

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 71.

THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1965.

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.
3. COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION FUND—DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the decisions reached by the Government regarding the disposal of the surplus in the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund revealed at the Eighth Quinquennial Investigation of the Fund, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Commonwealth Superannuation Fund—Disposal of Surplus—Ministerial statement, 25th March, 1965—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
4. RE-ESTABLISHMENT CHARTER FOR NATIONAL SERVICEMEN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of arrangements which would come within a re-establishment charter which the Government had decided would be applied to national servicemen.
5. OVERSEAS VISIT BY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister representing the Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the recent visit to South East Asia and the United States of America by the Minister for Defence, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Overseas Visit by Minister for Defence—Ministerial statement, 25th March, 1965—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Whitlam moved, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. A. D. Fraser) on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and passed.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
24th March, 1965—Message No. 137—Indus Basin Development Fund Supplemental Agreement 1965.
8. HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1965.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Homes Savings Grant Act 1964*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Bury 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.
9. GRIEVANCE DEBATE.—Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

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10. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 23RD MARCH, 1965—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. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 23rd March, 1965*), viz.:—

Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 23rd March, 1965—

Debate resumed.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 25th March, 1965, pursuant to statute—

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

Beechworth, Victoria.

Port Victoria, South Australia.

Scarsdale, Victoria.

Stratford, Victoria.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Prime Minister—T. B. McCarthy.

Works—B. P. Farkas.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Davies, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Jess and Mr. Robinson.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.