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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 27.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 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. Beaton presented a Petition from certain citizens of the City of Bendigo and district praying that, in order to maintain the level of employment both at Bendigo and at other Naval Construction Centres, orders for vessels lodged overseas be cancelled and placed with shipyards within Australia.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1960–61, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Northern Territory—Report for year 1958–59.
United Nations—General Assembly—Fifteenth Regular Session (Second Part), New York, 7th March to 21st April, 1961—Report of the Australian Delegation.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificates—F. E. Bennett, L. T. F. Curran, J. R. Delaney, D. R. Duncan, P. L. Frazer, A. C. J. Macadam, J. A. Richards, W. J. Roche, R. J. Taylor.
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1960.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Army—A. McMullen.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Canberra University College Ordinance—Canberra University College—Report for period 1st January to 29th September, 1960.
4. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1960–61—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Statement for the year 1960–61 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to Section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1960 (Advance to the Treasurer).
Ordered—That the Statement be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House at the next sitting.
5. QUARANTINE 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 *Quarantine Act* 1908–1950.
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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6. NAVIGATION BILL 1961.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Navigation Act 1912-1958*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Mr. Opperman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Harrison), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1961.—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, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 1) 1961.—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—

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, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. WOOL TAX BILL (NO. 2) 1961.—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—

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, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. AUSTRALIA AND THE COMMON MARKET—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the nature of the action proposed or taken, and the issues involved, in the decision of the Government of Great Britain to negotiate for admission to the European Economic Community. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Australia and the Common Market—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Suspension of Standing Orders—Extended Time for Speech.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Calwell moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ this House, while declaring that the United Kingdom’s move to join the Common Market requires the strongest action to protect Australia’s interests, expresses no confidence in this Government’s ability to provide it because of its lack of foresight and frankness in this matter, its dilatoriness now, and its continuing failure, as demonstrated by the Prime Minister’s speech, to appreciate the real issues which are involved ”.

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Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Brimblecombe), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine 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. Bowden, Mr. Bury, Mr. Daly, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hamilton, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. O'Connor, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Thompson.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.