

1962-63.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 102.

TUESDAY, 17TH 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.—Petitions 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 were presented by Mr. Gray and Mr. Coutts.  
Petitions severally received.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Sir Garfield Barwick, he would act as Minister for External Affairs and Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) would act as Attorney-General.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—  
Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's reports thereon, for year 1962-63.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—  
Bankruptcy Act—Thirty-fifth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for year 1962-63.  
Commonwealth Police Act—Commonwealth Police Force—Third Annual Report, for year 1962-63.  
National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—Third Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1962-63.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES) BILL 1963.—  
Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 161.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Privileges and Immunities of certain International Organizations and of persons connected therewith, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

Canberra, 12th September, 1963.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
12th September, 1963—Message—  
No. 162—International Development Association 1963.  
No. 163—International Finance Corporation 1963.  
No. 164—International Monetary Agreements 1963.  
No. 165—World Health Organization 1963.

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8. SOCIAL SERVICES 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Daly, viz.:*—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, this House is of the opinion that—

- (1) increases should be made in—
  - (a) child endowment which has remained unchanged for the first child for 13 years and for subsequent children for 15 years;
  - (b) maternity allowances which have remained substantially unchanged for 20 years, and
  - (c) pensioners' funeral benefits which have remained unchanged for 20 years;
- (2) there should be a standard rate for all pensioners and supplementary assistance for special needs, thus removing the discrimination against married pensioners;
- (3) other social service payments and qualifications including permissible income should be adjusted to compensate for changes in the cost of living;
- (4) Australia now lags behind most comparable countries in its expenditure on social welfare, and
- (5) research and enquiry into social welfare in Australia is inadequate”—

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, 55.

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

NOES, 53.

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

Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of Message No. 91, dated 10th September, 1963, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-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 17th September, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 84.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 85.

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

Burrendoon (Wenna), New South Wales.

Cumbijowa, New South Wales.

Inchgower, New South Wales.

Sutton, New South Wales.

The Gap, South Australia.

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Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1963—

No. 16 (Associations Incorporation Ordinance).

No. 17 (Police and Police Offences Ordinance).

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Defence—K. J. Nolan.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, Nos. 81, 82, 83.

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

\* On leave.

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