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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 97.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH 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. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) presented a Petition from certain aboriginal people of Yirrkala praying that (1) the House will appoint a Committee, accompanied by competent interpreters, to hear the views of the people of Yirrkala before permitting the excision of any land from the Aboriginal Reserve in Arnhem Land and (2) no arrangements be entered into with any company which will destroy the livelihood and independence of the Yirrkala people.
Petition received.
A similar Petition was presented by Mr. Beazley, and was received and read.
Mr. Beazley informed the House that he proposed to take action in connexion with the Petition, and moved, That the Petition be printed.
Question—put and passed.
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. Turner and Mr. Costa.
Petitions severally received.
A similar Petition was presented by Mr. Peters, and was received and read.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
United Nations—General Assembly—Seventeenth Regular Session, New York, 18th September to 20th December, 1962—Report of the Australian Delegation.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year 1962-63.

4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.

5. 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. Haworth), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 28th August, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 76.
Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 80.
Commonwealth Banks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 71.
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 79.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, Nos. 70, 75.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 78.
National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 69.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, Nos. 72, 73, 74.

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

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