THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 52.

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 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. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
- PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Tariff Board—Report—Nylon yarn (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
 Ordered to be printed.

Postmaster-General's Department-Financial Report for year 1963-64.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Eighteenth Annual Report, for year 1963-64, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act. Broadcasting and Television Act—

Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-second Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1963-64.

Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Sixteenth Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1963-64.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Eighteenth Annual Report and financial accounts, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31st March, 1964.

4. TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY REGARDING SELF-GOVERN-MENT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea had communicated to him the following resolution which had been unanimously agreed to by the House of Assembly on the 2nd September, 1964—

"We the elected representatives of the people of Papua and New Guinea desire to convey to the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Trusteeship Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization, the expressed wish of the people that they, the people, and they alone, be allowed to decide when the time is ripe for self-government in Papua and New Guinea, and the form that such government will take and the people's further firm conviction that the road to self-government can best be travelled with one guide—and that guide the Administering Authority, and that undue pressure from without can lead only to that disruption, chaos and bloodshed which the people have observed with great alarm in certain newly independent countries."

 NAVIGATION BILL 1964.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Navigation and Shipping.
 Bill read a first time.

Mr. Freeth moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

 Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Bill 1964.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act 1956–1962.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Freeth moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7. REPRESENTATION BILL 1964.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Number of Members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the several States.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Anthony 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.

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8. CIVIL AVIATION CONTROL—LETTER TO STATE PREMIERS—PAPER NOTED.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply):—That the House take note of the paper (presented on the 25th August), viz.:—

Civil Aviation Control—Letter, dated 6th August, 1964, addressed by the Prime Minister to all State Premiers—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches.—Mr. Fairhall moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation) and Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) each speaking without limitation of time. Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed by Mr. Calwell who moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—" and, whilst agreeing that the Commonwealth should regulate all air navigation within Australian territory, deplores the Government's misuse of its new legislation in giving preferential treatment to Ansett Transport Industries Ltd. in intra-State aviation".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

		AYES, 42.				
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Sexton		
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Benson	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Gray	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Uren		
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Whitlam		
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor			
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	Tellers:		
Mr. Clark	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard			
Mr. Collard	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie		
Mr. Connor	Mr. Devine	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Jones		
Noes, 60.						
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Giles	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden		
Mr. Barnes	Mr. England	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes		
Mr. Bate	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Swartz		
Mr. Bosman	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner		
Mr. Bowen	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Whittorn		
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Holten	Mr. McEwen			
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon			
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Nixon			
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Tellers:		
Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Pettitt			
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. Roberton	Mr. Aston		
Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robinson	Mr. Turnbull		

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

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.

(In the committee.)

Second Schedule-

Proposed expenditures-

Department of Territories, £827,000—

Christmas Island, £100-

Cocos (Keeling) Islands, £63,500-

Norfolk Island, £38,400—

Northern Territory, £18,888,700—

Papua and New Guinea, £28,496,000-

together-

Mr. Beazley moved, as an amendment, That the proposed expenditure for the Department of Territories be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

10. Senate Elections—Ministerial Statement.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that elections for the Senate would be held in all States on the 5th December. The dates in connexion with the elections had been fixed as follows:—

Issue of Writs .. . Monday, 26th October, 1964.
Nominations .. . Monday, 9th November, 1964.
Polling Saturday, 5th December, 1964.

Return of Writs On or before Saturday, 23rd January, 1965.

11. Paper.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Defence Report 1964,

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12. Appropriation Bill 1964-65.—The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Second Schedule-

Proposed expenditures-

Department of Territories, £827,000—

Christmas Island, £100-

Cocos (Keeling) Islands, £63,500-

Norfolk Island, £38,400-

Northern Territory, £18,888,700—

Papua and New Guinea, £28,496,000-

Debate resumed on the proposed expenditures, and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Beazley, viz.:—
That the proposed expenditure for the Department of Territories be reduced by £1.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Haworth, in the Chair)—

		AYES, 40.		
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Benson	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Gray	Mr. Nicholls	
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	Tellers:
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Daly	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Davies	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Connor	Mr. Devine	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Jones
		Noes, 58.		
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Mr. Adermann	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. Roberton
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Drury	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Bosman	Mr. England	Mr. Giles	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Bowen	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr Hasluck	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Nixon	Tellers:
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fox	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Aston
Mr. Cockle	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Pettitt	Mr. Turnbull

And so it was negatived.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, £88,258,000—

Advance to the Treasurer, £16,000,000—

together debated.

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.

13. Adjournment.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

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

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

• On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.