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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 98.

THURSDAY, 29TH 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. Hansen 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.
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. King and Mr. Monaghan.
Petitions severally received.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Wool Bureau—Tenth and Final Annual Report, for period 1st July, 1962, to 30th April, 1963.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Air Navigation Act—Third Annual Report by the Minister, for year 1962-63.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 10th September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
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. Wentworth), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 88 AND 89.—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. 88 and 89.
Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

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7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—

Bisphenol A and epoxy resins.
Gauges for liquid levels.
Portable electric hand tools.
Toluene, nitration grade.

Severally ordered to be printed.

8. 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.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 59.

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

NOES, 57.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Second Schedule—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

29th August, 1963—*Message No. 148*—States Grants (Additional Assistance) (No. 2) 1963.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SEVENTH REPORT.—Mr. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:—

Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1962.

Commonwealth Office of Education—Report for 1962.

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.

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Norfolk Island—Report for year 1960–61.

Northern Territory—Report for year 1960–61.

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank—Report and financial statements for year 1962–63; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year 1962–63.

United Nations—General Assembly—Seventeenth Regular Session, New York, 18th September to 20th December, 1962—Report of the Australian Delegation.

The Joint Committee has re-considered the Treaties in respect of which the House adopted the Committee's recommendation to print on the 23rd May, 1963. For the reasons that an annotated series of Treaties is published by the Department of External Affairs and that parts of those tabled are in foreign languages, the Committee recommends that the printing of the Treaties be not proceeded with.

G. D. ERWIN,

Chairman.

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Mr. Erwin moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 10th September, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 29th August, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1963—No. 2—Supreme Court.

Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 122.

Explosives Act—Explosives Areas Regulations—Order—Berthing of vessels at Point Wilson.

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.