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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1964.

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. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
3. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—  
Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—Sixteenth Annual Report and financial accounts, accompanied by the report of the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, for year 1962–63.  
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report by Commonwealth Railways Commissioner, for year 1962–63.
4. MINISTERS OF STATE BILL 1964.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952–1959*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Sir Robert Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
5. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1964.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922–1960*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Sir Robert Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SALES TAX BILLS.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in relation to the proceedings on any Sales Tax Bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—  
(a) the introduction and the first readings of the Bills together;  
(b) one motion being moved and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and  
(c) the consideration of all the Bills as a whole together in a committee of the whole.  
Question—put and passed.
7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—  
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—  
We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—  
Debate resumed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Harrison), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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8. RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House of the retirement on the 6th February of the Principal Parliamentary Reporter, Mr. W. E. Dale, and in expressing appreciation of the long and faithful service which Mr. Dale had rendered to the Parliament, wished him a happy retirement.  
Mr. Speaker announced that, upon Mr. Dale's retirement, Mr. A. K. Healy was appointed Principal Parliamentary Reporter.  
Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Defence) and Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of Mr. Speaker.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 26th February, 1964, pursuant to statute—

- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for broadcasting and television purposes—Ripponlea, Victoria.
  - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 16.
  - Public Service Act—Appointment—Department—Interior—J. Van Leeuwen.  
Prime Minister—E. S. Rolfe.
  - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 17th February, 1964.
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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and Mr. Uren.

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