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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 55.

THURSDAY, 22ND 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Cope 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.
Mr. Jess presented a petition from certain members of the staff and certain students of the Monash University praying that the Commonwealth Government assist the Government and people of India in their present food crisis and implement the policy of giving one per cent. of Australia's national income to under-developed countries with India, at this time, as a particular recipient.
Petition received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Board—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1963-64.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cope (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Sixty-seventh Report—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Fifty-eighth Reports together with summaries of those reports;
Sixty-eighth Report—Expenditure from Advance to the Treasurer (*Appropriation Act 1963-64*)—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the reports.
Severally ordered to be printed.
6. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1964.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Income Tax.
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.
7. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL (No. 2) 1964.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1964*.
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.
8. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1964.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section sixteen of the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953-1963*.
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.

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9. LAW OFFICERS BILL 1964.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Law Officers of the Commonwealth.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Snedden 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.
10. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1964.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Judges of the Commonwealth Industrial Court.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Snedden 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.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
12. AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) BILL 1964.—The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation) 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.
13. 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—

Commonwealth Railways, £9,908,000—

Postmaster-General's Department, £203,976,000—

Broadcasting and Television Services, £22,338,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Howson (Minister for Air), the House adopted the report.

Mr. Howson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

14. APPROPRIATION (SPECIAL EXPENDITURE) BILL 1964–65.—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—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr. Forbes (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
16. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1964.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bills be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bills together read a second time.
Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), the Bills were together read a third time.
17. AUSTRALIAN CONGRESS FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DISARMAMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 3rd September*), viz.:—
Australian Congress for International Co-operation and Disarmament—Ministerial statement—
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 Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) and Mr. Whitlam each speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Kelly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEFENCE BILL 1964.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 81, dated 22nd October, 1964, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to the Defence Force*".
Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NAVAL DEFENCE BILL 1964.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 82, dated 22nd October, 1964, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to Naval Defence*".

Bill read a first time.

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

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AIR FORCE BILL 1964.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 83, dated 22nd October, 1964, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to the Air Force of the Commonwealth*".

Bill read a first time.

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

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 22nd October, 1964, pursuant to statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—

Collector, New South Wales.

Keilira, South Australia.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—C. B. Andrews, H. Benson, I. A. Brolly, D. M. Bryce, J. V. Coles, I. C. C.

Cornish-Underwood, R. Donachie, A. Good, W. D. Jones, S. O. Liquorish, B. J. Pettifer,

C. Phillips.

Prime Minister—G. F. O'Regan.

Territories—J. G. Menham.

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

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.