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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 107.

THURSDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 1 (Committee of Privileges—Report relating to Advertisement in *The Canberra Times* and other Australian Newspapers—Consideration of report) be postponed until after general business.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. ASSENT TO BILL.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that yesterday afternoon, accompanied by the Honorable the Attorney-General, he waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General and personally presented for the Royal Assent the Loan (Housing) Bill 1965 which was the first Bill ready for presentation following the Swearing-in of His Excellency. His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, was pleased to assent to the Bill which is now Act No. 55 of 1965.
5. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Interim Annual Report, for year 1964-65.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1 and 2—Reports for year 1964-65.
6. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Seventy-first Report—The Northern Territory Administration—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Brimblecombe (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed site preparation for the North-West Building Area at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
8. APPEALS TO PRIVY COUNCIL—PROPOSED ABOLITION.—Mr. Whitlam moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of opinion that retention of appeals to the Privy Council from courts in Australia is inconsistent with Australia's status as an independent nation and that steps should be taken as soon as possible to abolish such appeals.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109.
Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notices be extended until fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m.
Debate continued.
The time allotted for precedence to general business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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9. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT RELATING TO ADVERTISEMENT IN “THE CANBERRA TIMES” AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS—BREACH OF PRIVILEGE—CENSURE AND REPRIMAND.—The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Committee of Privileges relating to an Advertisement in *The Canberra Times* and other Australian Newspapers on the 18th August, 1965—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) moved—

That the House agrees with the committee that the advertisement in question involved a breach of Parliamentary Privilege.

That in the opinion of the House the said advertisement was also defamatory of the Honorable the Leader of the Opposition, in that it falsely represented him as using his parliamentary position to advertise a commercial product.

That while the House accepts the committee's finding that the advertisement was published without malice, and recognizes that most of those concerned with its publication have made suitable apologies, it is of opinion that it should record its censure of the advertisement and its reprimand to those concerned in its publication, namely:—

Mr. Robert Lindsay Abbott, Managing Director, British Motor Corporation (Australia) Pty. Ltd.

Mr. Peter Fairfax Smyth, Chairman of Directors, Arthur Smyth & Sons Pty. Ltd.

Mr. Keith Rupert Murdoch, Managing Director, News Limited, *The Australian*.

Mr. David Noel Bowman, Managing Editor, *The Canberra Times*.

Mr. Edmund George Alfred Hallett, General Manager, Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate Pty. Ltd.

Mr. Basil Alfred Williams, Managing Editor, *The Advertiser*.

Mr. Theodor Charles Bray, Editor-in-Chief, *Courier-Mail*.

Sir John Francis Williams, Chairman and Managing Director, Herald and Weekly Times Limited, *Sun News-Pictorial*.

Mr. David Ramsay McNicoll, Editor-in-Chief, Australian Consolidated Press, *Daily Telegraph*.

Mr. George Francis Davies, Chairman of Directors, Davies Brothers Limited, *The Mercury*.

That in the opinion of the House those newspapers who published the advertisement should publish this resolution in full.

Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker stated that he would transmit the resolution of the House to the offenders named therein.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE.—Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11. SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT—OPERATIONS AND CONTROL TOWER BUILDINGS—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 to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House:—Provision of Operations and Control Tower Buildings at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

12. SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT—GROUND PREPARATION FOR INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM—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 to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to this House:—Ground preparation for Instrument Landing System at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

13. SOCIAL SERVICES 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 by Mr. Daly who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, this House condemns the Government for its failure—

(a) to increase age, invalid and widows' pensions and other social service benefits to meet, at least, greatly increased costs and prices, and

(b) to make retrospective to the 1st July, 1965, the increases proposed by the Bill, and is of opinion that a Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee should be appointed—

(c) to ascertain the extent and severity of distress, including distress due to poverty, within the community and recommend the provision of social services, community facilities and other assistance to ensure an adequate degree of well-being and security for the people of Australia, and

(d) to review continually the operation of social service benefits”.

Debate continued.

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

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14. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECH.**—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) speaking for a period not exceeding one hour on the motion for the second reading of the Stevedoring Industry Bill.
Question—put and passed.

15. **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1965.**—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Stevedoring Industry.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Webb), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16. **SOCIAL SERVICES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Daly, viz.:*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, this House condemns the Government for its failure—

- (a) to increase age, invalid and widows' pensions and other social service benefits to meet, at least, greatly increased costs and prices, and
- (b) to make retrospective to the 1st July, 1965, the increases proposed by the Bill, and is of opinion that a Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee should be appointed—
- (c) to ascertain the extent and severity of distress, including distress due to poverty, within the community and recommend the provision of social services, community facilities and other assistance to ensure an adequate degree of well-being and security for the people of Australia, and
- (d) to review continually the operation of social service benefits”—

Debate resumed.

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)—

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Mr. Anthony	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Giles	Mr. King	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Bowen	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Failes	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holten	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Howson	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fox	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Jess	Mr. Pettitt	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robinson	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Benson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Daly	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Nicholls	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Davies	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Devine	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Connor	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Messages from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General—

No. 118, dated 22nd September, 1965, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill, and

No. 119, dated 22nd September, 1965, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of an amendment to be moved to the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

17. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1965.**—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 198, dated 23rd September, 1965, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “An Act to amend the ‘Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940-1964’”.

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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18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Sinclair (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1965.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past 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 23rd September, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, Nos. 141, 142, 143.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Award—1965—C No. 1318—Amalgamated Engineering Union (Australian Section) and others.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, Nos. 135, 136.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, Nos. 138, 139.

Lands Acquisition Act—Easement acquired for postal purposes—Municipality of Campbelltown, New South Wales.

Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 137.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 140.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Allan*, Mr. Aston*, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Bosman, Mr. Cockle, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Holt, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Sexton*, Mr. Swartz and Mr. Uren*.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.