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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 170.

TUESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1966.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Beaton 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.
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.
Mr. J. F. Cairns presented a petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government take measures to control prices to improve the standard of living of social service pensioners and combine with State Governments to ensure that rent assisted pensioners receive value for rental paid.
Mr. Whitlam 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. Whitlam were presented by Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Allan, Mr. Opperman (Minister for Immigration), Mr. Costa, Mr. Bosman, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Uren and Mr. J. R. Fraser, and were severally received.
3. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE—RECORD TERM OF OFFICE.—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) referred to the record term of office of Senator the Honorable Sir Alister McMullin, K.C.M.G., as President of the Senate, and extended to him congratulations and best wishes.
Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.
Mr. Speaker stated that he would draw the attention of Mr. President to the remarks made.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Report of the Auditor-General for year 1965-66, accompanied by the Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.
Ordered to be printed.
The following papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Dairy Produce Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1965-66.
Australian Meat Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1965-66.
United Nations—General Assembly—
Nineteenth Session, New York, 1964-65, and Resumed Nineteenth Session, New York, 1965—
Report of the Australian Delegation.
Twentieth Session, New York, 21st September to 21st December, 1965—Report of the Australian Delegation.
The following paper was presented, pursuant to statute—
Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1965-66.
6. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION 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.

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7. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY 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—
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.
8. PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS BOUNTY 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Mortimer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
10. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1966-67—BUDGET DEBATE.—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. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ the House condemns the Budget because—
- (1) it fails to recognize the injustices wrought upon wage earners because real wages have fallen as prices have risen faster than wages;
 - (2) it makes inadequate adjustments to social service payments;
 - (3) it fails to recognize the serious crisis in education;
 - (4) it does not acknowledge the lack of confidence on the part of the business community in the future growth of the economy;
 - (5) it does not recognize the need of further basic development, public and private, in addition to the need for adequate defence, and that balanced development can only take place by active encouragement to Australian industry and co-operation with the States; and
 - (6) it does nothing to relieve our dependence on a high rate of foreign investment to finance the deficit in our balance of payments ”.
- Member named.*—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Lucock) named the honorable Member for Wilmot (Mr. Duthie) for interjecting after a warning had been given by the Chair.
Mr. Calwell having addressed the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Duthie), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past eleven 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 23rd August, 1966, pursuant to statute—

- Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1966—
No. 161—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
No. 190—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
No. 191—North Australian Workers' Union.
No. 192—Amalgamated Engineering Union and Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia.
No. 193—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
Nos. 194 and 195—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1966—No. 14—Advisory Council.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Clark, Sir John Cramer, Mr. Davis, Mr. England, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Maisey, Mr. Minogue and Mr. Riordan.

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