairs ”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 60.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Mr. Murray	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. England	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes	

NOES, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. O’Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Snedden moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—

“ and this House welcomes the cordial relations established by the Prime Minister with President Kennedy and senior members of his Administration. It commends the Prime Minister for his efforts at the conference of Prime Ministers in London, to preserve the unity of the Commonwealth, and for his vigorous expression of Australia’s views on matters of vital concern to Australia at this conference and at the South-East Asia Treaty Organization conference in Bangkok.

This House places on record the appreciation of the Australian Parliament and the people for his distinguished service in these and other important directions in the course of his recent overseas mission as head of the Australian Government ”.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
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Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Forbes	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz.:—That the Paper be printed and this House welcomes the cordial relations established by the Prime Minister with President Kennedy and senior members of his Administration. It commends the Prime Minister for his efforts at the conference of Prime Ministers in London, to preserve the unity of the Commonwealth, and for his vigorous expression of Australia's views on matters of vital concern to Australia at this conference and at the South-East Asia Treaty Organization conference in Bangkok.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wight, during his speech, by leave, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Trades and Labour Council of Queensland, State Branch A.C.T.U., Brisbane—Copies of Minutes of Meetings held on the 8th July, 1959, and the 20th July, 1960.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1961.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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And then the House, at seventeen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan*, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holten, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.