# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

## THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1962.

- 1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
- 3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Hasluck, Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) would act as Minister for Territories.
- 4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Postmaster-General's Department-Interim Financial Report, for year 1961-62.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Northern Territory (Administration) Act-Crown Lands Ordinance-Statement of reasons for resumption of Bungalow Reserve, near Alice Springs, Northern Territory. Papua and New Guinea Act-Ordinances-1962-

No. 36—Mining (Papua). No. 37—Mining (New Guinea).

No. 39—Industrial Relations.

No. 40—Native Employment. No. 41—Liquor (Special Provisions).

No. 42—Criminal Code Amendment (New Guinea).

No. 43—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua).

No. 44—Fire Service.

- 5. Special Adjournment.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 6th November, at half-past two o'clock p.m. Question—put and passed.
- 6. REMOVAL OF PRISONERS (TERRITORIES) BILL 1962.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Act 1923-1957. Question—put and passed.
- 7. Ways and Means-Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 51).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

### (In the Committee.)

- Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—
  - 1. That the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1933-1962, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that, on and after the twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

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2. That in these Proposals, "Customs Tariff Proposals" mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—

2nd May, 1962; 10th May, 1962; 15th May, 1962; 8th August, 1962; 16th August, 1962; 23rd August, 1962; 30th August, 1962; 2nd October, 1962; 4th October, 1962; and

11th October, 1962.

# THE SCHEDULE. IMPORT DUTIES.

| Tariff Items.   | British<br>Preferential<br>Tariff. | Intermediate<br>Tariff. | General<br>Tariff. |
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| DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND C  264. By omitting sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—  "(c) Vinyl acetate monomer per ton less ad val.  and, in addition, a temporary duty of - per ton provided that, in respect of such goods in direct transit to Australia on 28th September, 1962 which are entered for home consumption on arrival, no additional temporary duty shall be payable." | £45                                | £45<br>£17              | £45<br>£17         |

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Tariff Board—Report—Axle systems (other than steering or driving axles) and associated equipment.

Ordered to be printed.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute-

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Vinyl acetate monomer.

Ordered to be printed.

9. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1962-63.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Defence Services-

Vote-" Department of Defence, £2,771,000"-

Vote-" Department of the Navy, £48,890,000"-

Vote—" Department of the Army, £67,299,000"—

Vote-" Department of Air, £66,368,000"-

Vote—" Department of Supply, £22,800,000 "-

Vote—" General Services, £1,872,000"—

Votes together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Long Service Leave Ordinance 1962, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

11. Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Bill 1962.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled A Bill for an Act to amend the "Removal of Prisoners (Territories) Act 1923-1957".

Bill read a first time.

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

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

12. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1962-63.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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#### (In the Committee.)

#### Defence Services-

Vote—" Department of Defence, £2,771,000"—Vote—" Department of the Navy, £48,890,000"—

Vote-" Department of the Army, £67,299,000"-

Vote-" Department of Air, £66,368,000"

Vote-" Department of Supply, £22,800,000"-

Vote—" General Services, £1,872,000"

Votes further debated.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Lucock) ruled that the scope of the debate on the Votes for the Defence Services did not permit unlimited reference to external affairs.

Dissent from Ruling.—Mr. Cairns moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put and negatived.

Member named.—The Chairman named the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. A. D. Fraser) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Fraser having apologized, and the apology having been accepted by the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Ordered—That Mr. Cairns be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered-That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. Messages from the Senate.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without requests:-

25th October, 1962-Message-

No. 64—Customs Tariff (No. 4) 1962.

No. 65-Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) (No. 2) 1962.

No. 66—Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 3) 1962.

14. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute-Audit Act-Finance-Supplementary Report by the Auditor-General upon other accounts, for year 1961-62. Ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General-

Documents on Cuba, 22nd-25th October, 1962—Texts of-

- (1) Radio-television address of the President of the United States of America on 22nd October, 1962.
- (2) Letter dated 22nd October, 1962, from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations to the President of the Security Council.
- (3) Letter addressed by the United States Ambassador to the United Nations to the President of the Security Council on 23rd October, 1962.
- (4) Draft resolution for the Security Council circulated by the United States on 23rd October, 1962.
- (5) Draft resolution for the Security Council read out by the Soviet Representative on 23rd October, 1962.
- (6) Statement of 23rd October, 1962, by the Soviet Government in regard to the speech by the President of the United States on Cuba.
- (7) Resolution passed by the Organization of American States on 23rd October, 1962.
- (8) Operative portion of a Proclamation made on 23rd October, 1962, by the President of the United States regarding the interdiction of delivery of offensive weapons to Cuba.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 111. Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1962—No. 6—Bean Seeds and Bean Plants.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1962—No. 17 (Encouragement of Primary Production Ordinance).

- 15. "HANSARD" REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the Hansard report of his statement on the Defence Programme made to the House on the 24th October.
- 16. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.—Mr. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:-

### REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and certain other Papers not formerly considered by the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:-

Australia and the European Common Market-Ministerial Statement, 3rd May, 1962.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands-Report for year 1960-61.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission -Sixth Annual Report by President, for year ended 13th August, 1962.

International Monetary Agreements Act-Annual Report on operations of the Act, and insofar as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1961-62.

Papua—Report for year 1960-61.

Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1961-62.

Social Services Act—Twenty-first Annual Report of Director-General of Social Services, for year 1961-62.

War Services Homes Act—Report of the Director of War Service Homes, for year 1961-62.

G. D. ERWIN.

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Chairman.

Mr. Erwin moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Ouestion—put and passed.

17. SUPPLY—Estimates 1962-63.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

#### (In the Committee.)

#### Defence Services—

Vote—" Department of Defence, £2,771,000"— Vote—" Department of the Navy, £48,890,000"—

Vote—" Department of the Army, £67,299,000"—

Vote—" Department of Air, £66,368,000"-

Vote—" Department of Supply, £22,800,000"— Vote—" General Services, £1,872,000"—

Votes further debated and agreed to.

Vote—" Commonwealth Railways, £5,390,000"—
Vote—" Postmaster-General's Department, £106,459,000"—

Vote-" Broadcasting and Television Services, £14,120,000"-

Votes together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Opperman moved, That the question be now put.

Ouestion—That the question be now put—put.

The house divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)-

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|                   |                  | Ayes, 56.                               |               |               |  |
| Mr. Adermann      | Mr. Davis        | Mr. Fox                                 | Mr. King      | Mr. Swartz    |  |
| Mr. Anthony       | Mr. Dean         | Mr. J. M. Fraser                        | Mr. Leslie    | Mr. Townley   |  |
| Mr. Barnes        | Mr. Downer       | Mr. Freeth                              | Mr. Lindsay   | Mr. Turner    |  |
| Sir G. Barwick    | Mr. Drummond     | Mr. Haworth                             | Mr. Lucock    | Mr. Wentworth |  |
| Mr. Bate          | Mr. Drury        | Mr. Holt                                | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Whittorn  |  |
| Mr. Buchanan      | Mr. England      | Mr. Holten                              | Mr. McEwen    | Mr. Wilson    |  |
| Mr. Bury          | Mr. Erwin        | Mr. Howson                              | Mr. McMahon   |               |  |
| Mr. Chipp         | Mr. Failes       | Mr. Jack                                | Mr. McNeill   |               |  |
| Mr, Cleaver       | Mr. Fairbairn    | Mr. Jess                                | Mr. Nixon     | Tellers:      |  |
| Mr. Cockle        | Mr. Fairhall     | Mr. Kelly                               | Mr. Opperman  | •             |  |
| Mr. Cramer        | Mr. Falkinder    | Sir W. Kent Hughes                      | Mr. Roberton  | Mr. Chaney    |  |
| Mr. Davidson      | Mr. Forbes       | Mr. Killen                              | Mr. Snedden   | Mr. Turnbull  |  |
| Noes, 54.         |                  |   |               |               |  |
| Mr. Armitage      | Mr. Cope         | Mr. Galvin                              | Mr. Luchetti  | Mr. Russell   |  |
| Mr. Barnard       | Mr. Costa        | Mr. Gray                                | Mr. Makin     | Mr. Sexton    |  |
| Mr. Beaton        | Mr. Courtnay     | Mr. Griffiths                           | Mr. McGuren   | Mr. Stewart   |  |
| Mr. Benson        | Mт. Crean        | Mr. Hansen                              | Mr. Minogue   | Mr. Thompson  |  |
| Mr. Bryant        | Mr. Cross        | Mr. Harding                             | Mr. Monaghan  | Mr. Uren      |  |
| Mr. Cairns        | Mr. Curtin       | Mr. Harrison                            | Mr. O'Brien   | Mr. Ward      |  |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Daly         | Mr. Hayden                              | Mr. O'Connor  | Mr. Webb      |  |
| Mr. Clark         | Mr. Einfeld      | Mr. Haylen                              | Mr. Peters    | Mr. Whitlam   |  |
| Mr. Clay          | Mr. A. D. Fraser | Mr. Johnson                             | Mr. Pollard   | Tellers:      |  |
| Mr. Collard       | Mr. Fuller       | Mr. Jones                               | Mr. Reynolds  | Mr. Coutts    |  |
| Mr. Comber        | Mr. Fulton       | Mr. Kearney                             | Mr. Riordan   | Mr. Duthie    |  |
|                   |                  |   |               |               |  |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 6th November, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Beazley\*, Mr. Brimblecombe\*, Mr. D. J. Cameron, Mr. Davies\*, Mr. James\*, Mr. McIvor\* and Mr. Stokes.

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