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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 150.

THURSDAY, 24TH 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. PETITION.—Mr. Wentworth presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that action be taken, through Constitution alteration referendum proposals, to give the Commonwealth power to make laws for the advancement of the Aboriginal people and prevent the making of laws which would discriminate against any person born or naturalized in Australia.
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Seventy-eighth Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1964-65;
Seventy-ninth Report—Treasury Minutes on the Sixty-eighth, Seventieth and Seventy-second Reports together with summaries of those reports—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the reports.
Ordered—That the reports be printed.
5. RIVER SYSTEMS CONTROL AUTHORITY.—Mr. Allan moved, pursuant to notice, That the Commonwealth should establish a planning and constructing authority in association with the States to regulate the flow of all major river systems in Australia including the Darling River and its tributaries in Queensland and New South Wales.
Mr. Patterson moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—" and should incorporate the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority's investigation, design and construction teams in the proposed authority "
Debate continued.
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. Whitlam 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.
6. IMMIGRATION POLICY AFFECTING NON-EUROPEANS—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. Opperman (Minister for Immigration):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 9th March, 1966*), viz.:—
Immigration Policy affecting Non-Europeans—Ministerial statement, 9th March, 1966—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Daly be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Fox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
7. SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY BILL 1966.—Mr. Howson (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty Act 1962-1964*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Howson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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8. IMMIGRATION POLICY AFFECTING NON-EUROPEANS—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. Opperman (Minister for Immigration):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 9th March, 1966*), viz.:—

Immigration Policy affecting Non-Europeans—Ministerial statement, 9th March, 1966—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Peters), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

9. STATEMENT OF POLICY BY NEW GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED.—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.

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, 60.

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

10. 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 four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Costa*, Mr. Davies, Mr. Failes, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. McEwen and Mr. McIvor.

* On leave.

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