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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 79.

WEDNESDAY, 1st MAY, 1963.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- PETITION.—Mr. Crean presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government (1) support the United Nations resolution for a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, (2) ensure that foreign bases are not permitted on Australian soil and (3) in response to the call of the United Nations, declare Australia's willingness to enter into an agreement not to manufacture, test, station or acquire nuclear weapons. Petition received.
- 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
- 4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT—AMENDMENTS OF STANDING ORDERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report of the Standing Orders Committee brought up on the 28th August, 1962—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That, with the exception of the amendments to Standing Order No. 144, the Report of the Standing Orders Committee, brought up on the 28th August, 1962, be adopted, and that the Standing Orders of the House, with the exception referred to, be amended as recommended by that Committee, to come into operation on the first day of the Budget sittings 1963.

Debate ensued.

- Mr. Wentworth moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraphs be added to the motion:-
 - "(2) That the suggested alterations to Standing Orders Nos. 10, 38, 105, 106AA, 106A and 135, as mentioned in this debate, be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, and
 - "(3) That the Standing Orders Committee be instructed to report on these matters to this House as soon as practicable, and at any rate not later than the end of 1963.".

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion, as amended, viz .:-

- (1) That, with the exception of the amendments to Standing Order No. 144, the Report of the Standing Orders Committee, brought up on the 28th August, 1962, be adopted, and that the Standing Orders of the House, with the exception referred to, be amended as recommended by that Committee, to come into operation on the first day of the Budget sittings 1963;
- (2) That the suggested alterations to Standing Orders Nos. 10, 38, 105, 106AA, 106A and 135, as mentioned in this debate, be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, and
- (3) That the Standing Orders Committee be instructed to report on these matters to this House as soon as practicable, and at any rate not later than the end of 1963—

agreed to.

5. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1962-63.—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. Chaney), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

 ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

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And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Clark, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Harrison, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Townley.

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