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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 99.

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 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 electors of the Commonwealth containing a prayer in relation to the partial nuclear test ban treaty, the strengthening of the United Nations and the goals of total and general disarmament, the establishment of nuclear free zones, the independence of all nations, and the raising of living standards.
Petition received and read.
Mr. Pollard 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.
Petition received and read.
Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Fox, and were severally received.
Mr. Luchetti presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the pension increase of ten shillings proposed in the 1963 Budget be granted to all age, invalid and widow pensioners.
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Apple and Pear Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1962-63.
Australian Canned Fruits Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1962-63.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report by Commonwealth Railways Commissioner, for year 1961-62.
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Dried Fruits Control Board—Thirty-ninth Annual Report, for year ended 31st May, 1963, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Statement regarding operations for period 22nd April to 30th June, 1963.
Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1962-63.
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1962-63, together with Summary of Recommendations.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:—
30th August, 1963—*Message No. 90*—States Grants (Additional Assistance) (No. 2) 1963.
6. COMMONWEALTH BANKS BILL 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to increase the Capital of the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia by the sum of Five million pounds.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—LONSDALE EXCHANGE BUILDING, MELBOURNE.—
Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1960*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Construction of proposed Lonsdale Exchange Building, Melbourne.
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.
Question—put and passed.
8. REPATRIATION BILL 1963.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920-1962*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Swartz moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
9. APPROPRIATION BILL 1963-64.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Second Schedule—

Ordered—That the following proposed expenditures be now taken, and considered together:—

Department of External Affairs, £13,502,000—

Attorney-General's Department, £3,181,000—

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1963.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947-1962*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. REPATRIATION BILL 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Howson), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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 10th September, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1963—

No. 14 (Fire Brigades Ordinance).

No. 15 (Companies Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1963—

No. 7—Survey 1962.

No. 15—Police Offences (Papua).

No. 16—Police Offences (New Guinea).

No. 17—The Catholic Mission of Mariannahill Lae.

No. 18—Real Property (Papua) 1962.

No. 19—Lands Registration (New Guinea) 1962.

No. 20—Liquor (Special Provisions).

No. 21—Ex-servicemen's Credit.

No. 22—Corrective Institutions.

No. 23—Fire Service.

No. 24—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) 1962.

No. 25—Supply (No. 1) 1963-64.

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No. 26—Electoral (1964 Roll).

No. 27—Education.

No. 28—Native Customs (Recognition).

No. 29—Administration Contracts.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Prime Minister's Department—R. S. R. Meyer.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1963—

No. 36—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

No. 37—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 38—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 39—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 40—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 41—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 42—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clay, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McMahon and Mr. Turner.

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