THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 119.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1963.

- 1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.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. Uren and Mr. Armitage.

Petitions severally received.

- 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
- 4. Member Named.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Grayndler (Mr. Daly) for using an offensive expression to the Chair.
 - Mr. Daly having withdrawn the expression and apologised to the Chair, and the apology having been accepted by Mr. Speaker, the matter was not further proceeded with.
- 5. Papers.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—
 - Audit Act—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts, for year 1962-63. Ordered to be printed.
 - The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Tariff Board—Report—Unwrought copper.

Ordered to be printed.

Australian Wool Bureau—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1st July, 1962, to 30th April, 1963.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to statute—

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1962-63.

National Fitness Act—Report for 1959, 1960 and 1961.

Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1962-63.

- Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Thirty-second Annual Report, and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure certified by the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, for year ended 31st August, 1963.
- Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Board—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1st May to 30th June, 1963.
- 6. Messages from the Senate.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

29th October, 1963—Message—

No. 202—Dairy Produce Export Control 1963.

No. 203-Dairy Produce Research and Sales Promotion 1963.

 COPPER BOUNTY BILL 1963.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Copper Bounty Act 1958-1960.
 Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fairhall moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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8. Message from the Senate—Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Bill 1963.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 201.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the payment of Bounty on the Production of certain Phosphate Fertilizers", and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate.

A. M. McMullin,

Canberra, 29th October, 1963.

President.

Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of Message No. 113, dated 29th October, 1963, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Amendment to be made upon Request by the Senate in the Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Bill 1963.

Ordered—That the Amendment requested by the Senate be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(In the Committee.)

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENT.

Page 3, clause 8, lines 8 to 11, leave out all words after "nineteen and one-half per centum", insert "and is greater than a percentage specified in the determination and, where such a determination is in force, the last preceding sub-section has effect as if for the reference to nineteen and one-half per centum in that sub-section there were substituted a reference to the percentage so specified.".

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Requested Amendment was made, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall, the House adopted the Report.

WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION 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. 114, 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. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

10. WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE 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. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

11. WESTERN AUSTRALIA (NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT) 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. 115, 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. Davidson (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

12. VINYL RESIN 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. 116, 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. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

13. 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 a Terminal and Operations Building and a Maintenance and Stores Centre at Launceston Airport, Tasmania.

Ordered to be printed.

14. Buildings at Launceston Airport—Approval of Work.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, by leave, 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:—

Construction of a Terminal and Operations Building and a Maintenance and Stores Centre at Launceston

Airport.

Question—put and passed.

15. 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 Lonsdale Exchange Building, Melbourne,

Victoria.

Ordered to be printed.

- 16. Lonsdale Exchange Building, Melbourne—Approval of Work.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, by leave, 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:—Construction of proposed Lonsdale Exchange Building, Melbourne.
 Question—put and passed.
- 17. 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:—

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Loan 1963.

International Development Association (Additional Contribution) 1963.

Currency 1963.

18. Canned Fruits Export Marketing 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. 118, dated 28th October, 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.)

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 17, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 30, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 31 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. Haworth reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. McEwen moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

19. Canned Fruits Export 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

20. Excise Tariff Bill (No. 2) 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. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

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21. Canned Fruit Excise 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. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

22. Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 94 to 100, Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) Proposals No. 11 and Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals No. 19.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 and 100:

Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) Proposals No. 11; and

Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals No. 19.

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

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

Parts for refrigerating appliances.

Television receiver components.

Vinyl acetate monomer.

Glycerine, fatty acids, soaps and other detergents.

Floor and wall coverings (linoleum, vinyl, &c.).

Engraving blocks, &c.

Linen fabrics.

Printing of silk piece goods.

Motor vehicle propeller shaft assemblies.

Severally ordered to be printed.

24. Customs Tariff Validation Bill 1963.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fairhall moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

25. Printing Committee—Ninth Report.—Mr. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers—(a) consideration of which had been deferred and (b) motions for the printing of which had been discharged from the Notice Paper of the Senate, recommends that the following be printed:—

Air Navigation Act—Third Annual Report by the Minister, for year 1962-63.

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Eleventh Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1962-63. Australian Broadcasting Control Board—

Report and Recommendations to the Postmaster-General on Applications for a Licence for a Commercial Television Station in the Sydney Area and in the Melbourne Area.

Report and Recommendations to the Postmaster-General on Applications for Licences for Commercial Television Stations in Manning River, Central Western Slopes, Murrumbidgee Irrigation, Bega-Cooma, Broken Hill, Mildura, Murray Valley, Cairns, Mackay, Southern Downs, South East (South Australia) and Bunbury Areas.

Australian Universities Commission Act—Australian Universities Commission—Second Report on Australian Universities 1961–1966

Report on Australian Universities, 1961-1966.

Australian Wool Bureau—Tenth and Final Annual Report and financial statements for period 1st July, 1962 to 30th April, 1963.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Fifteenth Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1962-63.

Coal Utilization Research Advisory Committee-Report dated 20th March, 1962.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1961-62.

Post Office—Alleged Improper Practices and Improper Refusal to Co-operate with the Victoria Police Force on the Part of Persons Employed in the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria in Relation to Illegal Gambling—Report of Royal Commissioner (the Honourable Mr. Justice R. L. Taylor).

Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Report for year 1962-63, together with Summary of Recommendations

Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Board—First Annual Report and financial statements for period 1st May to 30th June, 1963.

G. D. ERWIN,

Chairman.

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Mr. Erwin moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to. Question—put and passed.

26. Messages from the Senate.—Messages from the Senate were reported—

- (a) acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Amendment made by the House in the following Bill:—30th October, 1963—Message No. 204—Chowilla Reservoir Agreement 1963.
- (b) returning the following Bill without amendment:—30th October, 1963—Message No. 205—Defence (Visiting Forces) 1963.
- 27. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1962-63—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Statement.

(In the Committee.)

Statement taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—
That the Committee agrees with the Statement for the year 1962-63 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to Section 36A of the Audit Act 1901-1962.

Question—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fairhall, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

28. COPPER 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. 119, dated 29th 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. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

29. Customs Tariff Validation 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. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

30. Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

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No. 206—Broadcasting and Television 1963.

No. 207—Wheat Industry Stabilization 1963.

No. 208—Wheat Export Charge 1963 (without requests).

- 31. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
 Question—put and passed.
- 32. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to statute—

Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Sixteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1962-63.

33. Leave of Absence to All Members.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

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34. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Ouestion-put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 30th October, 1963, pursuant to statute-

Customs Tariff-Order-Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 125.

Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 155, 156. Papua and New Guinea Act-Ordinances-1963-

No. 31—Papua and New Guinea Electricity Commission. No. 34—Companies (Papua).

No. 35-Companies (New Guinea).

No. 36—Ex-servicemen's Credit (No. 2). No. 38—Survey.

No. 39-Native Employment.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1963—No. 19—Companies. Wool Research Act-Sixth Annual Report, for year 1962-63.

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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate returning the following Bills without amendment were received after the adjournment of the House on the 30th October, 1963:—

30th October, 1963-Message-

- No. 209—Overseas Telecommunications 1963.
- No. 210-Raw Cotton Bounty 1963.
- No. 211—Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty 1963 (agreed to as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, and without further amendment).
- No. 212-Superannuation 1963.
- No. 213-Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1963.
- No. 214—Western Australia (Northern Development) Agreement 1963.
- No. 215-Vinyl Resin Bounty 1963.
- No. 216—Canned Fruits Export Marketing 1963.
- No. 217—Canned Fruits Export Charges 1963 (without requests).
- No. 218—Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1963 (without requests).
- No. 219—Canned Fruit Excise 1963.
- No. 220-Copper Bounty 1963.
- No. 221-Customs Tariff Validation 1963 (without requests).

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General intimating that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills, were received after the adjournment of the House on the 30th October, 1963:—

31st October, 1963-Message No. 120-

Universities (Financial Assistance) 1963.

Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment (No. 2) 1963.

Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1963.

Income Tax (International Agreements) 1963.

Estate Duty Assessment 1963.

Gift Duty Assessment 1963.

Air Accidents (Commonwealth Liability) 1963.

States Grants (Universities) (No. 2) 1963.

States Grants (Special Assistance) 1963.

National Health 1963.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty 1963.

Dairy Produce Export Control 1963.

Dairy Produce Research and Sales Promotion 1963.

Defence (Visiting Forces) 1963.

Broadcasting and Television 1963.

Wheat Industry Stabilization 1963.

Wheat Export Charge 1963.

Overseas Telecommunications 1963.

Raw Cotton Bounty 1963.

Western Australia (Northern Development) Agreement 1963.

Vinyl Resin Bounty 1963.

Canned Fruits Export Marketing 1963.

Canned Fruits Export Charges 1963.

Excise Tariff (No. 2) 1963.

Canned Fruit Excise 1963.

Copper Bounty 1963.

Customs Tariff Validation 1963.

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No. 121-Blowering Water Storage Works Agreement 1963.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority 1963.

Air Navigation (Charges) 1963.

River Murray Waters 1963.

Menindee Lakes Storage Agreement 1963.

Chowilla Reservoir Agreement 1963.

Norfolk Island 1963.

No. 122-Superannuation 1963.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits 1963.