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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 114.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 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. GENERAL ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House in connexion with the forthcoming General Elections that the date proposed for the Dissolution of the House of Representatives is the 1st November, on which day the Writs would be issued, and that Nominations would close on the 8th November.
3. 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. Monaghan and Mr. McGuren.
Petitions severally received.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department—Interim Financial Report, for year 1962-63.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Report by Auditor-General on books and accounts of Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund, for year 1962-63.
Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, accompanied by the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1962-63.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed construction of the Top Springs to Wave Hill Road, Northern Territory.
Ordered to be printed.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—POWER TO SIT DURING SITTINGS OF HOUSE.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) moved, by leave, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be granted leave to sit during sittings of the House for the remainder of the Session.
Question—put and passed.
8. 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:—
18th October, 1963—*Message No. 98*—
International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) 1963.
International Development Association 1963.
International Finance Corporation 1963.
International Monetary Agreements 1963.
World Health Organization 1963.
Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1963.

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9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 103.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), for Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service), moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 103 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of the Session.
Question—put and passed.
10. 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 considered together:—

Department of National Development, £12,652,000—

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, £10,600,000—

Proposed expenditures debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That the following proposed expenditures be considered together:—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, £2,007,000—

Department of the Navy, £54,509,000—

Department of the Army, £78,317,000—

Department of Air, £80,518,000—

Department of Supply, £30,539,000—

General Services, £2,756,000—

Proposed expenditures debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
22nd October, 1963—*Message No. 179*—Stevedoring Industry 1963.
12. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirtieth Report (1963).
13. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States of Western Australia and Tasmania.
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.
14. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose upon Incomes a Tax by the name of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution.
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.
15. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Income Tax.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
The House continuing to sit until after midnight—
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Mr. Holt continued his speech.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
16. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953-1960*.
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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17. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Estate Duty Assessment Act 1914–1962*.
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.
18. GIFT DUTY ASSESSMENT BILL 1963.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gift Duty Assessment Act 1941–1957*.
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.
19. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1963.—Mr. Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the provisions of the *National Health Act 1953–1962* relating to the Special Accounts of Hospital Benefits Organizations.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Swartz 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.
20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 22nd October, 1963—

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Report 1963.

Pursuant to statute—

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 93.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1963, No. 94.

Norfolk Island Act—

Ordinances—1963—

No. 4—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

No. 5—Legitimation.

No. 6—Probate and Administration.

No. 7—Foreign Marriage.

No. 8—Adoption of Children.

No. 9—Coroners.

Regulations—1963—No. 3 (Pharmacy Ordinance).

Public Service Act—Appointment—Prime Minister's Department—D. J. Munro.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Collard, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Davis, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Townley, Mr. Turner* and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

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