THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 106.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH 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 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. Whittorn and Mr. Chipp.

Petitions severally received.

Mr. Cairns 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.

- 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
- 4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Papua—Report for year 1961-62.
- 5. MALAYSIA DEFENCE—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following Papers:—
 - Malaysia Defence-

Anglo-Malayan Defence Agreement of 1957.

- Notes exchanged between Australia and Malaya in March and April, 1959.
- United Kingdom Malaysia Agreement of July, 1963 (excluding Annexes).
- Notes exchanged between Australia and Malaysia in September, 1963.
- Sir Robert Menzies, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision taken by the Government with respect to the provision of Australian military assistance in the defence of Malaysia's territorial integrity and political independence, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following Paper:—
 - Malaysia Defence-Ministerial Statement, 25th September, 1963.

Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House take note of the Papers.

- Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell-Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
- 6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
 - 24th September, 1963-Message No. 167-Social Services 1963.
- 7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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. Forbes), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

- 9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—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 Bills:—
 - 25th September, 1963-Message No. 93-
 - Social Services 1963.
 - Repatriation 1963.

10. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to statute—

- Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission— Seventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1962–63.
- 11. WAYS AND MEANS-WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS FOR TARIFF PROPOSALS-MOTIONS FOR CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 91 AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADA PREFERENCE) PROPOSALS NO. 10.—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), by leave, withdrew motions for the following Tariff Proposals:---

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82 and 83;

- Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) Proposals No. 9;
- Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17;
- Customs Tariff (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Preference) Proposals No. 2; and Excise Tariff Proposals No. 2.
- Mr. Fairhall moved— Customs Tariff Proposals No. 91; and

Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) Proposals No. 10.

Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

Sparking plugs and insulating parts therefor. Severally ordered to be printed.

 LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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.

Mr. Brimblecombe was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

14. MALAYSIA DEFENCE—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), That the House take note of the Papers [presented on the 25th September, 1963], viz.:--

Malaysia Defence---

Anglo-Malayan Defence Agreement of 1957.

Notes exchanged between Australia and Malaya in March and April, 1959.

United Kingdom Malaysia Agreement of July, 1963 (excluding Annexes).

Notes exchanged between Australia and Malaysia in September, 1963.

Ministerial Statement, 25th September, 1963-

Suspension of Standing Orders—Extended Time for Speech.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 45 minutes. Question—put and passed.

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

15. LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) 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.

Question-put and passed.-Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of Message No. 94, dated 14th August, 1963, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Debate resumed.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate. Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

 ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine 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 25th September, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 123. Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 153.

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

• On leave.

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