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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 173.

TUESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1966.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sr John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. PETITION.—Mr. Whittorn 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. Petition received.
 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
 4. PAPER.—The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Cattle and Beef Research Committee—Interim Annual Report, for year 1965-66.
 5. UNAUTHORIZED WITHDRAWAL OF OVERPAYMENT FROM PRIVATE BANK ACCOUNT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to an unauthorized withdrawal of a salary overpayment from the private bank account of a former officer of the Public Service.
 6. 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:*—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"—
 Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Nixon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 7. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
 - 30th August, 1966—Message—
 - No. 308—Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1966 (*without requests*).
 - No. 309—Loan (Housing) (No. 2) 1966.
 - No. 310—International Finance Corporation 1966.
 - No. 311—International Monetary Agreements 1966.
 8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forbes (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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PAPERS.—The following papers were deemed to have been presented on the 30th August, 1966—

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Treaties—Texts of—

- (1) Protocol of 1st November, 1965, for the further prolongation of the International Sugar Agreement of 1958.
- (2) Nam Ngum Development Fund Agreement between Australia, Canada, Denmark, Japan, Laos, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Thailand, the United States of America and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, signed 4th May, 1966.
- (3) Resolution of 28th September, 1965, to amend the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.
- (4) Trade Agreement between Australia and the Polish People's Republic, signed 20th June, 1966.
- (5) Trade Agreement between Australia and the People's Republic of Bulgaria, signed 22nd June, 1966.
- (6) Customs Convention concerning Welfare Material for Seafarers, signed 1st December, 1964.
- (7) International Telecommunication Convention, signed 12th November, 1965, together with Protocols to the Convention.
- (8) Convention against Discrimination in Education adopted at the eleventh session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14th December, 1960.
- (9) Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency approved on 1st July, 1959.

Pursuant to statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for telegraphic purposes—Caveside, Tasmania.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1966—

No. 45—Native Employment.

No. 46—Papua and New Guinea Retirement Benefits.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—C. Karliner.

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

No. 196—Australian Builders Labourers' Federation.

No. 197—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 198—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 199—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 200—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.

Nos. 201 and 202—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 203—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division) and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 204—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1965-66.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bowen, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Mr. Davis, Mr. Failes, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hallett, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Maisey, Mr. Minogue, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Riordan.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.