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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 19TH 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. PETITIONS.—Petitions 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 were presented by Mr. Davis and Mr. Clark.  
Petitions severally received.
3. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, informed the House of the intention of the Government to arrange for consideration by the House to-morrow of the motion of which notice had been given this day by the Leader of the Opposition.
4. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Adermann, Senator Wade (Minister for Health) would act as Minister for Primary Industry and be represented in this House by Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade). Sir Robert Menzies also informed the House that, during the impending absence abroad of Mr. McMahon, Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) would act as Minister for Labour and National Service.
5. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
6. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
“ Resolving Senate—House Deadlocks in Australia ” by George Howatt.
7. 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 Stage Two of the Land Research and Regional Survey Laboratories for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization at Black Mountain, Australian Capital Territory—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.
8. 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:—  
15th May, 1964—Message No. 25—  
Customs Tariff 1964.  
Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) 1964.  
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) ( No. 1) 1964.  
Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1964.  
Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1964.  
Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) (No. 2) 1964.  
Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 2) 1964.

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9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—  
14th May, 1964—Message—  
No. 45—Supply 1964–65 (*without requests*).  
No. 46—Supply (Special Expenditure) 1964–65.
10. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
11. EXPLOSIVES BILL 1964.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Explosives Act 1961*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Freeth moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Galvin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
12. STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND TECHNICAL TRAINING) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell, viz.:*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“the Bill is an inadequate contribution to science education and to education generally in Australia because it—  
(1) fails to provide for an inquiry into all aspects of education, at all levels, as requested on several occasions by States Premiers;  
(2) fails to meet the crisis in education by making an emergency grant of at least £10 million to the States;  
(3) fails to assist parents of all children at all schools to bear the burden of education from primary to tertiary levels by instituting a system of Commonwealth scholarships for all students capable of receiving an education, such scholarships to be tenable at the schools of the parents' choice;  
(4) fails to attack the problem of science education by ignoring the question of teacher training, and the need for the establishment of a national science foundation to co-ordinate scientific training, teaching and research; and  
(5) fails to recognize that all pupils are entitled to be educated to the fullest extent of their abilities on the principle of aid to the scholar without discrimination”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 63.

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

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

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.

*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 26, dated 7th May, 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 debated.

Mr. Bryant addressing the committee—

*Closure.*—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed,  
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The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories), the House adopted the report.

Mr. Barnes moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Bryant addressing the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Howson moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

13. COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the provision by the Commonwealth of scholarships to secondary school students throughout Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—  
Commonwealth Secondary School Scholarships—Ministerial statement—  
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
15. MINT EMPLOYEES 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. 27, dated 7th 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. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
17. ACTS INTERPRETATION, EVIDENCE, STATE AND TERRITORIAL LAWS AND RECORDS RECOGNITION, AND RULES PUBLICATION BILLS 1964.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bills be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bills together read a second time.  
Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the Bills were together read a third time.
18. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT 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.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.
19. HOMES SAVINGS GRANT 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

*Messages from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General—

No. 28, dated 6th May, 1964, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill, and

No. 29, dated 19th May, 1964, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purpose of amendments to be moved in the Bill by the Minister for Housing.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 to 13, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 14—

Mr. Bate moved the following amendment:—Page 7, omit paragraph (d).

*Point of order.*—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) raised a point of order that the amendment was out of order as its effect would be to increase the appropriation recommended by the Governor-General.

*Chairman's ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Lucock) upheld the point of order for the reason stated.

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Debate continued.

Mr. Bate moved, That the clause be postponed.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. Bury, the following amendment was made:—Pages 9 and 10, omit sub-clause (3.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(3.) For the purposes of this Act, the acceptable savings of a person to whom this section applies as at a time (in this sub-section referred to as ‘the relevant time’) after the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and on or before the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, are, subject to this Act, the moneys that were saved in Australia before the relevant time by the person and—

(a) in the case of moneys saved before the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five—

- (i) were maintained at that date and at the relevant time by the person, or by the person jointly with his or her spouse, on deposit with a branch in Australia of a savings bank or of a trading bank;
- (ii) were maintained at that date and at the relevant time by the person, or by the person jointly with his or her spouse, on deposit with a building society, friendly society or credit union; or
- (iii) were paid before that date by the person or his or her spouse, or by both of those persons, to a building society as subscriptions in respect of shares in the capital of the society and were not repaid before the relevant time; or

(b) in the case of moneys saved on or after the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five—

- (i) were maintained at the relevant time by the person, or by the person jointly with his or her spouse, on deposit with a branch in Australia of a savings bank or on fixed deposit with a branch in Australia of a trading bank, being a deposit that was described in the books or records of the savings bank or the trading bank, as the case may be, as a Home Savings Account;
- (ii) were maintained at the relevant time by the person, or by the person jointly with his or her spouse, on deposit with a building society; or
- (iii) were paid before the relevant time by the person or his or her spouse, or by both of those persons, to a building society as subscriptions in respect of shares in the capital of the society and were not repaid before the relevant time.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 19, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 20—

Mr. Bate moved the following amendment:—Page 12, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause:—

“(1A.) The Secretary may, in his discretion, give to a person a certificate in writing certifying that, if the person enters into a contract on a specified date for the purchase of a specified dwelling-house situated in Australia or for the construction by a building-contractor of a dwelling-house on specified land situated in Australia and the provisions of this Act are otherwise applicable to him on that date, he will be eligible for a grant under this Act of a specified amount.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 21—

Mr. Bate moved the following amendment:—Page 15, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause:—

“(1A.) Where an applicant for a grant under this Act furnishes to the Secretary with the application a declaration in writing stating any facts relating to the amount of the acceptable savings of the person or of his or her spouse as at a specified time, the Secretary shall treat the declaration as evidence of those facts unless he has reasonable cause to believe that the declaration does not correctly state those facts.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 22—

On the motion of Mr. Bury, the following amendment was made:—Page 17, after sub-clause (8.) insert the following sub-clause:—

“(8A.) A reference in paragraph (a) of the last preceding sub-section to a savings year shall be read as a reference to a savings year commencing on or after the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and not to any other savings year.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 31, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 32—

On the motion of Mr. Bury, the following amendment was made, after debate:—Page 20, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:—

“(3.) The first report under this section shall be furnished as soon as practicable after the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and shall relate to the period commencing on the date of commencement of this Act and ending on that thirtieth day of June.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 33 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Bury, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—  
20th May, 1964, a.m.—Message No. 47—National Health 1964.
21. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Report—Nitrogenous fertilizers.  
Ordered to be printed.
22. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Bill being presented and a motion being moved for the second reading of the Bill.  
Question—put and passed.
23. SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY BILL 1964.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act 1962*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Fairhall moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
24. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PETROLEUM SEARCH SUBSIDY BILL 1964.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 48, dated 20th May, 1964, a.m., from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Petroleum Search Subsidy Act 1959–1961 ’, and for purposes connected therewith* ”.  
Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
25. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.  
And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 19th May, 1964, pursuant to statute—

- Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—M. Wilson.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—  
Hobart, Tasmania.  
Warilla, New South Wales.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 60.  
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 59.  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1964—  
No. 2—Norfolk Island Council.  
No. 3—Plant and Fruit Diseases.  
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1964—  
No. 8—Marriage 1963.  
No. 18—Matrimonial Causes 1963.  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Territories—  
I. R. Binch.  
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—  
Determination—1964—No. 31—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Benson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fox, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Gibson and Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes.

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