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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 153.

THURSDAY, 31ST 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. Luchetti 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.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—REPORT DATED 17TH MARCH, 1966.—Mr. Speaker (Chairman) brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a report, dated 17th March, 1966, together with proposed amendments to the standing orders of the House of Representatives.
Ordered to be printed.
Ordered—That the consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
5. RURAL CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the arrangements made by the Government for the provision of rural credit.
Mr. Pollard, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
Mr. Robinson asked leave to make a statement in connexion with the matter.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
6. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA—CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the future constitutional development of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Papua and New Guinea—Constitutional Development—Ministerial statement, 31st 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.
7. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Eightieth Report—Department of Customs and Excise—Excise Control Procedures—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Brimblecombe (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—
Report relating to the proposed provision of building extensions and central air-conditioning plant at A.B.C. Television Studios, Gore Hill, New South Wales—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 19th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

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10. 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:—

30th March, 1966—Message No. 167—Australian Capital Territory Representation 1966.

12. ROAD FROM NEAR HUMPTY DOO TO MOUNT BUNDEY, 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 that the following proposed work should be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—Construction of a road from near Humpty Doo to Mount Bunday in the Northern Territory.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cockle	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Jack	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Armstrong	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Jess	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Bosman	Mr. Drury	Mr. Giles	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bowen	Mr. England	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holten	Mr. Mackay	Sir K. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Maisey	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Aston
Mr. Chaney	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Pettitt	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Collard	Mr. Fulton	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Connor	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Uren
Mr. Benson	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harding	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Patterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Jones
Mr. Clark	Mr. Devine	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Reynolds	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. ALIENS BILL 1966.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aliens Act 1947–1965*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

14. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1966.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948–1960*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15. MIGRATION BILL 1966.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Immigration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958–1964* in relation to Persons included in the Complements or Crews of Vessels, and in relation to Decimal Currency.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

16. POST AND TELEGRAPH 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. Hulme (Postmaster-General), the Bill was read a third time.

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17. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 10TH MARCH, 1966—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. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 10th March, 1966*), viz.:—
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 10th March, 1966—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Haworth), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—
31st March, 1966—Message No. 276—Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty 1966.
19. STATE OF THE ECONOMY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement reviewing the national economy, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
State of the Economy—Ministerial statement, 31st March, 1966—
and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, by leave, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Crean speaking for a period not exceeding 40 minutes.
Question—put and passed.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Peters), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
20. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 10TH MARCH, 1966—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. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 10th March, 1966*), viz.:—
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 10th March, 1966—
Debate resumed.
Member named and suspended.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Reid (Mr. Uren) for continuing to interject after having been warned by the Chair.
Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Reid be suspended from the service of the House.
Question—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 58.

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at two minutes to ten o'clock p.m. for twenty-four hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

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

21. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—PURCHASE OF ORION AIRCRAFT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Howson (Minister for Air), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the purchase of ten Orion maritime reconnaissance aircraft for the re-equipment of No. 11 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force.
22. FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOINT COMMITTEE. Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, by leave—
(1) That Mr. Hughes be appointed a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in the place of Mr. J. M. Fraser, discharged from attendance.
(2) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by message.
Question—put and passed.

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23. PRINTING COMMITTEE—TWELFTH REPORT.—Mr. G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

TWELFTH REPORT.

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee and other Papers, the consideration of which had been deferred, recommends that the following be printed:—

Christmas Island—Report for year 1964–65.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1964–65.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Report of Australian Delegation to the Eleventh Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, held at Wellington, New Zealand, November–December, 1965.

Immigration Policy affecting non-Europeans, Ministerial Statement, 9th March, 1966.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1964–65.

Northern Territory—Report for year 1964–65.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1964–65.

Treasury Information Bulletin—

National Accounting Estimates of Public Authority Receipts and Expenditure—Supplements, August and December, 1965.

Private Overseas Investment in Australia—Supplement, May, 1965.

Projections of the Work-Force, 1963–76—Supplement, April, 1965.

The Australian Balance of Payments—Supplement, February, 1966.

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G. D. ERWIN,
Chairman.

Mr. Erwin moved, by leave, That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Daly rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Fairbairn moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, the 19th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 31st March, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 72.

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Shipping and Transport—R. E. Molineux.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 71.

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

No. 35—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 36—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 37—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 38—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.

No. 39—North Australian Workers' Union.

No. 40—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 41—Amalgamated Engineering Union (Australian Section); and Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia.

No. 42—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

Spirits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 73.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bate, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Killen, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Riordan and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

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