

1964.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Uren 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.
Mr. Beazley presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the proposed new telephone rentals, the increased cost of installation and the increased service be re-considered.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that during the absence, owing to indisposition, of Senator Wade, Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation) would act as Minister for Health and that, in the Senate, Senator Anderson (Minister for Customs and Excise) would represent, in addition to the Ministers he now represented, the Acting Minister for Health and those Ministers in the House of Representatives ordinarily represented by Senator Wade.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a report together with proposed amendments to the standing orders of the House of Representatives.
Ordered to be printed.
Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—
Audit Act—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon other accounts, for year 1963–64.
Ordered to be printed.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1963–64.
7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Collard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to realise the serious situation confronting the gold-mining industry in Australia".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Collard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—NOTICE OF MOTION, GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), for Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service), moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the notice of motion standing in the name of the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports proposing the disallowance of amendments to certain Telephone Regulations, being proceeded with forthwith.
Question—put and passed.

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9. AMENDMENTS OF TELEPHONE REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE.—Mr. Crean moved, pursuant to notice, That the amendments to Regulations Nos. 29, 29A, 43, 64, 91 and 147A of the Telephone Regulations as contained in Statutory Rules 1964, No. 123, made under the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1961*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. A. D. Fraser rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 59.

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

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Benson	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Gray	Mr. Mortimer	
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Hansen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harding	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Connor	Mr. Devine	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Jones

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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And so it was negatived.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1964.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 80, dated 21st October, 1964, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to Charges in respect of Commonwealth Air Navigation Facilities and Services*". Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11. 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—

Defence Services—

Department of Defence, £5,279,000—

Department of the Navy, £69,212,000—

Department of the Army, £94,185,000—

Department of Air, £90,015,000—

Department of Supply, £33,044,000—

General Services, £1,379,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

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

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The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

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

12. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—A message from His Excellency the Deputy of 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:—

20th October, 1964—Message No. 42—

Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment (No. 2) 1964.

Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1964.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chaney (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Stewart be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPER.—The following paper was deemed to have been presented on the 21st October, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determination—1964—No. 91—
Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bury, Mr. Cleaver*, Mr. Coutts*, Mr. Giles, Mr. Griffiths*, Mr. Hasluck, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lucock*, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Webb* and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.