THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 72.

TUESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1965.

- 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. Death of the Princess Royal.—Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the Queen.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) referred, with deep regret, to the death of Her Majesty's aunt, Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, which occurred on the 28th March, and moved, That the following Address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II be agreed to:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, have learned with heartfelt sorrow of the death of Your Aunt, Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal. On behalf of Your people throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, we express deep sympathy to Your Majesty and Members of the Royal Family in the loss which you have sustained.

And Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 3. Suspension of Sitting as Mark of Respect.—As a mark of respect to the memory of Her late Royal Highness the Princess Royal, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
- 4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- 5. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
- 6. India—Drawing from International Monetary Fund—Australian Contribution—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of a contribution made by Australia towards a drawing by India from the International Monetary Fund, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—

India—Drawing from International Monetary Fund—Australian Contribution—Ministerial statement, 30th 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.
- 7. Post Office Charges on Conversion to Decimal Currency—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement announcing the decisions made by the Government concerning Post Office charges which will operate on the conversion to decimal currency, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—

Post Office Charges on Conversion to Decimal Currency-Ministerial statement, 30th March, 1965.

Mr. Swartz (Minister for Health) 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.
- 8. 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. Jess), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Mr. Bryant rising to address the House-

Closure.—Mr. Hasluck 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, 65.		
Mr. Adermann Mr. Allan Mr. Anthony Mr. Armstrong Mr. Barnes Mr. Bate Mr. Bosman Mr. Bowen Mr. Bridges-Maxwell Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Chipp Mr. Cleaver Mr. Cockle Sir J. Cramer Mr. Davis Mr. Drury Mr. England Mr. Failes Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Fairbail	Mr. Freeth Mr. Gibbs Mr. Giles Mr. Hallett Mr. Hasluck Mr. Haworth Mr. Holt Mr. Holten Mr. Howson Mr. Hughes Mr. Hulme	Mr. Kelly Sir W. Kent Hughes Mr. Killen Mr. King Mr. Lindsay Mr. Lucock Mr. Mackinnon Mr. Maisey Mr. McEwen Mr. McMahon Mr. Nixon	Mr. Sinclair Mr. Snedden Mr. Swartz Mr. Turner Mr. Wentworth Mr. Whittorn Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder Mr. Forbes	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Jack Mr. Jess	Mr. Pettitt Mr. Shaw	Mr. Aston Mr. Turnbull
		Noes, 35.		
Mr. Barnard Mr. Beaton Mr. Birrell Mr. Bryant	Mr. Courtnay Mr. Crean Mr. Curtin Mr. Daly	Mr. Hansen Mr. Harding Mr. Hayden Mr. James	Mr. Nicholls Mr. O'Connor Mr. Peters Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Devine Mr. Fulton	Mr. Johnson Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds Mr. Riordan	Tellers:
Mr. Cameron Mr. Collard Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin Mr. Gray	Mr. Minogue Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Sexton Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coutts Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 30th March, 1965, pursuant to statute-

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 33.

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 32.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1965, No. 31.

Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired for-

Defence purposes—Sale, Victoria.

Postal purposes—Waterhouse, Tasmania.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—J. R. Richardson.

Supply—J. W. Wright.

Regulations-Statutory Rules 1965, No. 30.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—

1964-No. 154-Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

1965-

No. 28—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association. No. 29—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 30-Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia and others.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Benson, Mr. A. D. Fraser*, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Uren.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER, Clerk of the House of Representatives.