THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 96.

TUESDAY, 24TH 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. GOVERNOR-GENERAL-SWEARING-IN OF LORD CASEY.-Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that arrangements had been made for the swearing in of Lord Casey as Governor-General to take place in the Senate Chamber at half-past eleven o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, the 22nd September.
- 3. PETITION.—Mr. Jess presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government (1) instruct its representatives 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.
- 4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.

5. Papers.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1964-65, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Ordered to be printed.

The following papers were presented by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth-

Australian Meat Board-Interim Annual Report, for year 1964-65.

Australian Universities Commission-Committee on Teaching Costs of Medical Hospitals-Second Report.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act-Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission-Fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report for year 1964-65.

6. Public Service (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance 1965—Withholding of Assent—Papers— MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories) presented, pursuant to statute, the following papers:-

Papua and New Guinea Act—Public Service (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance 1965, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance.

Mr. Barnes, by leave, then made a ministerial statement with reference to the withholding of assent to the Ordinance, and, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, presented the following paper:-

Public Service (Papua and New Guinea) Ordinance 1965-Withholding of Assent-Ministerial statement, 24th August, 1965-

and moved, That the House take note of the papers.

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

7. Business of the House.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, made a statement with reference to the proceedings of the House on Thursday last when the debate on the order of the day relating to the Foreign Affairs papers was adjourned.

Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr. Holt and Mr. Calwell, by leave, made further statements on the subject.

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- 8. Postponement of orders of the day.—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 to 14, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 9. Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement, 18th August, 1965, and Paper—Motion to take note of Papers.—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 papers (presented on the 18th August, 1965), viz.:—

Foreign Affairs-Ministerial statement, 18th August, 1965.

Department of External Affairs Information Handbook No. 1 of 1965—Studies on Vietnam—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:—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"—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided (the Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

		Ayes, 63.		
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Giles	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cockle	Mr. Hallett	Mr. King	Mr. Shaw
Mr. Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Bate	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bosman	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holten	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowen	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fox	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Sir R. Menzies	
Mr. Bury	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	Tellers:
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jess	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Aston
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Pettitt	Mr. Turnbull
		Noes, 46.		
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Collard	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Connor	Mr. Gray	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Benson	Mr. Costa	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Courtnay	Mr. Harding	Mr. Nicholls	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	Tellers:
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Clark	Mr. Devine	Mr. Jones	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the original question adjourned (Mr. Bury—Minister for Housing), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

 Customs Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1965.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

11. Customs Bill (No. 2) 1965.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act* 1901–1963, as amended by the *Customs Act* 1965.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

 LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1965.—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— Debate resumed.

Mr. Connor was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 13. Postponement of orders of the day.—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14. Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1965-66.—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—
 - Debate resumed by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House condemns the Budget because—
 - (1) such taxation increases as it contains add further burdens to wage and salary earners whose living standards have already been eroded by price rises and the Government's active intervention against wage increases;

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- (2) such meagre social service benefits as it proposes are inadequate, belated and partial in their application; and
- (3) the Budget fails entirely to deal with such problems as increases in imports and Australia's dependence on foreign capital.

This House further declares that only by proper economic planning can Australia rapidly expand the resources required to meet its urgent needs in the fields of defence, development, education and social welfare ".

Debate continued.

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

15. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1965.—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-

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Administrator.-Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 115, dated 17th August, 1965, from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing), the Bill was read a third time.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past 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 24th August, 1965, pursuant to statute-

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1965—No. 2—Registration of Persons Ordinance Repeal. Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 116.

National Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 114.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 117.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act-

Crown Lands Ordinance-Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserves in Northern Territory-Lots 207, 265 Darwin.

Ordinances-1965-

No. 11—Pearling and Pearl Culture 1964.

No. 12-Hospitals and Medical Services.

No. 13—Education. No. 14—Housing. No. 15—Real Property.

No. 16—Town Planning. No. 17—Control of Waters. No. 18—Legal Practitioners.

No. 19—Lottery and Gaming.

No. 20—Local Government (No. 2). No. 21—Forestry.

Regulations-1965-

No. 10 (Crown Lands Ordinance).

No. 11 (Forestry Ordinance).

No. 12 (Prohibited Drugs Ordinance).

No. 13 (Bush Fires Ordinance).

No. 14 (Social Welfare Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1965-

No. 16—University of Papua and New Guinea. No. 17—Institute of Higher Technical Education. No. 18—Health (Papua).

No. 19—Personal Tax.

No. 20—Personal Tax (Rates). No. 21—Supply (No. 1) 1965-66.

No. 23—Quarantine.

No. 24—Ordinances Interpretation. No. 25—Amendments Incorporation.

No. 26-National Cultural Property (Preservation).

No. 27—Antiquities Ordinance Repeal.

No. 28—Parliamentary Powers and Privileges. No. 29—Unclaimed Moneys.

No. 30—Child Welfare.

No. 31—Papua and New Guinea Place Names. No. 32—Papua and New Guinea Retirement Benefits.

No. 33—Arbitration (Public Service).

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Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 115. Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—M. J. Smith.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determination—1965—No. 91—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughstmen of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1965—No. 12—Seat of Government (Administration).

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Davies, Mr. England, Mr. J. R. Fraser and Mr. Sexton.

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