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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 84.

TUESDAY, 14TH 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.
2. DEATH OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND IN AUSTRALIA (MR. S. C. JOHNSTON).—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 10th May, of the High Commissioner for New Zealand in Australia (Mr. S. C. Johnston), and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. Sydney Cuthbert Johnston, the High Commissioner for New Zealand in this country, and tenders its sincere sympathy to his wife and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) and Mr. J. R. Fraser having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Ward 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 and read.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Elections—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections and the House of Representatives Elections, 1961, for the several States and Territories, together with Summaries of Elections, By-Elections and Referendums, 1903 to 1961.
Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1961-62.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—County of Elphinstone, Queensland.
Postal purposes—Legana, Tasmania.
National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 34.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1963—
No. 28—Local Government.
No. 29—Holidays.
No. 30—Juries 1962.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 35.
Public Service Act—
Appointment—Prime Minister's Department—B. F. Webster.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 33.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 27th April, 1963.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed erection of Stage Two of the Commonwealth Centre, Melbourne, Victoria.
Ordered, after debate, to be printed.

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7. MESSAGES FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
7th May, 1963—*Message No. 74*—States Grants (Universities) 1963.
8th May, 1963—*Message No. 75*—Loan (Housing) 1963.

8. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE SALARIES.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The considerable degree of dissatisfaction existing among clerical and administrative officers of the Commonwealth Public Service over salaries and conditions of employment and the delay that has occurred in the hearing by the Arbitration Commission of an application for increases in margins lodged by the Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr. Calwell addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Coutts rising to address the House—

Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Freeth	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. England	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McNeill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	Mr. Chaney
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jess	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Gray	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren
Mr. Benson	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. Einfeld	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Collard	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Comber	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Jones	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BILL 1963.—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. Forbes), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. D. J. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cramer, Mr. McEwen and Mr. Townley.

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