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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 115.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Gray 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.  
Mr. Gray also 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.  
Petitions severally received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—  
Taxation—  
Forty-second Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1st October, 1963.  
Taxation Statistics, 1961-62.  
Severally ordered to be printed.  
Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—  
Seventeenth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31st March, 1963.  
Papua and New Guinea Act—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance—Papua and New Guinea Superannuation Board—Eleventh Annual Report, for year 1961-62.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH LIABILITY) BILL 1963.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—  

*Message No. 180.*

MR. SPEAKER,  
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the payment of Damages by the Commonwealth and Authorities of the Commonwealth in respect of the Death of, or Personal Injury to, certain persons travelling as Passengers in Aircraft* ”, 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.  
A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd October, 1963.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
7. EXTENSION OF THE 16/34 RUNWAY, SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1960*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House:—Southern extension of the 16/34 Runway at Mascot Airport, New South Wales.  
Question—put and passed.

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8. 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—

Commonwealth Railways, £5,582,000—

Postmaster-General's Department, £113,821,000—

Broadcasting and Television Services, £15,703,000—

Proposed expenditures debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1963-64.—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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL 1963.—Mr. Speaker reported Message No. 181, dated 23rd October, 1963, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and other Waters, and for other purposes*”.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MENINDEE LAKES STORAGE AGREEMENT BILL 1963.—Mr. Speaker reported Message No. 182, dated 23rd October, 1963, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia with respect to Waters of the Darling River stored at Menindee*”.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
12. BLOWERING WATER STORAGE WORKS AGREEMENT 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. 99, dated 26th September, 1963, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of a new clause to be moved in the Blowering Water Storage Works Agreement Bill 1963.  
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:—

“3A. The payments (including advances) by the Commonwealth to the State of New South Wales provided for by the agreement may be made, by way of financial assistance to that State on the terms and conditions contained in the agreement, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is appropriated accordingly.”

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Mackinnon reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fairbairn, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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13. SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC AUTHORITY 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the Bill was read a third time.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
15. LOAN 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. 100, dated 22nd October, 1963, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply), the Bill was read a third time.
16. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION) 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. 101, dated 17th October, 1963, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
17. AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) 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.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.
18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 23rd October, 1963, pursuant to statute—

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons for resumption of land reserved for municipal purposes, Darwin, Northern Territory.

Regulations—1963—No. 18 (Fire Brigades Ordinance).

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of National Development—L. M. O'Toole.

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. McGuren, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Townley, Mr. Turner\* and Mr. Webb.

\* On leave.

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