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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND 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. Johnson 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. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Papua and New Guinea Act—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance—Papua and New Guinea Superannuation Board—Twelfth Annual Report, for year 1962–63.
5. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That a joint committee be appointed to consider foreign affairs generally and to report to the Minister for External Affairs upon such matters as are referred to it by the Minister.
 - (2) That thirteen members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such committee.
 - (3) That the Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
 - (4) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders—
 - (a) the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the committee shall constitute the committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of senators or members referred to in this resolution;
 - (b) the members of the committee shall hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time;
 - (c) the committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider;
 - (d) the committee or any sub-committee shall have power to adjourn from place to place and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament;
 - (e) the committee and its sub-committees shall sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret unless the Minister at the request of the committee otherwise directs;
 - (f) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the committee for the time being shall constitute a quorum of the committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being;
 - (ii) three members of a sub-committee shall constitute a quorum of that sub-committee;

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- (g) (i) on every occasion when the committee reports to the Minister on any matter pursuant to his request the committee shall inform the Parliament of the fact that it has so reported, otherwise the proceedings of the committee shall not be reported to either House;
- (ii) if members of the Opposition are serving on the committee, the Minister shall forward a copy of any such report as he has requested to the Leader of the Opposition for his confidential information;
- (iii) the committee may communicate with the Minister but all communications with the Minister and the fact of any such communication shall be confidential to the committee and the Minister;
- (h) the committee shall have power to invite persons to give evidence before the committee;
- (i) with the consent of the Minister for External Affairs, the committee shall have power to call for official papers or records;
- (j) all written and oral evidence submitted to or received by the committee *in camera* shall be confidential to the committee and the Minister;
- (k) the Chairman of the committee, at the request of any member who dissents from any of the conclusions of the committee expressed in any report or communication submitted or made to the Minister, shall in the report or communication record the fact of such member's dissent and append to the report or communication a summary, agreed upon between the Chairman and the member, of the member's reasons for dissent;
- (l) the Senate be asked to appoint seven of its members to serve on such committee.
- (5) That the committee have power to consider the minutes of evidence and records of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs appointed in the previous Parliament relating to any matter on which that committee had not completed its consideration.
- (6) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Whitlam be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RADIO AUSTRALIA BOOSTER STATION, DARWIN.—Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1960*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Proposed erection of Radio Australia Booster Station at Darwin, Northern Territory.

Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7. WOOL 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 by Mr. Pollard who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House declines to give the Bill a second reading as, in the absence of arrangements for a poll of wool-growers in relation to an orderly marketing plan, the proposals increase the contribution by the wool-grower for promotion purposes above a rate equivalent to ten shillings per bale and do not provide for a matching contribution by the Government at a rate equivalent to ten shillings per bale".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Drury, in the Chair)—

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 11, dated 21st 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.

(*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 Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BILLS RELATING TO WOOL INDUSTRY.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—
- (a) orders of the day Nos. 2 to 8 being called on together, and one question being put in regard to the second readings of all the Bills together;
 - (b) one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the committee's report stage and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and
 - (c) the consideration of the Bills in one committee of the whole.
- Question—put and passed.

9. **WOOL TAX (No. 1), WOOL TAX (No. 2), WOOL TAX (No. 3), WOOL TAX (No. 4), WOOL TAX (No. 5), WOOL TAX (ADMINISTRATION), AND WOOL TAX LEGISLATION REPEAL BILLS 1964.**—The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—
Question—That the Bills be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bills together read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(*In the committee.*)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole together, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and the Bills were together read a third time.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.
Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) 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 eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPER.—The following paper was deemed to have been presented on the 22nd April, 1964, pursuant to statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—Albury, New South Wales.

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

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