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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 176.

TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 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 electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government provide an increase in pensions, a relaxation of the means test and provision for supplementary assistance to such persons faced with the burden of municipal rates and taxes as well as the maintenance of their homes.
Mr. Nelson 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.
Petitions severally received and read.
Mr. England 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. McEwen (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Swartz, Senator Henty (Minister for Supply) would act as Minister for Civil Aviation and Mr. Howson (Minister for Air) would represent the Acting Minister for Civil Aviation in this House.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. PAPERS.—The following paper was presented, by command of his Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Egg Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1965-66.
The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Twentieth Annual Report, for year 1965-66, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Commission—Thirty-fourth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1965-66.
Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Fifth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report for year 1965-66.
Gold Mines Development Assistance Act—Fourth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of development allowance, for year 1965-66.
Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act—Twelfth Annual Statement concerning the operation of Act and payment of subsidy, for year 1965-66.
6. SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the progress made in the use of the medium of satellite communications.
7. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forbes (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of certain important developments taking place in connexion with the immunisation campaign to safeguard the Australian community against poliomyelitis.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
12th September, 1966—Message—
No. 197—Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1966.
No. 198—Loan (Housing) (No. 2) 1966.
International Finance Corporation 1966.
International Monetary Agreements 1966.
Queensland Beef Cattle Roads Agreement 1966.
9. HIGH COMMISSIONER (UNITED KINGDOM) BILL 1966.—The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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10. 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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 199, dated 22nd August, 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 representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.
11. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1966–67.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Parliament, \$3,664,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$425,582,000—

Advance to the Treasurer, \$20,000,000—

together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. HOWSON (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to 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 13th September, 1966, pursuant to statute—

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—I. C. Bevan.

Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders—Berthing of a vessel (2).

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement of reasons by Minister for revocation of reserves in Northern Territory—

Alice Springs.

Katherine.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Health—J. A. Freak.

Navy—P. Lawrence.

Supply—F. J. Roberts.

Territories—D. R. Airey.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 126.

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

No. 205—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.

No. 206—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

No. 207—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 208—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization Technical Association.

No. 209—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Nos. 210 and 211—Australian Third Division Telegraphists' and Postal Clerks' Union.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Birrell, Mr. Brimblecombe*, Mr. Clark*, Mr. Collard, Mr. Davis*, Mr. Falkinder, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hasluck, Mr. Holt, Mr. Johnson*, Mr. Kelly*, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Maisey*, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Riordan* and Mr. Swartz.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.