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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY, 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. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Life Insurance Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, for 1963.
4. CYPRUS—UNITED NATIONS POLICE FORCE—AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to Australia's participation in the formation of a United Nations Police Force for service in Cyprus.
5. ANSETT COMPANIES—ALLEGATIONS OF TAX CONCESSIONS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cameron, by leave, made a statement with reference to allegations that preferential tax concessions had been granted to the Ansett group of companies.
Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, also made a statement in connexion with the matter.
6. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SOUTH AFRICAN RACIAL POLICY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. J. F. Cairns had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for the Government to use its influence with the Government of South Africa, to urge it in the name of humanity, to refrain from carrying out the death penalty upon persons who have, for many years, led a non-violent campaign against racial intolerance and suppression known as apartheid".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Cairns addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
7. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave—
 - (1) That a joint committee be appointed to—
 - (a) examine and report on all proposals for modifications or variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of November, 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the committee by the Minister for the Interior; and
 - (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for the Interior.
 - (2) That the committee consist of two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Prime Minister, two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, three Senators appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
 - (3) That every appointment of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (4) That the members of the committee shall hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
 - (5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members appointed by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
 - (6) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.

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- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament.
- (9) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (10) That five members of the committee, including the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, constitute a quorum of the committee, and two members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.
- (11) That in matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (13) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, BLOCK 5, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient that the following proposed work should be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Administrative Office, Block 5, Darwin, Northern Territory.

Question—put and passed.

9. 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.

Mr. Duthie rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Howson 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, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fox	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Shaw
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. King	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bosman	Mr. England	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pettitt	Mr. Howson
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Jess	Mr. Roberton	Mr. Turnbull

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 18, dated 21st April, 1964, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

10. APPLE AND PEAR ORGANIZATION 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 omitted, after debate.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the following amendment was made, after debate:—Page 2, line 22, omit "shall", insert "may".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Adermann, the following amendment was made:—Page 4, paragraph (b), after proposed sub-section (7.) add the following sub-section:—

"“(8.) In this section, "year" means a period commencing on the first day of January and ending on the following thirty-first day of December.”"

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Adermann, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 9, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
12. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1963–64.—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. Galvin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
6th May, 1964—Message No. 31—States Grants (Mental Health Institutions) 1964.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 6th May, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1964—No. 3—Civil Registration 1963.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Territories—I. S. Watson.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1964—No. 4—Education.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Cockle, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and Mr. Sexton.

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