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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 7TH MAY, 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. Courtney 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. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—  
Sixty-fifth Report—Treasury Minutes on the Fiftieth, Fifty-third, Sixtieth, Sixty-second and Sixty-third Reports together with summaries of those reports—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.
5. STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND TECHNICAL TRAINING) BILL 1964.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States for Science Laboratories and Equipment in Schools and for Buildings and Equipment for use in Technical Training in Schools.  
Bill read a first time.  
Sir Robert Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE.—Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
7. LIGHT TRANSPORT DEPOT, DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY, WOOLLOOMOOLOO—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*, the following proposed work should be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Erection of a Light Transport Depot for the Department of Supply at Woolloomooloo, New South Wales.  
Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Forbes (Minister for the Army), the Bill was read a third time.

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10. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL AND SUPPLY BILLS.**—  
Mr. Forbes (Minister for the Army) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 3, 4 and 5 for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill and the Supply and Supply (Special Expenditure) Bills being read together and a motion being moved that the Bills be now passed.  
Question—put and passed.
11. **APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (NO. 2) 1963–64, SUPPLY BILL 1964–65 AND SUPPLY (SPECIAL EXPENDITURE) BILL 1964–65.**—The orders of the day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the several Bills having been read together—  
Mr. Forbes (Minister for the Army) moved, That the Bills be now passed.  
Question—put and passed.
12. **MINT EMPLOYEES BILL 1964.**—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act with respect to the Employment by the Commonwealth of certain Employees of Branches in Australia of the Royal Mint.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
13. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.**—Mr. Dean (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—  
Report relating to the proposed construction of a Regional Laboratory for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization at Shenton Park, Western Australia—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.
14. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.**—A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—  
6th May, 1964—Message No. 19—  
Meat Industry 1964.  
Live-stock Slaughter Levy 1964.  
Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection 1964.  
Meat Export Charge Repeal 1964.  
Cattle Slaughter Levy Repeal 1964.  
Cattle and Beef Research 1964.  
Meat Agreement (Deficiency Payments) 1964.  
Meat Export (Additional Charge) 1964.  
Loan (Qantas Empire Airways Limited) 1964.
15. **PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS BOUNTY 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. Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 7 and 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
17. **NATIONAL HEALTH 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. Daly 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 is of the opinion that the Bill fails to meet the urgent needs of the people of Australia as it does not provide for a full National Health plan embracing adequate medical and hospital services available to all and, particularly, does not (a) extend medical services to all persons, (b) ensure free hospitalization in public wards, (c) abolish the five shillings prescription fee, and (d) end the exploitation of the Australian people by drug manufacturers ”.  
Debate continued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
18. **PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS BOUNTY 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. 20, dated 6th May, 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. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

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19. DAIRY PRODUCE LEVY 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
20. DAIRY PRODUCE RESEARCH AND SALES PROMOTION 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 21, dated 6th May, 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.  
Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPER.—The following paper was deemed to have been presented on the 7th May, 1964, pursuant to statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Immigration—R. G. Hay.

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

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