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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 21st 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. REPLY TO JOINT ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN—PRESENTATION OF MACE TO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FOR THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following reply by Her Majesty the Queen to the Joint Address presented in connexion with the presentation of a Mace to the House of Assembly for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea:—

“ I thank you for the terms of your Address which has been transmitted to me by the Governor-General.

I am glad to learn of the forthcoming inauguration of the House of Assembly of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and I have pleasure in directing that a Mace be presented to that Legislature by and on behalf of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia to mark this auspicious occasion and in recognition of the importance of our Parliamentary traditions.

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3. PETITION.—Mr. Lindsay 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.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
 Wool Research Act—Seventh and Final Report, for period 1st July to 31st December, 1963.
6. STATES GRANTS (MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS) BILL 1964.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Johnson moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 39.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Benson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Nicholls	
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Devine	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Connor	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren	

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

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 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. Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Health), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. SEATO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS—NINTH MEETING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND COMMUNIQUÉ—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Ninth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the South East Asia Treaty Organization held in Manila last week, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—

SEATO Council of Ministers—Ninth Meeting—Ministerial Statement and Communiqué—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech.—Mr. McMahan (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) making his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech.—Mr. McMahan moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) making his speech without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 21st April, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal and telegraphic purposes—
Penguin, Tasmania.
Sassafras, Tasmania.
Westbury, Tasmania.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1964—

No. 13—Hospitals and Medical Services.

No. 14—Endemic Diseases.

No. 15—Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Cross, Mr. Davies, Mr. Downer, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fox, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Holten, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Webb.

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