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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 118.

TUESDAY, 29TH 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. PETITION.—Mr. Courtney 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.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. GRIEVANCES OF YIRRKALA ABORIGINES, ARNHAM LAND RESERVE—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the Report from the Select Committee on Grievances of Yirrkala Aborigines, Arnhem Land Reserve, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dean, by leave, made a Statement with reference to the Report.
5. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACCOMMODATION—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Bury (Chairman) brought up the Report from the Select Committee on House of Representatives Accommodation, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
28th October, 1963—*Message*—
No. 191—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1963 (*without requests*).
No. 192—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment (No. 2) 1963.
No. 193—Income Tax (International Agreements) 1963.
No. 194—Estate Duty Assessment 1963.
No. 195—Gift Duty Assessment 1963.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES.—Ordered—That Notices Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. STEAM POWER STATION, DARWIN—EXTENSION OF GENERATING CAPACITY—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 that the following proposed work should be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Steam Power Station, Darwin—Proposed extension of generating capacity.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
10. 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.

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11. DEFENCE (VISITING FORCES) 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.
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(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 Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. RAW COTTON BOUNTY 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. 109, dated 24th 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.
Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
13. OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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. Davidson (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 9, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
15. SUPERANNUATION 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. 110, dated 24th 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. Holt (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
16. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS 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. 111, dated 28th 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. Holt (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
17. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT MARKETING BILL 1963.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Export of Canned Fruits, and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
18. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1963.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926–1952*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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19. **EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS No. 3.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Excise Tariff Proposals No. 3.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
20. **EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1963.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Fairhall moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
21. **CANNED FRUIT EXCISE BILL 1963.**—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Excise on Canned Fruit.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Fairhall moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
22. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NORFOLK ISLAND BILL 1963.**—Mr. Speaker reported Message No. 197, dated 29th October, 1963, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘ Norfolk Island Act 1957 ’*”.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate, by leave, ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr. Hasluck, the Bill was read a third time.
23. **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.**—Messages from the Senate were reported—
(a) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendment made by the House on Amendment No. 1 of the Senate:—29th October, 1963—*Message No. 196—Air Accidents (Commonwealth Liability) 1963*, and
(b) returning the following Bills without amendment—
29th October, 1963—*Message—*
No. 198—States Grants (Universities) (No. 2) 1963.
No. 199—States Grants (Special Assistance) 1963.
24. **BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION 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.
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment:—Clause 4, page 2, at the end of proposed section 105B add the following sub-section:—

“(5.) An application for a licence for a television translator station shall be referred by the Minister to the Board. The Board shall give notice of receipt of the application in such newspapers and by such other means as the Board thinks fit and shall give notice in writing of such application to all licensees of commercial television stations operating within a radius of 200 miles from the site of the proposed television translator station and to such other persons as the Board thinks fit. If notice of objection to the granting of the application is lodged with the Board by a person interested within fourteen days after the giving of such notices the Board shall hold an inquiry in accordance with the provisions of Division 3 of Part II. of this Act. The Board shall not recommend that the application be granted if the Board is of opinion that the television translator station would operate so as to prevent or to be likely to prevent the establishment of a commercial television station in or about the area to which the application relates or to be unfair to the licensee of any other commercial television station.”.

Amendment negatived.

Bill 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.

25. **RIVER MURRAY WATERS 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 National Development), the Bill was read a third time.

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26. MENINDEE LAKES STORAGE 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—
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.
27. CHOWILLA RESERVOIR 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—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of Message No. 112, dated 28th October, 1963, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of a new clause to be moved by a Minister in the Chowilla Reservoir 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:—

“ 4. The payments by the Commonwealth to the State of New South Wales ^{Financial assistance.} provided for by the agreement referred to in the last preceding section may be made, by way of financial assistance to that State on the terms and conditions contained in that 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.

28. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
29th October, 1963—*Message No. 200*—National Health 1963.
29. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Cope rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Armitage, Mr. D. J. Cameron, Mr. Collard, Mr. Coutts, Mr. Davis, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Harding, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Kearney, Mr. McGuren, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Townley, Mr. Turner* and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

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