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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 94.

WEDNESDAY, 21st AUGUST, 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. PETITIONS.—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.
Mr. Stokes 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.
Petitions severally received.
3. QUESTIONS—WANT OF CONFIDENCE AMENDMENT.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that until the Want of Confidence Amendment moved by the Leader of the Opposition in connexion with the Budget was disposed of the Government did not propose to answer questions.
4. APPROPRIATION BILL 1963-64—BUDGET DEBATE.—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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"while approving of such benefits as are contained in the Budget, and particularly those for primary producers and social service beneficiaries, the House condemns the Government for its failure to make adequate provision for defence, education, housing, health, social services and northern development. The House is also of the opinion that the Government's failure to provide for full employment and for increases in the rate of child endowment which has remained stationary in respect of the second and subsequent children since 1948 is wrong and unjust. For all the foregoing reasons the House is of the opinion that the Government no longer possesses its confidence or the confidence of the nation"—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Griffiths), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank—Report and financial statements for year 1962-63; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

PAPER.—The following Paper was deemed to have been presented on the 21st August, 1963, pursuant to statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Attorney-General's Department—K. J. Purnell.

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

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

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