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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 165.

THURSDAY, 12TH 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. PETITION.—Mr. Bosman presented a petition from certain citizens of the Electoral Division of St. George praying that particular steps be taken by the Commonwealth Government to lessen the noise hazard emanating from aircraft using Sydney Kingsford-Smith Airport.  
Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
4. PAPERS.—The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Communist China Foreign Ministry—Statement relating to Russian aid to Vietnam published in the Daily News Release, dated 4th May, 1966, of the Hsinhua News Agency.  
Foreign Affairs—Joint Committee—Paper on the United Nations prepared by the Committee.
5. NORTHERN TERRITORY ORDINANCES—WITHHOLDING OF ASSENT—STATEMENTS OF REASONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the withholding of assent to the Local Government Ordinance 1965 and the Agricultural Development Leases Ordinance 1965 which had been passed by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory. Mr. Barnes then presented, pursuant to statute, the following papers:—  
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1965—  
Agricultural Development Leases, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance, and  
Local Government, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent to the Ordinance—  
and moved, That the House take note of the papers.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Nelson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past nine o'clock a.m.  
Mr. Bryant addressing 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 motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE.—Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
9. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1966—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendments requested by the Senate.

*(In the committee.)*

## SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

- No. 1.—Pages 3 and 4, clause 6, leave out sub-section (3.) of proposed section 17A., insert—  
“(3.) If, in column 4 in the First Schedule, the letters ‘NZ’ are specified in relation to a rate of duty and those letters are followed by the letter ‘(C)’, that rate of duty shall, in respect of goods entered for home consumption on and after the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, be read as a reference to that rate reduced by one-fifth.”
- No. 2.—Page 12, First Schedule, Tariff Amendment 14, sub-paragraph 07.05.412, column 4, leave out “NZ (A): \$0.12 per lb.”, insert “NZ: \$0.12 per lb.”
- No. 3.—Page 13, First Schedule, Tariff Amendment 14, sub-paragraph 07.05.492, column 4, leave out “NZ (A): \$0.12 per lb.”, insert “NZ: \$0.12 per lb.”

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Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) moved, That the requested amendments be not made.  
Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 62.

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

## NOES, 40.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the House adopted the report.

10. LOAN (DEFENCE) 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. 183, dated 11th May, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BANKRUPTCY BILL 1966.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 295.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Bankruptcy*", and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist on its Amendment disagreed to by the House, and has agreed to the Amendment made by the House in place thereof.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 12th May, 1966.

12. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (BEEF CATTLE ROADS) 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. 184, dated 26th April, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*Proposed new clauses*—

Mr. Luchetti moved, by leave, That the following new clauses be inserted in the Bill:—

"3A. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word 'Treasurer' and inserting in its stead the words 'Minister for National Development'." Approval of works.

"4A. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word 'Treasurer' (first occurring) and inserting in its stead the words 'Minister for National Development'." Standards of design and construction.

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the new clauses proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr. Lucock, in the Chair)—

AYES, 40.

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

NOES, 57.

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

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

13. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Freeth (Minister representing the Minister for Works) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913-1965*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Progressive rebuilding in permanent construction of H.M.A.S. Leeuwin, Western Australia, and provision of a new combined mess, galley and recreation centre for junior sailors and junior recruits.

Mr. Freeth presented plans in connexion with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

15. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL 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 by Mr. Daly who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House is of opinion that the vote should be given to all persons in the call-up age group".

*Speaker's ruling.*—Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was out of order as it was too far removed from the Defence Force aspect of the subject of the Bill to be permissible under the standing orders and practice of the House.

*Dissent from ruling.*—Mr. A. D. Fraser moved, That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued on the motion of dissent.

Question—That the ruling be dissented from—put.

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

AYES, 42.

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

NOES, 59.

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

And so it was negatived.

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Debate on motion—That the Bill be now read a second time—continued by Mr. Galvin who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House is of opinion that the vote should be given to all persons in the Defence Force who have attained the age of eighteen years ”.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Fairbairn—Minister for National Development), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

16. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, pursuant to notice, That standing order 103 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this week.

Question—put and passed.

17. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Galvin, viz.:*—That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House is of opinion that the vote should be given to all persons in the Defence Force who have attained the age of eighteen years ”—

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, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cockle	Mr. Gibbs	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Allan	Sir J. Cramer	Mr. Gibson	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Giles	Mr. King	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hallett	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. Barnes	Mr. England	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Bosman	Mr. G. D. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowen	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Holten	Mr. Maisey	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bridges-Maxwell	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Nixon	Sir K. Wilson
Mr. Bury	Mr. Fox	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. K. M. K. Cairns	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. L. H. Irwin	Mr. Peacock	Mr. Kelly
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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Connor	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Webb
Mr. Benson	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hansen	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Birrell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Harding	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Daly	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Patterson	
Mr. J. F. Cairns	Mr. Davies	Mr. Hayden	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Devine	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Collard	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Jones

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

18. REMOVAL OF DOCUMENTS FROM MEMBER'S ROOM—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the police investigation which was commenced following the removal of personal papers last week from the room of Mr. Patterson had not yet been completed. Since this second case of intrusion into a Member's room and the removal of documents, action had been taken to increase the internal security of the building and further means to this end were under consideration. It was, however, advisable for personal property of value or importance to be kept under lock and key and Members who did not have desk and door keys could obtain them from the Serjeant-at-Arms.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1966.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 296.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate does not press its requests for Amendments, which the House of Representatives has not made, and has agreed to the Bill.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 12th May, 1966.

A. M. McMULLIN,  
President.

20. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

- 12th May, 1966—Message—
  - No. 297—Customs 1966.
  - No. 298—Therapeutic Goods 1966.
  - No. 299—Financial Agreement 1966.

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

THIRTEENTH 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 another Paper, the consideration of which had been deferred, recommends that the following be printed:—

- Educational Television Services—Report of Advisory Committee to the Australian Broadcasting Control Board, dated 12th October, 1964.
- Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the administration of Nauru, for year 1964–65.
- New Guinea—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the administration of New Guinea, for year 1964–65.
- Paper on the United Nations prepared by the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- Papua—Annual Report, for year 1964–65.

G. D. ERWIN,  
Chairman.

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

Question—put and passed.

22. STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT ASSISTANCE) 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 by Mr. Pollard.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 13TH MAY, 1966.

Debate continued by Mr. Pollard who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ while welcoming the measure of drought relief provided by the Bill the House is of opinion that the Bill should state in more precise terms the manner in which it is intended that the assistance will be distributed ”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 185, dated 5th 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.

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Howson (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past nine o'clock a.m.

PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 12th May, 1966, pursuant to statute—

- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 87.
- Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
  - Prime Minister—G. D. Walters.
  - Works—A. D. Douthwaite.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Aston, Mr. Bate, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Costa, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fulton and Mr. Mortimer.

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

