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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 162.

THURSDAY, 5TH MAY, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Johnson presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government repeal the Wards' Employment Ordinance and legislate to provide at least the basic wage for all Aboriginal workers in the Northern Territory.
Petition received and read.
A similar petition was presented by Mr. Wentworth, and was received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. DEFENCE SUPPLIES.—Mr. Galvin moved, pursuant to notice, That this House deplores the failure of the Government to make adequate provision for Australia's defence supplies and the development of industries associated with these supplies.
Debate ensued.
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. Bryant 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.
5. STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT ASSISTANCE) BILL 1966.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States of New South Wales and Queensland in relation to the Alleviation of the effects of Drought.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill now be read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. QUEENSLAND BEEF CATTLE ROADS AGREEMENT BILL 1966.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Queensland Beef Cattle Roads Agreement Act 1962*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. McMahon moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Luchetti), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
7. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BILL 1966.—Mr. Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement to amend the Financial Agreement, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Howson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
8. THERAPEUTIC GOODS BILL 1966.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.
 Clauses 7 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.
 Clause 10 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 11 to 18, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.
 Clauses 19 to 22, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.
 Clause 23 agreed to.
 Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr. Mackinnon reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Forbes (Minister for Health), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. REMOVAL OF DOCUMENTS FROM MEMBER'S ROOM—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Patterson, by leave, made a statement informing the House that on his arrival at Parliament House this morning he had found his room in disorder with letters and documents scattered around and that some files containing personal documents had been removed. He appealed to the person or persons who had removed the documents, which were important to him and his constituents, to return them to him. He had reported the matter to Mr. Speaker.
- Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connexion with the matter and requested Mr. Speaker to intervene again as such an incident had occurred twice in a fortnight to Members of the Opposition.
- Mr. Speaker stated that inquiries had been set in train and that he would report to the House. He viewed the matter most seriously as many innocent people were implicated.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BANKRUPTCY BILL 1966.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:—
- MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 284.
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Bankruptcy*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
- A. M. McMULLIN,
President.
- The Senate,
Canberra, 5th May, 1966.
- Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
11. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) 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. Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
12. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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.
- Mr. Harding 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.
13. PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SOUTH EAST ASIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to his recent visit to South East Asia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
- Prime Minister's Visit to South East Asia—Ministerial statement, 5th May, 1966—
- and moved, That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
14. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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. Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
15. LOAN 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.
- Message from the Governor-General.*—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 180, dated 3rd May, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
- Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
- On the motion of Mr. Howson (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
16. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1965-66.—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.
- Debate adjourned (Mr. Killen), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1966.—Mr. Speaker reported message No. 285, dated 5th May, 1966, from the Senate transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States for the purpose of Housing*".
- Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

5th May, 1966—Message No. 286—Quarantine 1966.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven 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 5th May, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—

Bowning, New South Wales.

Yass, New South Wales.

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

Nos. 68 and 69—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 70—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1966—No. 7—Attachment of Wages Limitation.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bate, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Costa, Mr. Davies, Mr. Giles, Mr. Hulme, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Snedden.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.