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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 146.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH 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. ADDITIONAL HOUSING FINANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that it had been agreed with the States to provide additional finance for housing during the current financial year under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
 Additional Housing Finance—Ministerial statement, 16th March, 1966—
 and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
4. CASE OF GUNNER O'NEILL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. J. M. Fraser (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the circumstances associated with the punishment and court martial of Gunner O'Neill in Vietnam, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
 Case of Gunner O'Neill—Ministerial statement, 16th March, 1966—
 and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Galvin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
5. ROAD FROM TOP SPRINGS TO WAVE HILL, NORTHERN TERRITORY—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:—Construction of the Top Springs to Wave Hill Road, Northern Territory.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
6. STATEMENT OF POLICY BY NEW GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—
 The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Holt (Prime Minister):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 8th March, 1966*), viz.:—
 Statement of Policy by New Government—Ministerial statement, 8th March, 1966—
And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House records—
 (1) its most emphatic opposition to the despatch of conscripted youths for service in Vietnam and the increased military commitment in that country, and
 (2) its disapproval of and grave concern at the Government's failure—
 (a) to maintain the purchasing power of the Australian community;
 (b) to retain an adequate and proper Australian share in the ownership and development of our national resources, particularly in Northern Australia;
 (c) to alleviate the effects of the drought and take steps to rehabilitate rural industries and conserve water resources;
 (d) to make adequate provision for housing and associated community facilities, and
 (e) to submit to referendum the two Bills to alter the Constitution in respect of Aborigines and the Parliament which were passed last year and, in connexion with the latter Bill, to disclose the related distribution proposals"—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Coutts), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

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7. CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 3 (1966)—Mr. Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 3 (1966).
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—
Copper and brass strip, &c.
Garage and workshop test equipment.
Glass grains (Ballotini).
Peanuts, peanut oil and olive oil.
Phenol formaldehyde moulding material (Dumping and Subsidies Act).
Severally ordered to be printed.

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Debate resumed.

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

10. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, by leave—
(1) That Mr. J. M. Fraser be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.
(2) That until such time as Opposition Members of the House of Representatives are nominated to serve on the committee, Mr. Bowen be a member of the committee.
(3) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by message.
Question—put and passed.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:—
16th March, 1966—Message No. 271—Customs Tariff Validation 1966.

12. 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 twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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

* On leave.

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