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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 140.

THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Cameron presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Australian Government withdraw our troops from, and call for an immediate cessation of hostilities in, Vietnam, and through world leaders seek a conference of conflicting parties aimed at permanent peace and self-determination of the Vietnamese people based on the principles of the 1954 Geneva Accords. Mr. Bryant presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government repeal the Wards' Employment Ordinance and legislate to provide at least the basic wage for all Aboriginal workers in the Northern Territory. Petitions severally received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—United Nations—  
Conference on Trade and Development, Geneva, 23rd March to 16th June, 1964—  
Final Act and Report.  
Statement by the Rt. Hon. J. McEwen, M.P., Minister for Trade and Industry, at the Conference, 26th March, 1964.  
Statement by Mr. A. P. Fleming, O.B.E., Head of the Australian Delegation, to the Conference, 10th June, 1964.  
General Assembly—Resolution 1995 (XIX) establishing the Conference on Trade and Development.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—  
Seventy-sixth Report—Treasury Minute on the Sixty-fourth Report together with summaries of that report;  
Seventy-seventh Report—Treasury Regulation 53—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the reports.  
Ordered—That the reports be printed.
6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past nine o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—GORE HILL TELEVISION STUDIOS—BUILDING EXTENSIONS.—Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1965*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Construction of building extensions and provision of central air-conditioning plant at Gore Hill Television Studios.  
Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.  
Question—put and passed.
8. ERECTION OF COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, PERTH—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 1913-1965*, 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 Commonwealth Offices, Perth.  
Question—put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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10. **SULPHURIC ACID BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 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 Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 150, dated 24th November, 1965, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply), the Bill was read a third time.
11. **PYRITES BOUNTY BILL (No. 2) 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—  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 151, dated 24th November, 1965, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply), the Bill was read a third time.
12. **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VETERANS' RESIDENCES 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.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*(In the committee.)*

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Howson (Minister for Air), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:—

“ 5A. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (3.) Accounts and audit.  
the word ‘ Treasurer ’ and inserting in its stead the word ‘ Minister ’.”

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Howson, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. **NAURU 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. Beazley 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, while not opposing the passage of the Bill, regrets that the Nauru Agreement between the three Governments set out in the second schedule contains no terms which provide for the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the indentured labourers in the phosphate industry ”.  
Debate continued.  
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, 55.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bosman	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Forbes	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Robinson	
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Fox	Mr. Jack	Mr. Shaw	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jess	Mr. Sinclair	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Aston
Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Giles	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Gray	Mr. Jones	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Benson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. Harding	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Devine	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fulton	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Johnson	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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

14. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—ELEVENTH REPORT.**—Mr. G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

## ELEVENTH REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:—

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 2nd June, 1964, to 30th June, 1965.

Commonwealth Railways Act—Commonwealth Railways Commissioner—Report for year 1964–65.

Currency Act—Decimal Currency Board—

Second Annual Report, for year 1964–65, together with the Treasurer's Report on the operation of Part V. of the Act.

Supplementary Report for period 1st July to 30th September, 1965.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Annual Report on operations of the act, and insofar as they relate to Australia, of the International Monetary Fund Agreement and the International Bank Agreement, for year 1964–65.

Inter-Parliamentary Union—54th Conference held at Ottawa, September, 1965—Report of the Australian Delegation.

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Mr. Erwin moved, by leave, That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

15. TEMPLE SOCIETY TRUST FUND 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

16. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL (NO. 2) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

17. 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], DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS (NO. 3), 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), SUPERANNUATION (NO. 2), TAXATION ADMINISTRATION, AND WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILLS 1965.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bills be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed.—Bills together read a second time.

*Messages from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of messages from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the following Bills:—

No. 152, dated 9th December, 1965—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Bill (No. 3) 1965;

No. 153, dated 25th November, 1965—Parliamentary Retiring Allowances (Decimal Currency) Bill 1965; and

No. 154, dated 9th December, 1965—Superannuation Bill (No. 2) 1965.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the Bills were together read a third time.

18. BRIGALOW LANDS AGREEMENT 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 Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 155, dated 7th December, 1965, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Forbes (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

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

9th December, 1965—Message—

No. 252—Income Tax (International Agreements) 1965.

No. 253—Income Tax (Non-resident Dividends) 1965 (*without requests*).

20. WEIPA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 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.

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*Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 156, dated 7th December, 1965, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Sinclair (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

21. NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE FORCES BENEFITS 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.

The debate having been closed by Mr. Swartz (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) having spoken in reply—

Mr. Bryant, by leave, addressed the House.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Swartz, the Bill was read a third time.

22. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past 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 9th December, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Treasury—M. R. Coleman, G. T. Doody.

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

No. 239—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 253—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 254—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 255—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 256—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners' of Australia and others.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Bate, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Bury, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Cockle, Mr. Connor, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davies, Mr. England, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McMahon and Mr. Peters.

A. G. TURNER,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*