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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 147.

THURSDAY, 17TH 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. DEATH OF SENATOR R. D. SHERRINGTON.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 16th March, of Senator R. D. Sherrington, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Robert Duncan Sherrington, a Senator from the State of Queensland, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General) and Mr. Stokes having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. NATIONAL RADIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
National Radiation Advisory Committee—Report dated November, 1965.
Mr. Holt, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
National Radiation Advisory Committee—Report dated November, 1965—Ministerial statement, 17th March, 1966—
and moved, That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
5. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr. Hasluck, Senator Gorton (Minister for Works) would act as Minister for External Affairs. Mr. Holt stated that he would deal with external affairs matters in this House.
6. JUDICIARY BILL 1966.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judiciary Act* 1903-1965 in relation to Legal Practitioners and in relation to the Application of that Act in the Territories of the Commonwealth.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Snedden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
7. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1966.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act* 1933-1965 in relation to Barristers and Solicitors.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Snedden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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8. 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.

9. 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. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

17th March, 1966—Message No. 272—Loan (Airlines Equipment) 1966.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the appointment of a Senator to the following committee:—

17th March, 1966—Message No. 273—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Senator Branson in place of Senator Scott, resigned.

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 twenty-five minutes to six 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 17th March, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Prime Minister—J. E. Digby.

Repatriation—D. G. Alsop.

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

* On leave.

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