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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 51.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 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. PETITION.—Mr. Chipp presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that in the coming financial year one million tons of Australia's wheat exports to Communist China be diverted to India as a free gift.
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report for year 1961–62.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Thirty-first Report (1964).
5. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1964.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States of Western Australia and Tasmania.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, pursuant to notice, That government business shall take precedence over general business to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. RADIO AUSTRALIA BOOSTER STATION, 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 to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House:—Construction of a Radio Australia Booster Station at Darwin, Northern Territory.
Question—put and passed.
8. THE FUTURE CANBERRA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the future development of Canberra, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
The Future Canberra—A long range plan for land use and civic design—Report by National Capital Development Commission—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. J. R. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
9. APPROPRIATION BILL 1964–65.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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(In the committee.)

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Immigration, £16,795,000—

Department of Labour and National Service, £3,423,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Interior, £11,108,000—

Australian Capital Territory, £27,826,300—

together debated and agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

10. COUNCIL OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act 1964*, this House elects Mr. Beazley and Mr. Wentworth to be members of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, and to continue as members for three years from this day. Question—put and passed.

11. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, by leave, That Mr. Bosman be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in the place of Mr. Dean, resigned. Question—put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Paper.—Mr. Wentworth, during his speech, by leave, presented the following paper:—

Pamphlet entitled “ True or False? Evidence in connexion with statements made by ‘Dr. Cairns’ ”, dated October, 1964, authorized by W. C. Wentworth, Parliament House, Canberra, A.C.T.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Cleaver*, Mr. Coutts*, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Griffiths*, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lucock*, Sir Robert Menzies, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Webb*.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.