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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 96.

TUESDAY, 27TH 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. Cairns 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.
Petitions 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 were presented by Mr. Haworth, Mr. Drummond and Mr. Jess.
Petitions severally received.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the following Reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed construction of Airfield Pavements for the Tullamarine Airport, Victoria.
Report relating to the proposed construction of Stage Two of the Darwin High School, Northern Territory.
Severally ordered to be printed.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Davis (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Sixty-second Report—The financial document known as The Budget.
Ordered to be printed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Egg Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1962-63.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Australian Wool Testing Authority Act—Australian Wool Testing Authority—Sixth Annual Report, for year 1962-63.
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 1962-63.
Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Fifteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1962.
6. 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

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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.

Suspension of Standing Orders—Extended Time for Speeches.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) and Mr. Whitlam each speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 27th August, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1963—

No. 57—Co-operative Trading Societies.

No. 58—Architects.

No. 59—Agricultural Development Leases.

No. 60—Workmen's Compensation.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1963—

No. 14—Liquor.

No. 15—Water Rates.

No. 17—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

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

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