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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 94.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 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. PRIVILEGE—ADVERTISEMENT IN "THE CANBERRA TIMES" AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) raised a matter of privilege based upon an advertisement containing a photograph of the House in session published in *The Canberra Times* and other Australian newspapers on Wednesday, the 18th August, 1965. Mr. Calwell produced a copy of *The Canberra Times* containing the advertisement, gave the names of the printer and the publishers of that newspaper, and stated that other newspapers in which the advertisement had also appeared included *The Sun News-Pictorial*, the *Daily Telegraph* and *The Australian*. Mr. Calwell then moved, That the matter of the advertisement in *The Canberra Times* and other Australian newspapers be referred to the Committee of Privileges.  
Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) seconded the motion.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Mortimer presented a petition from certain citizens of the Division of Grey praying that the Commonwealth Government will take immediate steps to provide high standard television reception throughout the entire Far West Coast and Upper Eyre Peninsula Region of South Australia. Petition received and read.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1964-65—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:—  
Statement for the year 1964-65 of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1964 (Advance to the Treasurer).  
Ordered—That the statement be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House at the next sitting.
6. DEFENCE—GOVERNMENT DECISIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of Government decisions regarding the strength of the Australian forces in Vietnam and the size of the National Service intake.
7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AIR TRAFFIC.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Webb had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to ensure that T.A.A. receives half the passenger and freight traffic between all capitals".  
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr. Webb addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
8. CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 4 [1965].—Mr. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 4 [1965].  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
9. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—  
Tariff Board—Reports—  
Bicycles (Dumping and Subsidies Act).  
Phosphoric acid (Dumping and Subsidies Act).  
Severally ordered to be printed.  
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—  
Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Hot water bags.  
Ordered to be printed.

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10. **WOOL RESERVE PRICES PLAN REFERENDUM BILL 1965.**—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for a Referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Wool-growers of Australia approve a certain Plan for maintaining Reserve Prices for Australian Wool sold at auction.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Adermann moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
11. **STATES GRANTS BILL 1965.**—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States.  
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.
12. **STAGE 3 EXTENSION TO STOKES HILL POWER STATION, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1960*, it is expedient that the following proposed work should be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Stage 3 Extension to the Stokes Hill Power Station, Darwin.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
13. **PAPER.**—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—  
Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank—Report and financial statements for year 1964–65; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
14. **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 18TH AUGUST, 1965, AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.**—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on foreign affairs with particular reference to recent events in Malaysia and Vietnam, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following papers:—  
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 18th August, 1965.  
Department of External Affairs Information Handbook No. 1 of 1965—Studies on Vietnam—and moved, That the House take note of the papers.  
*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech.*—Mr. Hasluck moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) speaking without limitation of time.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Calwell moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House regrets statements made by the Prime Minister which disclose his Government's desire to seek a solution to the conflict in Vietnam by military means alone. The House urges the Government to strive for a cease fire now, to be policed by a United Nations peace-keeping force, and for a conference of all parties directly involved, including representatives of both the Government in Saigon and the Viet Cong, to seek a settlement which will end the agony of the Vietnamese people, and establish their right to choose their own Government".  
Debate continued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Aston), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

**PAPERS.**—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 18th August, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (6).

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1965—

No. 92—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization Technical Association.

Nos. 95 and 96—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and Mr. Sexton.

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