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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 132.

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past nine o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, by leave, That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:—
 18. Superannuation Fund—Distribution of Surplus—Ministerial Statement, 26th August, 1965—Motion to take note of Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the paper.
 24. Commonwealth Superannuation Fund—Disposal of Surplus—Ministerial Statement, 25th March, 1965—Motion to take note of Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the paper.
 26. Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Scheme—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the House take note of the paper.
 Question—put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES.—Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
6. 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.
7. PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1965.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1963* in relation to Exemptions and Rebates.
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.
8. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL (No. 2) 1965.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 92c of the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942-1964*, as amended by the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1965*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Hulme 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.
9. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Sulphuric Acid and Pyrites Bounty Acts.
Ordered to be printed.
10. SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1965.—Mr. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954-1960*, as amended by the *Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1965*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Bury 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.

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11. PYRITES BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 1965.—Mr. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pyrites Bounty Act* 1960, as amended by the *Pyrites Bounty Act* 1965.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Bury 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.
12. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VETERANS' RESIDENCES BILL 1965.—Mr. Howson (Minister for Air), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act* 1953.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Howson 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.
13. HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE CORPORATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing), by leave, made a ministerial statement regarding the classes of loans to be dealt with by the Housing Loans Insurance Corporation which would commence its business operations to-morrow in all States.
14. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Kelly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
15. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
25th November, 1965—Message—
No. 232—States Grants (Special Assistance) 1965.
No. 233—Currency 1965.
No. 234—Decimal Currency Board 1965.
No. 235—Reserve Bank 1965.
No. 236—Foot and Mouth Disease 1965.
No. 237—Judiciary 1965.
No. 238—Judges' Remuneration 1965.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
17. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BILLS RELATING TO DECIMAL CURRENCY.—Mr. Forbes (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr. Holt (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent thirty Bills relating to decimal currency—
(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings of all the Bills together; and
(b) the consideration of the Bills separately in one committee of the whole.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
18. BILLS RELATING TO DECIMAL CURRENCY—AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) (No. 2), AUDIT, BANKING, BANKRUPTCY (DECIMAL CURRENCY), BUTTER FAT LEVY (No. 2), CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES, CHRISTMAS ISLAND, COMMONWEALTH BANKS, AND CUSTOMS (No. 3) BILLS 1965, CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1966 [1965], DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES, EGG EXPORT CHARGES, ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT (No. 2), EXCISE, EXCISE TARIFF (No. 2), HONEY LEVY (No. 1A), HONEY LEVY (No. 2A), INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT (No. 2), INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE, NATIONAL HEALTH (No. 2), PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES (DECIMAL CURRENCY), PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT (No. 2), POST AND TELEGRAPH, POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES, PYRITES BOUNTY (No. 3), SOCIAL SERVICES (No. 2), STATES GRANTS (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS) (No. 2), TAXATION ADMINISTRATION, AND WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILLS 1965.—Mr. Forbes (Minister assisting the Treasurer), for Mr. Holt (Treasurer), presented the following Bills:—
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Navigation (Charges) Act* 1952–1964, as amended by the *Air Navigation (Charges) Act* 1965, in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act* 1901–1964 in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Banking Act* 1959 in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act* 1924–1960, as amended by the *Judges' Remuneration Act* 1965, in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Butter Fat Levy Act* 1965 in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act* 1926–1963 in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Christmas Island Act* 1958–1963 in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Banks Act* 1959–1963 in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend various Acts relating to the Customs in connexion with Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Dried Fruits Export Charges Act* 1924–1964 in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Egg Export Charges Act* 1947 in relation to Decimal Currency;
A Bill for an Act to amend the *Estate Duty Assessment Act* 1914–1963, as amended by the *Estate Duty Assessment Act* 1965, in relation to Decimal Currency;

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- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act 1901–1963* in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff 1921–1964*, as amended by the *Excise Tariff 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Honey Levy Act (No. 1) 1962*, as amended by the *Honey Levy Act (No. 1) 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Honey Levy Act (No. 2) 1962*, as amended by the *Honey Levy Act (No. 2) 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936–1964*, as amended by the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1965* and the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Insurance Act 1932–1963* in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Act 1945–1961* in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953–1964*, as amended by the *National Health Act 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1964*, as amended by the *Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941–1963*, as amended by the *Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1961* in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902–1964* in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Pyrites Bounty Act 1960*, as amended by the *Pyrites Bounty Act 1965* and by the *Pyrites Bounty Act (No. 2) 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Services Act 1947–1964*, as amended by the *Social Services Act 1965*, in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act 1965* in relation to Decimal Currency;
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Taxation Administration Act 1953–1964* in relation to Decimal Currency; and
 A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1963* in relation to Decimal Currency.

Bills together read a first time.

Mr. Forbes moved, That the Bills 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.

19. TRADE PRACTICES 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. Whitlam 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 notes with approval that, in response to public pressure, the Government has introduced this limited Bill but deplores:—

- (1) the Government’s failure to hold a referendum, as unanimously recommended by the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review in its Reports presented to the House on 1st October, 1958, and 26th November, 1959, to give the Parliament power to make comprehensive national laws with respect to restrictive trade practices; and
- (2) its abandonment of a substantial part of the proposals of the former Attorney-General for legislation on restrictive trade practices and monopolies, as outlined to the House on the 6th December, 1962, particularly with respect to resale price maintenance, persistent price cutting, monopolization and mergers ”.

Debate continued.

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

20. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

25th November, 1965—Message—

No. 239—Matrimonial Causes 1965.

No. 240—States Grants (Research) 1965.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General) 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 nine o’clock a.m.

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

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 169.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1965, No. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Cockle, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Galvin, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Maisey, Mr. Peters and Mr. Stokes*.

* On leave.

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