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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 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. PETITION.—Mr. Benson presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government immediately grant a basic pension rate of £8 10s. per week, formulate a national housing plan for low rental homes for pensioners and provide all pensioners within the permissible income with the medical entitlement card.  
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Air Services—  
Agreement between Malaysia and Australia, signed 19th March, 1964.  
Statement, dated 7th April, 1964, by Minister for Civil Aviation on Agreements with Malaysia and Italy.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WELFARE OF ABORIGINES.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Beazley had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for all Commonwealth instrumentalities, including the armed services, to pay Aborigines employed by them a wage at least equivalent to the award rate as fixed by the Arbitration Commission for a worker similarly employed who is covered by awards; the need for the extension of the protection of Arbitration Commission awards to Aborigines employed privately in the Northern Territory; the need for unemployment, sickness and tuberculosis benefits to be paid to Aborigines in the Northern Territory at the same rate as for other citizens and to be as readily available to them".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr. Beazley addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
6. CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 7 AND 8 AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) PROPOSALS No. 2.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—  
Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 7 and 8; and  
Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) Proposals No. 2.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
7. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Report—P.V.C. products.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. MEAT INDUSTRY BILL 1964.—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. 7, dated 7th April, 1964, 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.

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*(In the committee.)*

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (NATIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 1964.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 8, dated 8th April, 1964, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act 1960’*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

8th April, 1964—Message No. 9—New South Wales Grant (Flood Mitigation) 1964.

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

Mr. Daly rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Fairhall moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Gibson	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. England	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bosman	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Pettitt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Howson
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robinson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Shaw	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Sinclair	
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden	

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Connor	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Jones	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Uren
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Gray	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Webb
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Cross	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Harding	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Collard	Mr. Devine	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And then the House, at seventeen 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 8th April, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 131.

Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 163, 164.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McEwen and Mr. O'Connor.

A. G. TURNER,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*