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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 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. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deputy Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1963–64.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on Accounts of Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1963–64.
4. SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1964.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1961*. Bill read a first time.
Mr. Freeth 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.
5. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL (No. 2) 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:—"whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, this House is of opinion that the rates of pension for the aged, invalids and widows, and rates of maternity allowances, child endowment, sickness, unemployment and funeral benefits, are completely inadequate, and that there should be a review of all social service benefits, including the establishment of a base rate pension and supplementary assistance for special needs, in order that recipients may be able to meet the increase in the total cost of living; the increases to be retrospective to 1st July, 1964".
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Sinclair), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
6. LOSS OF H.M.A.S. *VOYAGER*—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Loss of H.M.A.S. *Voyager*—Ministerial statement, 15th September, 1964—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Chaney (Minister for the Navy) and Mr. Benson each speaking without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
Debate ensued.
Member named.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Lucock) named the honorable Member for Hindmarsh (Mr. Cameron) for interjecting after a warning had been given by the Chair.
Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having addressed the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Forbes—Minister for the Army), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chaney (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 15th September, 1964, pursuant to statute—

- Cattle and Beef Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 106.
Christmas Island Act—Ordinances—1964—
No. 3—Magistrate's Court.
No. 4—Interpretation.
Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinances—1964—
No. 1—Courts (Amendment).
No. 2—Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment).
No. 3—Interpretation.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 105.
Customs Tariff—Orders—
Customs (British Preferential Tariff) No. 20.
Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 142, 143.
Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 170.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 111.
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, Nos. 113, 114.
Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 13th August, 1964.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Defence purposes—Bogan Gate, New South Wales.
Postal purposes—Muswellbrook, New South Wales.
Telephone purposes—Near Bannister, New South Wales.
Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 112.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 115.
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1964—No. 9—Slaughtering.
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1964—
No. 36—Unclaimed Moneys.
No. 37—Electoral.
Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 119.
Pollution of the Sea by Oil Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 108.
Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department—
National Development—D. N. Sutherland.
Prime Minister—I. J. W. Bisset.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, Nos. 109, 110, 118.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1964—
No. 86—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 88—North Australian Workers' Union.
No. 89—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.
No. 90—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 91—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
No. 95—Australian Workers' Union.
Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 117.
Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 107.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1963–64.
Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1964, No. 116.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan*, Mr. Bryant*, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Courtney*, Mr. Coutts, Sir John Cramer, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Fox*, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Holt, Mr. Killen, Mr. King*, Sir John McLeay*, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

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