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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 154.

TUESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1966.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having informed the House that Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) was unavoidably absent on Parliamentary business, the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Lucock) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Acting Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:—  
*His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.*  
To PHILIP ERNEST LUCOCK, Esquire, M.P., Acting Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

## GREETING:

WHEREAS by section forty-two of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution: NOW THEREFORE I, RICHARD GARDINER, BARON CASEY, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you during any absence of the Speaker, at Parliament House, Canberra, to administer the said Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the House of Representatives.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this sixteenth (L.S.) day of April, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

CASEY

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

HAROLD HOLT

Prime Minister.

4. RETURN TO WRIT—KOOYONG DIVISION.—Mr. Acting Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which Mr. Speaker had issued on the 3rd March for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Kooyong, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Right Honorable Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, K.T., C.H., Q.C. By the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Andrew Sharp Peacock had been elected.
5. MEMBER SWORN.—Andrew Sharp Peacock was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
6. 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.

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7. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during his forthcoming absence abroad, Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) would act as Prime Minister. Mr. Holt also informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Senator Henty (Minister for Supply), Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Defence) would act as Minister for Supply, and, in the Senate, Senator Gorton (Minister for Works) would lead the Government and represent the portfolios of the Prime Minister and the Treasurer, Senator Anderson would represent the Minister for Trade and Industry and the Acting Minister for Supply and Senator McKellar would represent the Minister for National Development.
- Mr. Holt further informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) would act as Attorney-General.

## 8. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper.*—Mr. Cameron, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr. Holt (Prime Minister), and Mr. Holt having stated that the document contained the names of several people and not having tabled the document—

*Point of order.*—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) raised a point of order that under the standing order Mr. Holt could refuse to table the document only if he claimed it to be of a confidential nature.

*Acting Speaker's ruling.*—Mr. Acting Speaker ruled that the remarks of Mr. Holt were within the scope of the standing order.

*Dissent from ruling.*—Mr. Calwell moved, That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 56.

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Questions without notice continued.

9. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on Administration of Nauru for year 1964–65.

The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—

Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Eighteenth Annual Report, for year 1964–65.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—

1st April, 1966—Message No. 168—Australian Coastal Shipping Commission 1966.

5th April, 1966—Message No. 169—Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty 1966.

11. 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.

Mr. Robinson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

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12. STATE OF THE ECONOMY—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. McMahon (Treasurer):—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on the 31st March, 1966*), viz.:—  
State of the Economy—Ministerial statement, 31st March, 1966—

Debate resumed.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 19th April, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—G. L. Salom.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 75.

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).

High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 76.

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 74.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—

Bayley Plains, South Australia.

Lowbank, South Australia.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1966—

No. 3—Adelaide Sewers Acts Repeal.

No. 4—Foot and Mouth Disease Compensation.

No. 5—Housing Loans.

No. 6—National Parks and Gardens.

No. 7—Pounds.

No. 8—Tourist Board.

No. 9—Darwin Hospital Advisory Board.

No. 10—Local Government.

No. 11—Local Government (No. 2).

No. 12—Motor Vehicles.

Regulations—1966—

No. 4 (Hospitals and Medical Services Ordinance).

No. 5 (Foot and Mouth Disease Compensation Ordinance).

No. 6 (Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Ordinance).

No. 7 (Traffic Ordinance).

No. 8 (Supply of Services Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1966—No. 7—Industrial Organizations 1965.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 78.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Air—D. L. Collins.

Attorney-General—K. Wyver.

Health—G. Howells.

Interior—F. H. Ella.

Shipping and Transport—W. H. Gwynne.

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

No. 28—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 43—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 44—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.

No. 45—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

No. 47—Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 48—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 49—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 50—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 51—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 52—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.

Reserve Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 77.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1966—No. 5—Districts.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Costa, Mr. Cross, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Killen and Mr. King.

A. G. TURNER,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*