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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 144.

THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1966.

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. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—Fourteenth General Report and Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1965.
4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ABORIGINES) BILL 1966.—Mr. Wentworth, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution so as to advance the interests of aboriginal natives and to eliminate racial discrimination within the Commonwealth of Australia.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Wentworth moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate, by leave, 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. Cleaver 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.
5. ECONOMIC ENQUIRY—REPORT OF COMMITTEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED.—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—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.
6. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 10TH MARCH, 1966—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on foreign affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—  
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 10th March, 1966—  
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
7. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION 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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior), the Bill was read a third time.

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8. COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—ELEVENTH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—PAPER NOTED.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Eleventh Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Wellington, New Zealand, November–December, 1965—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. 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 eighteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 10th March, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Christmas Island Act—Ordinances—1966—

No. 1—Interpretation.

No. 2—Census.

No. 3—District Court.

No. 4—Criminal Procedure Code.

No. 5—Police Force.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinances—1966—

No. 1—Interpretation.

No. 2—Coinage Ordinance Repeal.

No. 3—Medical Charges.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1966—

No. 16—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 21—Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 22—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 23—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 24—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 25—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Birrell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Costa\*, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Jess and Mr. Nicholls.

\* On leave.

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