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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 92.

THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1963.

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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Cockle presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government remove section 127, and the words discriminating against aborigines in section 51, of the Commonwealth Constitution, by the holding of a referendum at an early date.  
Mr. Benson presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government ease the financial position of age, invalid and widow pensioners by providing (1) a pension rate equivalent to half the basic wage and subject to future basic wage adjustments and (2) an allocation of additional finance to enable the State Housing Commission to build low rental houses and units for pensioners and elderly people.  
Petitions severally received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—  
Audit Act—Finance—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1962-63, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS MOTION.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the interruption at 12.30 p.m. of Motion No. 1, General Business, standing in the name of the honorable the Leader of the Opposition and the continuation of consideration of the motion beyond 12.45 p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
6. OVERSEAS INVESTMENT.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That this House expresses its concern at our increasing dependence on overseas investment and the tendency for such investment to buy out established enterprises instead of establishing industries for new products or in new areas.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Duthie), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL (No. 2) 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a sum not exceeding Forty-nine million eight hundred and fifty thousand pounds for the purposes of Housing.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Holt moved, 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.
8. AGREEMENT ON COMMERCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following Papers:—  
Agreement on Commerce between Australia and Japan—  
Text of Protocol amending 1957 Agreement, together with Agreed Minutes and Letters, dated 5th August, 1963, exchanged between the Minister for Trade and the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs *ad interim*.  
Text of Agreement incorporating amendments provisionally agreed to on the 5th August, 1963.  
Severally ordered to be printed.  
Sir Garfield Barwick moved, That the House take note of the Papers.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following Paper:—  
Text of Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water.  
Sir Garfield Barwick, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Treaty and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following Paper:—  
Nuclear Test Ban Treaty—Ministerial Statement, 15th August, 1963.  
Ordered—That the Treaty be printed.  
Sir Garfield Barwick moved, That the House take note of the Treaty.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 85 AND 86.—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 Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 85 and 86.  
Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

11. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to statute—  
Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Man-made fibre piecegoods.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. STATES GRANTS (ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE) BILL (No. 2) 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of Message No. 88, dated 14th August, 1963, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
13. CUSTOMS TARIFF (No. 3) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) (No. 3) BILLS 1963.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bills.

*(In the Committee.)*

Customs Tariff Bill (No. 3) 1963—  
Third Schedule debated and agreed to.  
Fourth Schedule debated and agreed to.  
Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill (No. 3) 1963, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were together read a third time.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
And then the House, at four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 15th August, 1963—

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Treaties—Texts of—

- (1) Exchange of Notes of 28th March, 1963, between Australia and the United States of America, constituting an Agreement amending the Agreement of 19th and 31st December, 1956, regarding the furnishing of supplies and services to naval vessels.
- (2) Exchange of Notes of 29th March, 1963, between Australia and Portugal, constituting an Agreement relating to Visas and Visa Fees.
- (3) Exchange of Notes of 29th March, 1963, between Australia and the Netherlands, constituting an Agreement to extend the Assisted Migration Agreement of 1st August, 1956.

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- (4) Agreement between Australia and Singapore concerning the provision of treatment in Singapore hospitals for Asian residents of Christmas Island, signed 6th June, 1963.
- (5) Exchange of Notes of 4th July, 1963, between Australia and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, constituting an Agreement further amending the Trade Agreement of 30th June, 1955.
- (6) Exchange of Notes of 31st July, 1963, between Australia and Finland, constituting an Agreement for the mutual recognition of tonnage measurement certificates of Australian and Finnish ships.

Pursuant to statute—

Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 120.

Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 151.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—

Carrick, Tasmania.

Forth, Tasmania.

Jericho, Tasmania.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1963—

No. 47—Cemeteries.

No. 48—Police and Police Offences.

No. 49—Associations Incorporation.

No. 50—Water Supplies Development.

No. 51—Ports.

No. 52—Companies (Unclaimed Assets and Moneys).

No. 53—Business Names.

No. 54—Darwin Hospital Advisory Board.

No. 55—Alice Springs Administration.

No. 56—National Parks and Gardens.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Clay, Mr. Kearney and Mr. Nixon.

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