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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 169.

THURSDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 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. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that a party of Members of the House of Assembly for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea was present in the gallery of the House. On behalf of the House, Mr. Speaker extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
3. PETITIONS.—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.
Mr. Bryant presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government remove section 127, and the words discriminating against Aborigines in section 51, of the Commonwealth Constitution, by the holding of a referendum at an early date.
Mr. J. F. Cairns presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government implement Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by providing increased social service and housing benefits for the aged, the invalid, the widowed and their dependants.
Petitions severally received and read.
Similar petitions to that presented by Mr. J. F. Cairns were presented by Mr. Stewart, Mr. Costa, Mr. James, Mr. Jess, Mr. Devine and Mr. Jones, and were severally received.
4. WARRINGAH ELECTORAL DIVISION—NON-ISSUE OF WRIT FOR BY-ELECTION—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER.—
Mr. Speaker stated that he had given considerable thought to the question as to whether, having regard to the forthcoming General Election, a tentative date for which was indicated by the Prime Minister last week, he should issue his writ for the election of a Member for the Electoral Division of Warringah to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. S. Cockle. Administrative arrangements necessary for the holding of a by-election in Warringah would prevent a poll before the 1st October. In view of this, and having in mind the expenditure of public money which would be involved, he was of opinion that the filling of the vacancy should await the holding of the General Election and, therefore, he did not propose to issue his writ. There were precedents for the decision which he had reached. Honorable Members would be aware that there is no constitutional or statutory provision requiring the Speaker to issue a writ for a by-election within any prescribed period.
5. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
6. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Cleaver (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:—
Eighty-first Report—The Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1964-65
(The Canberra Community Hospital)—
and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
7. PENSION PAYMENTS.—Mr. A. D. Fraser moved, pursuant to notice, That the unfettered right of age, invalid, and widow pensioners to choose whether to receive their pension payments in cash or by cheque be restored.
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. Cleaver 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.

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8. TRADE PRACTICES 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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the following amendments were made together:—

Clause 8—

Page 3, line 39, at the end of the definition of “ Australian flag shipping operator ” add—
“, and being an Australian citizen or a body corporate incorporated by or under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory ”.

Page 12, at the end of proposed section 90N add the following sub-section:—

“ (2.) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of the last preceding sub-section, consideration shall be given to the need to ensure the continuing provision of services by way of overseas cargo shipping and, in that connexion, the conditions under which, on a long term view, shipowners may reasonably be expected to provide such services.”.

Page 15, after sub-section (2.) of proposed section 90U insert the following sub-section:—

“ (2A.) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of the last preceding sub-section, consideration shall be given to the need to ensure the continuing provision of services by way of overseas cargo shipping and, in that connexion, the conditions under which, on a long term view, shipowners may reasonably be expected to provide such services.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Snedden, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL (NO. 2) 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. 196, dated 16th August, 1966, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.
10. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—
Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report and financial statements for year 1965–66; together with Auditor-General’s reports thereon.
11. COMMISSIONER OF TRADE PRACTICES—APPOINTMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that Mr. Ronald Moore Bannerman had been appointed under the *Trade Practices Act* 1965 to the office of Commissioner of Trade Practices. Mr. Whitlam, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
Mr. Snedden, by leave, made a further statement on the subject.
12. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, 18TH AUGUST, 1966—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER.—
Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on foreign affairs with particular reference to Vietnam, China and Indonesia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:—
Foreign Affairs—Ministerial statement, 18th August, 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. A. D. Fraser making his speech without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
13. 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 sixteen minutes to twelve o’clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o’clock p.m.

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PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 18th August, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 119.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 118.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 120.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davis, Mr. Jack, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Maisey, Mr. Minogue and Mr. Riordan.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.