

1964.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1964.

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. PETITION.—Mr. Hansen 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—  
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Canned Fruits Board—Thirty-eighth and Final Report, for period 1st July to 31st December, 1963, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
5. JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AND GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS—EXTENDED TIME FOR REPORT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave—  
(1) That the time for bringing up the report of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications be extended to the 14th May, 1964.  
(2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence.  
Question—put and passed.
6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 5th May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
7. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—  
Sixty-fourth Report—Expenditure from Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year 1962–63.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Cleaver, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.
8. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's delay in introducing promised legislation".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr. Crean addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Mr. Reynolds rising to address the House—  
Mr. Howson moved, That the business of the day be called on.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE.**—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent consideration of notice No. 1, general business, being continued until 12.45 p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
10. **RESTRAINTS UPON PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS.**—Mr. Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That this House condemns the action of persons and organizations having no direct responsibility to the Australian electorate in issuing instructions to elected Members of the Australian Parliament that they refrain from publicly expressing views held by them on issues affecting the safety of this country.  
Debate ensued.  
The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr. Whitlam was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.
11. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:—  
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 13.  
The Senate, having considered Message No. 28 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith, viz.:—  
(1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 28 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.  
(2) That Senators Cole, Hannan, Maher, Scott and Vincent be members of such Joint Committee.  
(3) That, until such time as the two remaining vacancies for Members of the Senate on the Committee are filled by Members of the Opposition, Senators Sir Walter Cooper and Laught be members of the Committee.  
A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.  
The Senate,  
Canberra, 23rd April, 1964.
12. **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.**—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave—  
(1) That Mr. Aston, Mr. Chipp, Mr. England, Mr. Failes, Mr. Howson, Mr. Jess and Mr. Turner be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.  
(2) That, until such time as the six remaining vacancies for Members of the House of Representatives on this committee are filled by Members of the Opposition, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Holten, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Kelly be members of the committee.  
(3) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by message.  
Question—put and passed.
13. **APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION BILL 1964.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Marketing of Apples and Pears.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Adermann moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE.**—Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
15. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MEAT INDUSTRY BILL 1964.**—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:—  
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 12.  
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Meat Industry*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.  
A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.  
The Senate,  
Canberra, 23rd April, 1964, a.m.  
Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

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16. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Robinson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
17. MEAT INDUSTRY BILL 1964—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment made by the Senate.

*(In the committee.)*

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 12, clause 29, after sub-clause (4.) insert the following sub-clauses:—

“(4A.) The Minister shall cause notice of the granting of every licence under this section to be published in the *Gazette* within one month after the date on which the licence is granted.

“(4B.) Where an application for a licence under this section—

(a) has been refused; or

(b) has not been determined within one month after the date on which the application was made,

the Minister shall, if the applicant requests him in writing so to do, inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal or for the failure to determine the application.”

On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Mackinnon reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Adermann, the House adopted the report.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY BILL 1964.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to Impose a Levy on the Slaughter of certain Live-stock*”, and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 23rd April, 1964.

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

*(In the committee.)*

## SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

(1) Page 2, clause 6, line 21, after “amount”, insert “(not exceeding Seven shillings and sixpence)”.

(2) Page 2, clause 6, line 24, after “amount”, insert “(not exceeding Ninepence)”.

(3) Page 2, clause 6, line 27, after “amount”, insert “(not exceeding Ninepence)”.

On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Adermann, the House adopted the report.

19. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

23rd April, 1964—Message—

No. 15—Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection 1964.

No. 16—Meat Export Charge Repeal 1964.

No. 17—Cattle Slaughter Levy Repeal 1964.

No. 18—Cattle and Beef Research 1964.

No. 19—Meat Agreement (Deficiency Payments) 1964.

No. 20—Meat Export (Additional Charge) 1964.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AND GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS—EXTENDED TIME FOR REPORT.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 21, dated 23rd April, 1964, from the Senate concurring in the resolution of the House that the time for bringing up the report of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary and Government Publications be extended to the 14th May, 1964.

21. CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NOS. 10, 11 AND 12 AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) PROPOSALS No. 6.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 10, 11 and 12; and

Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals No. 6.

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

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22. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Reports—  
Dictating machines, tape recorders and tape decks.  
Polyethylene.  
Shrimps, prawns, &c.  
Severally ordered to be printed.
23. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Shaw), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
24. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1964.—Mr. Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953–1963*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Swartz moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
25. PARLIAMENT HOUSE—EXTENSIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that the Government had approved preliminary plans for extensions on the south-east corner of Parliament House.
26. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported—  
(a) returning the following Bill without amendment:—23rd April, 1964—Message No. 22—Loan (Qantas Empire Airways Limited) 1964.  
(b) returning the following Bill and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate:—23rd April, 1964—Message No. 23—Live-stock Slaughter Levy 1964.
27. COMMONWEALTH AID ROADS 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Harrison), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
28. RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from the Honorable Sir Garfield Edward John Barwick a letter dated 23rd April, 1964, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral Division of Parramatta.  
Mr. Speaker also announced that he had received from the Honorable Alexander Russell Downer a letter dated 23rd April, 1964, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral Division of Angas with effect from midnight this day.  
Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) paid tribute to the service and capacity of Sir Garfield Barwick and Mr. Downer and extended good wishes to them in their new offices, Sir Garfield Barwick as Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and Mr. Downer as High Commissioner for Australia in London.  
Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.
29. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, the 5th May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

- PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 23rd April, 1964, pursuant to statute—  
Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 132.  
Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 165.  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 48.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Largs, New South Wales.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 50.  
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
Control of Roads Ordinance 1963, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.  
Regulations—1964—  
No. 6 (Prohibited Drugs Ordinance).  
No. 7 (Public Service Ordinance).  
Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 49.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Barnard, Sir Garfield Barwick, Mr. Benson, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Davies, Mr. Downer, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fox, Mr. Harding, Mr. Holten, Mr. King, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Webb.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.