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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1964.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Lucock) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. PETITIONS.—Mr. J. F. Cairns 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.
Mr. Johnson presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government (1) instruct its representative at the United Nations to condemn the French Government's proposal to test nuclear weapons in the Pacific, (2) again protest directly to the French Government with a view to cancellation of the tests and (3) use all appropriate means at its disposal to obtain an extension to the treaty to cover underground tests.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition was presented by Mr. Killen, and was received.
 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
 4. LOSS OF H.M.A.S. *VOYAGER*—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSIONER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:—
Loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—Report of Royal Commissioner—
and, by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning matters connected with the loss of the *Voyager* and the report of the Royal Commissioner.
Sir Robert Menzies then 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.
 5. APPROPRIATION BILL 1964–65—BUDGET DEBATE.—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 House is of opinion that the Budget does not adequately grapple with the problems of striking a realistic and fitting balance between the claims on national resources arising from defence, development and social welfare"—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Stewart), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 6. 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-two 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 26th August, 1964, pursuant to statute—

- Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1964—No. 6—Ordinances Revision.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1964—
No. 28—Auctioneers.
No. 29—Lottery and Gaming (No. 2).
No. 30—Darwin Hospital Advisory Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Courtney, Mr. England, Mr. Fox, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Jess, Mr. King, Sir John McLeay and Mr. Shaw.

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