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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 143.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1966.

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. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
3. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1964-65.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1964-65.
4. SIR ROBERT MENZIES—RETIREMENT.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) referred to the retirement of Sir Robert Menzies, and moved, That to mark the retirement from this Parliament of our former colleague and Member for Kooyong, the Right Honorable Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, K.T., C.H., Q.C., after a distinguished public career encompassing 6 years in the Parliament of the State of Victoria, and over 31 years in membership of the House of Representatives, including 16 consecutive years as Prime Minister, this House places on record its recognition of his long, able and devoted service to Australia, to the Commonwealth of Nations and to the institution of Parliament, and extends to him and Dame Pattie Menzies its sincerest good wishes.
Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) having addressed the House in support thereof—
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPERANNUATION FUND—DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the progress being made in the work associated with the distribution of the surplus in the Superannuation Fund.
6. SOFTWOOD PLANTING IN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement with respect to the decision of the Government to offer financial assistance to the States for the expansion of softwood planting in Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Softwood Planting in Australia—Ministerial statement, 9th March, 1966—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
7. IMMIGRATION POLICY AFFECTING NON-EUROPEANS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a ministerial statement with respect to the decisions of the Government concerning the operation of immigration policy affecting non-European people, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Immigration Policy affecting Non-Europeans—Ministerial statement, 9th March, 1966—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—NEW LABORATORIES FOR C.S.I.R.O., INDOOROOPILLY, QUEENSLAND.—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:—Proposed new laboratories for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization at Indooroopilly, Queensland.

Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

9. AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SHIPPING COMMISSION BILL 1966.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 30 of the *Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act 1956–1964* and to amend that Act in relation to Decimal Currency.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Freeth 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.

10. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1966.—Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal section 6 of the *Australian Capital Territory Representation Act 1948–1959*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

11. LOAN (AIRLINES EQUIPMENT) BILL 1966.—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. Crean 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, whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, is of opinion that the financing of the purchase of aircraft by the Australian National Airlines Commission and Qantas Empire Airways Limited should be met from revenue and not from a loan raised overseas ”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pettitt
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chipp	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Cockle	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Killen	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Barnes	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Gibson	Mr. King	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bosman	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowen	Mr. England	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Sir K. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Nixon	Mr. Aston
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Forbes	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Gray	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Benson	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Webb
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Clark	Mr. Davies	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Collard	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Connor	Mr. Fulton	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.

Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 162, dated 8th March, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

12. ECONOMIC ENQUIRY—REPORT OF COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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. Hulme (Postmaster-General):—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on the 21st September, 1965*), viz.:—

Economic Enquiry—Report of Committee—

Volumes I, II and Index, and

Ministerial statement, 21st September, 1965—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speeches.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Crean and Mr. McMahon (Treasurer) each speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute 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 9th March, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Nauru Act—Ordinance—1966—No. 3—Executive Council.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 68.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 67.

Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 66.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Costa*, Mr. Giles and Mr. Jess.

* On leave.

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