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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 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. JUSTICE IN PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the administration of justice in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 122.
 - Conciliation and Arbitration Act and Stevedoring Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 123.
 - Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 117.
 - Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).
 - Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 118.
 - Nationality and Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 120.
 - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1961—
 - No. 16 (Abattoirs and Slaughtering Ordinance).
 - No. 18 (Police and Police Offences Ordinance).
 - No. 19 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).
 - Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1961—
 - No. 27—Trustees and Executors.
 - No. 28—Trust Accounts.
 - No. 29—Legal Practitioners.
 - No. 33—Deserted Wives and Children.
 - No. 36—Native Apprenticeship.
 - No. 37—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining).
 - No. 38—Customs Tariff.
 - No. 39—Excise Tariff.
 - No. 40—Loan (Works and Services).
 - No. 41—Appropriation 1961–62.
 - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, Nos. 119, 124.
 - Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 116.
 - Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Report by Auditor-General on books and accounts of Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund for year 1960–61.
 - Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Thirteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, accompanied by the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1960–61.
 - Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 121.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
 - 19th October, 1961—*Message No. 64*—Gold-Mining Industry Assistance 1961.
 - 20th October, 1961—*Message*—
 - No. 65—Railway Agreement (Western Australia) 1961.
 - No. 66—Northern Territory (Administration) 1961.
 - No. 67—International Finance Corporation 1961.

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5. RAILWAY EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) BILL 1961.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia with respect to certain Railway Equipment.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1960–61—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Statement.

(In the Committee.)

Statement taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—

That the Committee agrees with the 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.

Question—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Adermann, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

7. QUEENSLAND GRANT (BEEF CATTLE ROADS) 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. Failes 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.

8. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (BEEF CATTLE ROADS) 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—
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. Failes 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
10. AIRLINES AGREEMENTS 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Fox), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

24th October, 1961—*Message*—

No. 68—Commonwealth Banks 1961.

No. 69—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) (No. 2) 1961.

No. 70—Sales Tax (Nos. 1A to 9A) 1961 (*without requests*).

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No. 71—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment (No. 3) 1961.

No. 72—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1961 (*without requests*).

No. 73—Superannuation (Pension Increases) 1961.

No. 74—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (Pension Increases) 1961.

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

Suspension of Standing Orders—Extended Time for Speech.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Holt continuing his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Mr. Holt continued his speech.

Suspension of Standing Orders—Extended Time for Speech.—Mr. Ward moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell making his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1961.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drury, Mr. Erwin*, Mr. Galvin*, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. Uren and Mr. Wheeler.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.